



Upcoming Events September

- 1 School closed for Teacher Professional Development
- 2 Full Day 10-month contracts begin
- 7 School closed for Labor Day
- 8 Part Day T/Th contracts begin
- 9 Part Day MWF contracts begin

October

- 7 Parent Night 6:15-7:15 pm
- 16 School closed - Teacher Professional Development Center



"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."

- Hans Christian Andersen

Happy September and Welcome Back to another school year!

We are thrilled to have your child attend Woods and look forward to creating learning opportunities and creating memories.

Woods provides several ways to communicate information to families. Be sure to read the daily email sent by the teaching teams. It has information about the day and special events, talking points, and photos of your child throughout the day. This publication also has important dates, information from music, chapel, and the health consultant. Prior to entering our school, please take a moment to visit the Wisdom of Woods area. There you will find a monthly article about all things preschool, an opportunity to ask questions to be answered by our expert teachers, resources, and stories to share. Volunteer opportunities will be shared through sign up geniuses. Be sure to look at our bulletin boards for signs about upcoming events.

We love to hear from you; send an email or feel free to stop by the office.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our school is blessed to have the assistance of a volunteer Board of Directors. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm in the Church library. They are advisory in nature and help me to set policy, plan events, and create the annual budget. Mike Duckett, dad to Willa and Rowan, is our Board Chairperson, David Rossiello, dad to Lucy & Joseph, Rachel Bird, mom to Conrad, Chris Swift, dad to Aria make up the remainder of our Board. Pat Johnson is our Elder and is our liaison to Session, the governing body of the Church. Kat Green, our Chapel storyteller is also a non-voting member. I appreciate their time and counsel.



OVERHEARD IN PRESCHOOL

Boden said to Ms. Amber : “when I turn 5 I am going to be five”

Ross says to Ms. Michelle after she dropped a book: “Ms. Michelle you have very BLUE finger today”



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Hello Woods Families

My name is Kat; I am the Bible Storyteller for Chapel. Twice a month your child will hear stories of faith, hope, courage, and unconditional love. Hopefully, your child will bring home our stories and songs to share.

I am also the Director of Children's Ministry at Woods Church. Every week in worship we stop for a moment, and the children and I wonder about what is the one small thing that is a really BIG thing in our lives. God's love and our ability to share that love is a small thing that has a BIG impact. Please feel free to join me and the wonderful folks of Woods for worship or any of our Woods Family events.

It is a very BIG thing that you are here! Check our weekly joke buttons and the calendar of upcoming events. We are very glad that you are here.

Peace,
Kat. Green
Director of Children's Ministry and Chapel Storyteller



Hello! I am Allie Barden, School Health Consultant. Throughout the school year, I will introduce different health information and resources for our Woods families.

One of the best things to focus on at the beginning of the school year from a health perspective is handwashing. As we come back together, share our germs, and enter respiratory season, it's a good idea to review proper handwashing techniques with your kids and practice them daily. Here's a great video to watch with your children:

WHO: How to handwash? With soap and water
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUCm4E>

I hope to be just as successful with communication this year and stay in regular contact with all of our parents and caregivers as we work together to keep our children safe, happy, and healthy.

Allie Barden, RN
School Health Consultant

The Wisdom of Woods

The Woods Way

by Roxann Bartone

Things work best when we have guidelines to follow. Imagine trying to drive with no traffic signs, not having a due date on an invoice, or a supervisor that doesn't give clear instructions. I think you would agree those are unsettling scenarios. Not knowing the expectations of situations makes life difficult to navigate.

With that in mind, I am excited to introduce what we are calling the Woods Way. This is a school wide philosophy of classroom management. You may have seen these signs around the school. These simple guidelines are easy to remember and cover all issues that may come up throughout the day. Centralizing the language used in all classrooms, children will not have to learn new terminology for the same guidelines.



In a study conducted, children were allowed to play on a playground that had no fences. Interestingly, the children remained close to the building and the teachers unwilling to venture too far and explore. The same children were allowed to play where there were fences and quickly moved away from the teachers and ran freely around the whole area up to the fence. This is such a strong visual image for the need for guidelines. Please share this at home and ask your child how they walked in the woods way at school.

We also have a school theme song that helps to reinforce the Woods Way. Written by our talented Director of Music, David Merrill, this song will be a regular part of our circle time and special events. Give it a listen in our website! <https://www.woodscdc.org/>

Additionally, we are introducing the Cozy Nest. This is a calm, safe retreat where children can go when they feel overwhelmed, tired, upset, or simply need a quiet moment. All classrooms will receive similar items to help children to manage their emotions more independently. Teachers will introduce this center and reinforce its use. It is not a place for children to be "sent" rather it is an option for them recognize when they need a break from the busy-ness of the classroom.

It's time to stand up tall
Eyes up, hands on the wall
We are polite and kind
We all stand in line

We are the children of Woods
We grow, we play, and we learn
Our colors, numbers and letters
And how to take to our turn

We are brave and strong
We know right from wrong
We give thanks and pray
For every special day



Do you have a question, ask the experts:

cdcinfo@woodscdc.org



Annette Queens

30 Year Anniversary

Woods Child Development Center is thrilled to acknowledge Ms. Annette Queen's 30th Anniversary as a teacher at our school. She began her journey here on 8/1/1996 as a part day teacher and worked in all the programs. Ms. Annette was born to work with young children and the Full Day 2's program has been her home for the past 29 years. When asked about her philosophy of education, she cites having a great amount patience and to keep your "funny bone" in use. The overarching quality, according to Ms. Annette, is love. That is certainly on display daily as she navigates our youngest learners and parents in what is usually their first school experience. Reflecting on Woods, Ms. Annette says, "I love my job and wouldn't leave it for the world. Good people, nice conversation overall. It is a great place to work and have fun."

Ms. Annette is a woman of great faith, reminding us daily to rely on God. She frequently says, "God has got this!" and to "Pray about it!" She shared this love of God and neighbor with who she calls her #1, Ms. Carolyn. Ms. Carolyn called her "Sadie" and you could hear them laughing in the kitchen frequently. Mr. Jeff was often included in these visits; adding his voice to the conversation.

Some of Ms. Annette's favorite memories include her mission trip to Jamaica with former director, Susan Harrington, dressing up for Halloween, going out with the ladies after work, and school picnics in the park. She also recognizes former students who are now adults and are trusting the care of their children to her. She even remembers little details about them; telling one parent, she remembers him not taking a nap.

Outside of Woods, Annette is very family oriented. Along with her husband, Mason, she has 3 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. She has lots of nieces and nephews and is a great mentor to them. She hasn't met a plant she can't nurture and is a great advocate of slowing down and taking your time to savor the present moment.

Woods is grateful to Ms. Annette for her faithful service and we simply say
THANK YOU!