



Paw Prints



**September
2013**

**Brian Allen
Principal**



**Woodrow Wilson
Wildcats**

Important Dates:

Oct. 19 - Community Health
Fair 10 AM - 3 PM

Nov. 1 Institute Day
-No School

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- No School

Nov. 19, 20, 21, **Minimum Days**
for Parent-Teacher
Conferences, 12:30 Dismissal

Nov. 27, 28, 29, Thanksgiving
Holiday - No School

Dec. 2 -Classes Resume

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter
Recess -No School

**Child safety
is our first
priority.
Please do
your part!**

Principal's Message

Welcome back! The days are flying by. It's late September and our students are established in their new classrooms, building productive routines and habits for a successful school year.

I am excited to be starting my third year at Woodrow Wilson Elementary. It has been my pleasure getting to know you, the families that make up Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. Three priorities for me this school year are improving attendance, preparing for Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and improving student learning. You'll be hearing more about CCSS in the weeks to come.

We continue to have the same three rules at Woodrow Wilson.

School Safety

The most important part of my job is to ensure that your child is safe while at school. I have a couple reminders for families to help me with school safety. Remember that we have two drop-off/pick-up zones at Woodrow Wilson (WW). The white zones on Santa Barbara and on Miriam Streets are there for your convenience. Unfortunately, our school site parking lot is small and is therefore reserved for WW staff only. Also, please use the crosswalks at each of the intersections around the campus. This is the safest place

**Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

Additionally, we continue to encourage positive behavior and have implemented a PAWSitive reward system for the students at Woodrow Wilson. Students can earn PAWS through their positive actions in class, at lunch, at recess, or anytime during the school day. We hold a weekly drawing for all of the students that have earned a PAW. We do this to build school pride and great citizens. Positive rewards can also work well at home. Stay positive!

to cross the street. And while letting your child out of the car, have them exit on the curbside so they are not stepping out into traffic. We have been fortunate to have the Daly City Police Dept. support us before school in assisting your children when crossing the busy intersection near our parking lot entrance. U-turns through the crosswalks and parking in the crosswalk is illegal. With your help, we'll keep them safe!

Healthy Students



Children need healthy snacks to help them learn.

"Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is also linked to failure in high school. "



While our school lunches have always been of a high standard, there has been a push to include more fresh fruit and vegetables and less fried foods. Our students have two options to pick from everyday as well as the salad bar which includes many fresh fruits and vegetables. Additionally, our breakfast program offers students a warm meal before school every day. Please **arrive early** if you intend to eat the school breakfast. We

stop serving at 8:20 so that your child is ready to enter the classroom promptly at 8:30 a.m. Furthermore, if you do pack a lunch or snack from home, please be sure it is healthy. Some ideas are fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as cheese or other protein-filled snacks. We are discouraging students from bringing chips such as "Hot Cheetos" for snack or for lunch. Thanks again for your continued support.

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September is Attendance Awareness Month. It is important that your child is at school learning whenever possible. Additionally, our school loses money from the state of CA when your child's absence is unexcused. Please call and let us know when your child is absent and the reason they are absent.

Tardiness

While I know it's not always easy to get to school on time, I want to remind you why it is important to try to have your child to school before the second bell rings at 8:30 a.m. The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of

their morning classes, they are behind, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.

Attendance

Did you know that missing just 10% of the school year in the early grades can leave many students struggling throughout elementary school? Or that by 6th grade, missing that much school is strongly linked to course failure and even eventually dropping out of high school? That's just 18 days, two to three days per month. *Every* school day counts, and *everyone* can make a difference: educators, afterschool programs, and parents.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to all of the families that have joined the WW PTA. This year's membership dues are \$10; it's never too late to join. Joining doesn't mean volunteering. Your money will support classrooms, supplies, fieldtrips, outdoor education, etc. Besides joining the PTA, there will be other opportu-

ities to support our school through the PTA. We will have several fundraisers this school year, selling items before and after school, and getting local restaurants to sponsor fundraisers for Woodrow Wilson School. Your support is necessary and greatly appreciated. You do great work! Thank you!