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Woodland PTA Commitment to Community

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Highlighting our 2nd Grade teachers!

Scott Lund: I have been teaching for 19 years. Before that, I did a little bit of everything from working as a Fountain Boy at Bridgeman's to being a Fire Fighter / EMT. My wife, Jane, owns a painting business. We have 7 children. Michael is 21, Mallory is 19 and attends the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Meghan 12, is a student at Jackson Middle School, Morgan 10, Claire 10, Amelia 8, are students here at Woodland, and Joanna is 21 months old at this time (November, 2009). I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids, working on construction projects, fishing, and relaxing at my cabin.

Melisa Halvorson: I wear a lot of hats as many of you do. Teaching children has been a hat that I have worn for nearly 15 years. I am also a mother of two; Nate (5) and Ari (7). I am a wife of 10 years as well. My family lives in the attendance area for Woodland and I am lucky to have my own children at school with me. We also spend lots of time together with our neighbors and friends at the "Halvorson Park" in our backyard during the summer. But, fall is my favorite season. It is during this time that I get my creative juices flowing and spend time decorating, cleaning, scrapbooking, watching football, and enjoying the outdoors. It has been a privilege for me to work with your children here at Woodland.

Courtney Bedford: I have been teaching for twelve years. In my free time, I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, watching the Vikings, and spending time with my family and friends. I love to travel and am always planning a trip. I have been all over the United States as well as Great Britain, Mexico, Germany, and Austria. I am excited to be part of the Woodland community!

Jody Levy: I have been working with children since I was 12 years old! This is my 11th year with District 279. I enjoy spending time with my new husband and friends, reading, sewing, and riding my bike. I have taught preschool, kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade so far, and I have tutored children ranging in ages from 4 to 17 years old. I love my job and am so happy to be able to spend my days with children!

Joni Hodsdon: My husband, Mark, and I live in Maple Grove. We have three children – Michael is 26 and works for Best Buy, Natalie is 24 and is a nanny, Christine is 20 and is working on a degree in bio-chemistry. As a family we love to travel, play games, cards, watch movies and eat pizza! We have a dog named Bailey who loves to partake in everything, too! My hobbies include reading, quilting, baking and going for walks. I have been teaching in the Osseo district for 29 years. I love to teach and have enjoyed working at Woodland.

Elizabeth Housman: I have been teaching for four years and this is my third year in Osseo. I have taught kindergarten, first and second grade in past years. My husband and I will be married for two years this coming December. We enjoy getting away for a weekend at the lake as well as spending time with our Springer Spaniel, Lady. I love to travel and make any excuse to go on a trip! I am ecstatic to be teaching at Woodland with such wonderful students, families and staff members! Here's to a great year!



Thank you for your support raising funds for WD!

Happenings Books: \$4824
Chuck E. Cheese Night: \$300
Yellow Pages \$950 check out their ads in the student directory
Innisbrook not closed yet
Food Perspectives: \$558
Cash Donations made in lieu of fundraising \$200
The funds will be used for reading, art, music, technology, enrichment and more! For budget specifics, please see the webpage.
<http://www.district279.org/elem/wd/>

Thanks

What's happening?

PTA meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7pm
Media Center: Learning Games
Turkey Bingo & Auction: Friday, Nov. 13,
5:00-8:00
Innisbrook Pick up: Fri, Nov. 13, 4-8pm
Chuck E Cheese: Thursday, Nov. 19,
Blaine. Grades 4, 5 & 6.
Butter Braid Pick up: Tues, Nov. 24,
3:30-7:00pm
Poinsettia Pick Up Tues, Dec 8 4-7pm
Barnes and Noble Mon, Dec. 7,
Maple Grove location
Secret Santa & Craft Fair: Friday, Dec. 11,
5:30-8:00pm

Did you know??

- Please check out the new & improved Media Center web page. There you will find the AR quiz list, and new this year - our library catalog! You can also find some resources for doing homework and ideas for what to read. Mrs. Dwight's blog will keep you posted on goings-on in the Media Center as well what we're reading. Be looking for some online "book clubs" as upper grade students will have access to safe and secure educational email accounts. We have an exciting year ahead of us!
- Woodland has implemented an additional level of math where some 6th graders are now doing the 7th grade math curriculum!
- Woodland students receive an hour of leveled reading time this year.
- Families can register for free internet protection for their children by going to <https://onlinefamily.norton.com/familysafety/> Please enter "Woodland Elementary" under school name. Promotion Code: PR-MN-23-9412