

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

July 18, 2022



OUR VISION

“All staff, students, parents and community of New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary School collaborate to foster lifelong learning and honorable character in the 21st century. We nurture diverse learners in a safe, happy and engaging environment which promotes academic excellence and encourages students to be their best and nothing less.”

Teacher Assignments

Class lists and teacher assignments for students entering kindergarten through grade 5 have been finalized! Placement letters have been prepared and will be placed outside the main entrance at **New Midway** Elementary School on Wednesday, July 20, Thursday, July 21 and Monday, July 25 from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Any letters remaining at the end of the day on 7/25 will be mailed to families on Tuesday, July 26.

2022-2023 Staffing Updates

We extend a warm welcome to the following certificated staff members to the New Midway/Woodsboro family: Maegan Olson from Kemptown Elementary, Alison Stumpfif from Oakdale Elementary, Tyler Rahl from Washington County Public Schools and Ginger Smith (Ms. Smith's home school assignment is Waverly Elementary but she will teach art to our students one day a week). Anticipated grade level/content area assignments for the upcoming school year are included below:

*****Grade level/content area assignments are subject to change*****	
Grade/Content	Staff
Grade 4 and 5 Split Classroom	Ms. Kitsko
Grade 5	Mrs. Seabolt
Grade 4	Mrs. Topper
Grade 3	Mrs. Ciocco and Mrs. Stumpfif
Grade 2	Mrs. Tokar and Mrs. Wilson
Grade 1	Miss Phelps and Mrs. True
Grade K	Mrs. Aitcheson and Mrs. Olson
Special Education	Mrs. Oxenford and Mrs. Martin
Speech Language Pathologist	Mrs. Ehlis
PK (Full Day)	Mrs. Oland
Literacy Specialist	Mrs. Torres
Math Specialist	Mrs. Gruver
Music	TBD

Art	Mr. Rahl (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and Ms. Smith (Wednesdays)
Physical Education	Mr. Shoemaker
Media Specialist	Mrs. Bickford and Instructional Assistant Mrs. Lois Olsen
Instrumental Music	Mrs. Cheston and Mr. Stevens

2022-2023 Staffing Allocations Reminder

Staffing allocations for New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary were reduced by 1.5 teaching positions. There will be one classroom consisting of all 4th grade students, one classroom consisting of all 5th grade students and one split classroom assignment next year which will include a combination of grade 4 and grade 5 students. In grades K-3 we have two classroom assignments for these grade levels and we will continue to have one full time PreK teacher/program. **New! Our school has been granted an additional School Counselor so there will be a position for New Midway and a separate position for Woodsboro. We are excited about this addition to our staffing!**

2022-2023 Open House Reminder

Open House will be held on Monday, August 15.
 Woodsboro- 2:00-2:45 PM
 New Midway- 2:45-3:30 PM

Open House will be a time for us to welcome **students and families** back to school giving you the opportunity to meet your teachers, explore your classroom/school and bring school supplies. We want to ensure every student has a positive transition to the new school year! **Doors will remain locked until 2:00 at Woodsboro and until 2:45 at New Midway to ensure appropriate planning time for staff.**

2022-2023 Kindergarten Orientation Reminder

Kindergarten Orientation will be held virtually using Google Meet on Wednesday, August 10 at 2:00. To join orientation click on this link: <https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi> Otherwise, join by phone, dial +1 815-900-2290 and enter this PIN: 909 742 771#

Kindergarten Orientation is intended for **parents** of kindergarten students to provide an opportunity to hear about kindergarten curriculum, routines, expectations and initiatives. We know this is an exciting time for families but also, at times, a little scary! It is our intent to help address any concerns you may have as your child begins their school career.

2022-2023 Guided Tours Reminder

Guided tours will be held by our School Counselor, Mrs. Cox, to help acclimate **students and families** to their school/new building. These tours are offered for students entering kindergarten, grade 3 and any families that will be new to our school this upcoming school year.

Kindergarten and students **new** to Woodsboro (grades PreK to 2) can plan to drop in for a guided tour at Woodsboro on Tuesday, July 19 or Tuesday, July 26 from 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30.

Third grade and students **new** to New Midway can plan to drop in for a guided tour at New Midway on Wednesday, July 20 or Wednesday, July 27 from 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45.

Dates to Remember

Please note that any dates scheduled for the year will be released with each Principal Newsletter for your planning purposes. Additional dates will be added to the calendar on a regular basis by staff members, thus we will update the list of dates with each newsletter. It is important to note that all dates are tentative and subject to change.

Date	Event
JULY	

Tuesday, July 19	Guided tour for kindergarten or students new to Woodsboro, 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30
Wednesday, July 20	Guided tour for grade 3 or students new to New Midway, 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45 Placement letters will be available from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM at New Midway Elementary.
Thursday, July 21	Placement letters will be available from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM at New Midway Elementary.
Monday, July 25	Placement letters will be available from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM at New Midway Elementary.
Tuesday, July 26	Guided tour for kindergarten or students new to Woodsboro, 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30
Wednesday, July 27	Guided tour for grade 3 or students new to New Midway, 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45
AUGUST	
Wednesday, 8/10	Virtual Kindergarten Orientation for Parents, 2:00 PM https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi or join by phone, dial +1 815-900-2290 and enter this PIN: 909 742 771#
Monday, 8/15	Open House at Woodsboro, 2:00-2:45 PM Open House at New Midway, 2:45-3:30 PM