



# WOODLANDS ELEMENTARY TIGER NEWSLETTER

Woodlands Elementary 419-433-1234 Ext. 3

August 2024

## Important Dates:

Aug. 14	Ice Cream Social Boat Basin @ 6:00pm
Aug. 20	Open House (Info & guidance to sign-up for time included in the newsletter).
Aug. 22	Grades 1-5 (All Students attend) *KRA Assessment (Kindergarten)
Aug. 23	*KRA Assessment (Kindergarten)
Aug. 26	*Kindergarten 'Staggered Start'
Aug. 27	*Kindergarten 'Staggered Start'
Aug. 28	Grades K-5 (All Students attend)
Aug. 28-29	PreK Staggered Start
Sept. 3-4	Pre-K Staggered Start

\*\*Information regarding the start of school was sent either through final forms email or a letter was sent.

Sept. 2	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 17	Fall Pictures
Oct. 3	Reading Under the Lights @ McCormick (6-7:30)
Oct. 21	3rd (Ohio State Testing) English Language Arts
Oct. 25	End of First Quarter
Parent-Teacher Conferences: (Grades 3-5)	
Oct. 8	Conferences (3-7)
Oct. 10	Conferences (3-6)
Parent-Teacher Conferences: (PreK-2)	
Nov. 12	Conferences (3-7)
Nov. 14	Conferences (3-6)



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throughout the school  
year

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to Woodlands Elementary and the 2024-2025 school year! I'm excited about the possibilities this year holds and hope you share this optimism. Our staff is eager to work with you to give your child the quality education they deserve. Huron Schools' mission is to engage, equip, and empower students to positively impact the future, and we're committed to making this vision a reality. All facets of our educational community is looking forward to partnering with you to ensure that this vision becomes reality. I believe that the 2024-25 school year is going to be fantastic.

Our dedicated teachers are focused on your child's social, emotional, and academic growth. To enhance your child's education, please read with them, support their homework, and celebrate their efforts.

During Open House, the PTO, Title 1 teachers, bus drivers, and other organizations will be in the cafeteria. Please stop by if you have any questions or want to learn more. Also, be sure to visit the butterfly garden where we'll have arts and crafts for students. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 419-433-1234 ext. 3002 or by email at [bkucbel@huronhs.com](mailto:bkucbel@huronhs.com).

Respectfully,  
Brian J. Kucbel (Principal)



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Huron City Schools and the City of Huron are hosting a Back to School Celebration and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Huron Boat Basin. Parents, students, community members and district staff are invited to official kick off to the 2024-25 school year.

- Class lists posted
- HHS Cheerleaders
- Tiger Marching Band
- Parent/Teacher Org.
- Tofts Ice Cream
- Huron Boosters, Health Dept,

## HURON PTO NEWS and EVENTS

The Huron PTO is a nonprofit parent/teacher organization whose membership includes all parents, legal guardians, and staff at Woodlands and McCormick Schools. The Huron PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff. Our efforts serve to enhance and maximize the education of every child while aiding them in achieving their highest potential.

If you want to become involved in this incredible organization, please come to the Ice Cream Social and/or attend a meeting which are held at 6:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month at Woodlands Elementary. We look forward to seeing you this school year!

- Check out our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/thehuronpto/>
- Or email us at: [thehuronpto@gmail.com](mailto:thehuronpto@gmail.com)

*ALONE WE CAN DO LITTLE, BUT TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE!*

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[www.huronhs.com](http://www.huronhs.com)

## OPEN HOUSE

### **Woodlands Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20.**

In an effort to maximize our time with parents/guardians, we are asking that you sign-up for a designated time to attend. The homeroom assignment for 1st - 5th grade will be released on Wednesday, August 14h, at our back-to-school celebration at the boat basin (6:00-7:30) and posted at Woodlands. Kindergarten and preschool families have already received this information.

To schedule a time for open house, follow the directions below:

1. Go to Woodlands website:  
[https://www.huronhs.com/woodlandsintermediate\\_home.aspx](https://www.huronhs.com/woodlandsintermediate_home.aspx)
2. On the left-hand side of the screen, click on "Open House Scheduler."
3. Click on your child's homeroom teacher's name
4. Complete the scheduling form

To maximize our time during the open house, we are having a supply drop-off for grades 1st through 5th on August 19 & 20 from 8 am to 3 pm. This will be a drive-through and you will not be entering Woodlands. Information regarding supply drop off was sent to families through email and is posted on Woodlands website. Kindergarten families can bring supplies in during their KRA/Orientation time or open house.

## SCHOOL STARTING DATES

School starts on **Thursday, August 22, 2024** with **full days for First through Fifth grade**, beginning at 7:45 am and dismissing at 2:35 pm. Students arriving between 7:45-8:00 will be marked as tardy.

The cafeteria will serve breakfast & lunch beginning Thursday, August 22.

**KINDERGARTEN students WILL NOT be attending the first two days of school, August 22 & 23**, as Kindergarten assessments will take place these days; Individual appointments have been sent to parents.

Kindergarten will also have a 'staggered start' this year, where approximately one-half of your child's class will attend on either Monday, August 26 or Tuesday, August 27. A letter was sent in July identifying your child's staggered start day. **The first day for all kindergarten students together will be Wednesday, August 28.**

**Preschool students were sent beginning of year information in a separate email.**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**The price of a student lunch is \$3.25. Milk will be \$.70. Breakfast is served daily for \$2.00.** A yearly menu will be sent home and/or available on website. Since we are now using a computerized debit system, feel free to add money to your child's account at any time. Please go to our website and click on [PaySchools Central Lunch & School Fees](#) under the Parents drop down menu or send a check or cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and teacher.

Free and reduced lunch applications will be available online (Huron City Schools website) and should be completed no later than September 20. Contact the District Food Service Director with questions. 419-433-1234 ext. 3008.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

Student / Parent Handbooks will be available on the Huron City School website only. A copy will also be kept in the Woodlands office.

We hope the handbook will be valuable and answer many of your frequently asked questions. Please take time to review the handbook with your child

## 24-25 SCHOOL FEES

**FEES WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING IN OCTOBER**

**\*NO PAYMENT IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.**

**\*INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS YEAR'S FEES WILL BE SENT HOME AT A LATER DATE**

## BUS CHANGES

**Please contact the school if your child will be going to a babysitter or any other care facility.** This is particularly important if your child went somewhere other than their home at dismissal last year since we cannot assume your plans will remain the same this year. Children must be picked up and dropped off by the school bus at the same place five days a week.

**It is important to remember the District Bus Policy: Only ONE change of home bus stop permitted per year.**

(Change of home bus stop forms may be obtained in the school's office or on the district website under District Forms and Information.)

**An approved adult must be present at the bus stop for our preschool, kindergarten and first grade students. The first time an adult is not present the student will be returned to the school. Any additional occurrences will result in the student being taken to the Huron Police Department for parent pick-up.**

If you need to contact the transportation department, please call 433-1234 ext. 4000.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

Refer to the list for bus routes and bus numbers posted on the Huron City School website, in Final Forms and on Facebook. ***Please allow for late buses the first few weeks of school until the drivers and students become accustomed to their routes.***

Our school buses will be utilizing the drive in front of Woodlands. **Parents should not park or stop in the front driveway or the side parking lot to drop-off or pick-up students.** (Please see Student Drop-off and Pick-up for information regarding this procedure on page 3 of this newsletter.)

# WOODLANDS ELEMENTARY TITLE 1

You are invited to Woodlands Elementary Title 1 Parent Meeting on August 20 during Open House. Our Title 1 teachers will be sharing information about parent involvement, school-parent compact and Title 1 funds. Our teachers want you to be informed and have an opportunity to provide feedback. Mrs. Riedy, Mrs. Michler, and Mrs. Ryan will be located in the cafeteria. As always we look forward to seeing you there.

Safety is our highest priority during arrival and dismissal. To ensure that every child is safe, teachers and support staff are assigned to monitor areas at designated areas around Woodlands campus. Please review the procedures carefully with your child and reinforce the importance of following the procedures on a daily basis. Any change in arrival/dismissal must be indicated in writing and communicated to the teacher and office staff.

## Arrival:

7:25 Parent Drop-off Begins  
7:30 Bussers/Walkers enter the building  
7:45 Tardy bell rings and instruction begins

## Dismissal:

2:40 Bussers Released  
2:45 Parent Pick-up Released  
Walkers Released

**Arrival: 7:25-7:40 - Supervision of students by staff begins at 7:25 AM. Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:25.**

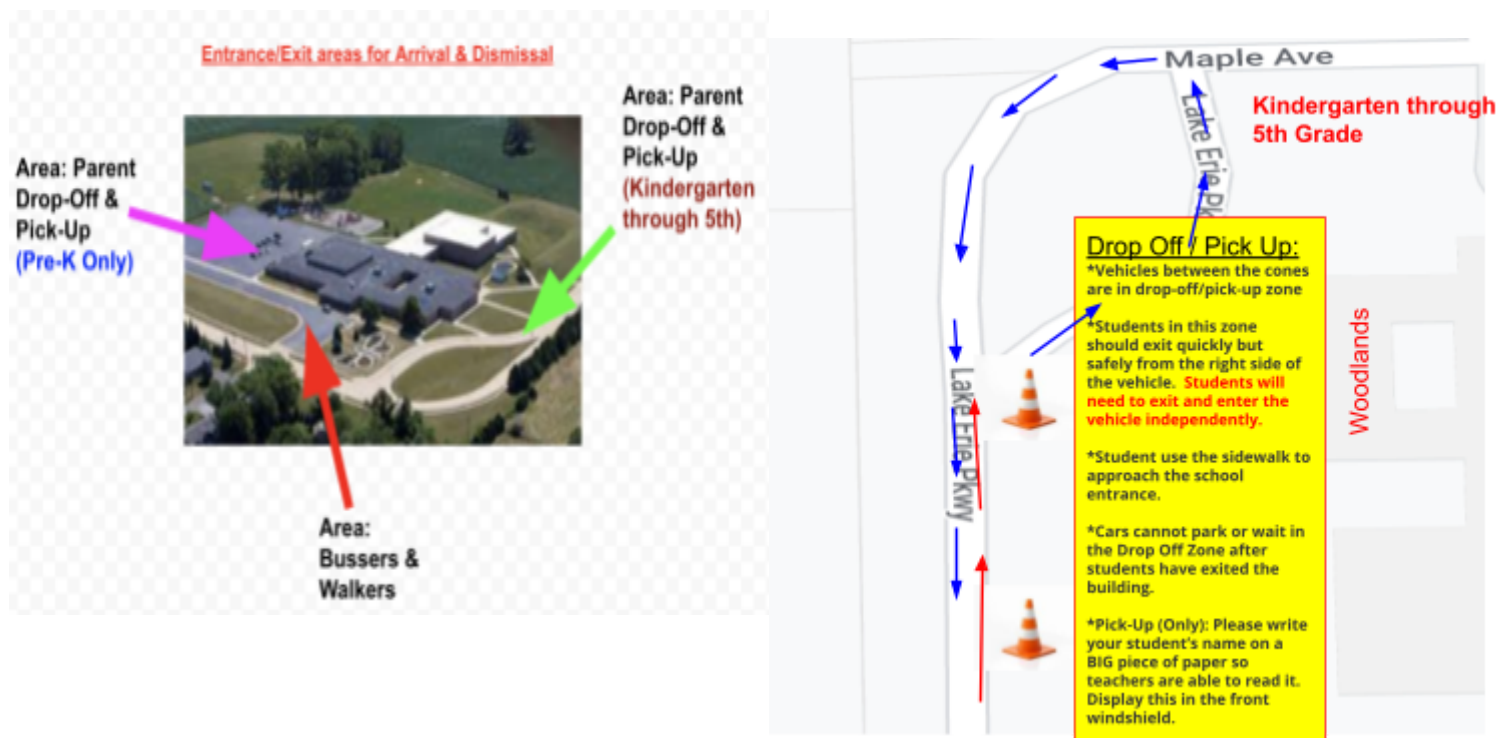
**Walkers & Bike Riders** - Any student who walks or rides a bike off school grounds to either:

1. Go home
2. To meet a parent parked off school grounds

**WALKERS CANNOT BE PICKED UP FROM THE STAFF PARKING LOT DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS.**

**Parent-drop-off/Pick-up** - For students to be considered parent drop-off/pick-up, you must drive and pick-up your child on Lake Erie Pkwy on the west side of the building. Remember: If you wait off of school grounds for your child, he/she is a walker, not a parent pickup.

- Kindergarten through 5th grade will arrive and be dismissed from the west side of the building. GREEN ARROW
- Pre-School will arrive and be dismissed from the east side of the building. PINK ARROW
  - Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade that have a sibling(s) in pre-k will arrive and be dismissed from the Pre-School area.





# WOODLANDS ELEMENTARY STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

**419-433-1450**

