

Woodbury School Newsletter
October 1, 2009

Greetings,

We enjoyed a very successful parent pot luck dinner and Open House yesterday evening. Thanks to all the parents and guardians who attended this event.

Every time adults come to school to attend their children's events and participate in their school life, they send a very strong message of support to their children!

Penny Cahill who is a 5th grade parent and Woodbury staff member has graciously agreed to investigate being an advisor to an "Odyssey of the Mind" team at Woodbury Elementary. She has been in contact with "Odyssey of the Mind" regional coordinators and will need help from other parents in order to launch this enrichment opportunity for Woodbury children. Her contact information is pcahill@ossu.org or she can be reached by phoning school at 472-5715 or her home at 456-1530

Another parent/staff member, Heather Gilcris-Kehoe has expressed interest in coaching Woodbury children interested in the annual spring Spelling Bee competition sponsored by the Vermont Principal's Association. I believe she would need and welcome additional parental help and support, so please contact her if you are interested. This, too, is a nice enrichment opportunity for children.

PTO president Heather Lanphear's e-mail address was inaccurately listed in the last newsletter. Her correct e-mail address is heather.1969@live.com

Don't forget the localvore lunch here at the school on Thursday, October 15th. Many of the menu items have been grown right here on the school property in our lovely gardens. If you plan to attend, please purchase a ticket from Tess Martin by October 13th. Tickets are \$4.00 each.

There is an opportunity for Woodbury to obtain a \$1,000 grant to increase and enhance parent/school/community involvement. The grant is sponsored through PIRC (Parent Information Resource Center) and its purpose is to eliminate barriers that hinder all families from being part of the education of their children. Examples of ways the money could be used include paying for childcare during school related meetings, trainings or events and providing resources and materials for parents to borrow and use. The requirements that accompany getting this grant money involve a commitment for one year to participate in this program and there needs to be a team in place which administers the program. Team members must include a school administrator (me) a classroom teacher, a para educator and a couple of parents. If you, as a parent, have interest in participating in this grant program/project, please let me know a.s.a.p.

Our "Positive Behavioral Supports" program is in full swing. Check out the beautiful banner, displayed in the hallway by the main door, which Woodbury recently received honoring our work in this program on behalf of your children.

Enjoy our beautiful fall foliage!

Sharon Fortune
Principal, Woodbury Elementary School