

This Week for Lunch:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Macaroni & Cheese	Turkey Ham	Turkey & Beer Sloppy Joe	Bean & Cheese Burrito

From the Archives

Woodlands School gets ISACS Accreditation

Wonderful news arrived at Woodlands late in January when the school was informed that it had become a fully-accredited member in good standing of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States. Two years ago Woodlands applied to ISACS for membership and began the arduous journey toward certification.

The ISACS seven year cycle began with the application process and moved into a self-study year. Every aspect of school life and community was surveyed, analyzed and described. Positive aspects were noted, and areas needing growth were identified. A final Self-Study Report of more than 100 pages was sent to the ISACS office and to the seven people who had agreed to serve as a Visiting Team.

The Visiting Team was put together by ISACS and Woodlands in an effort to bring knowledgeable people into the school. Members came from Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, bringing expertise in curriculum, facilities, finance, development and governance. Arrival of the Visiting Team was set for Tuesday, October 31. A welcome social set the mood with wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a delicious French dinner—all prepared and served by Woodlands parents.

The next two days were filled with meetings, discussions and observations as the Visiting Team sought to determine if Woodlands actually

carried out its mission and goals. They looked for congruence in every aspect. During the evenings, the visitors began writing reports which included overviews, commendations and recommendations. On Friday, November 3, that report was completed in rough draft form as most members headed home. Mr. Joe Becker, team leader, spent the afternoon at the school sharing some insight and the major commendations and recommendations of the team.

Within a few weeks, a final copy of the Visiting Team Report was in our hands. The commendations contained great praise for what the school does and the recommendations presented a way for Woodlands to continue to grow. The staff and others were affirmed by what the team shared. A waiting period began until January when the ISACS committees and board would meet and render a final decision.

Well, the final decision has been announced! Woodlands is accredited! The energy, the study, the self examination and the analysis by outside professionals has made Woodlands stronger and wiser. The seven year cycle continues with written responses to the ISACS recommendations and growth toward continued development. The interest and support given by friends and alumnae of Woodlands helps the school to remain one of the best in the Milwaukee area.

School Closings

Please note: Woodlands School DOES NOT follow MPS as far as school closings. Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Rogers collaborate and consider multiple factors before making a decision.

In the case of inclement weather or other circumstances where school would be closed, families will be notified on local TV & Radio stations and via SchoolReach.

Families have the option of receiving SchoolReach messages as a phone call, e-mail, and/or text message. If you did not receive the message, or want to make changes to how you receive the message, please contact your respective campus: Ruth Biemann (State St.) or Rosalie Gazzana (Bluemound).

**Both Campuses:
Show your Packer
Pride this
Friday, January
16 by wearing
Packer Gear!**

GO PACK GO!

You're Invited...

Woodlands Bluemound Winter Concert

featuring K4/K5, 3/4, 7/8

Thursday, January 29 at 6:30

Students must wear:

White dress shirt or blouse

Black pants or skirt

Black shoes and socks or leggings

3/4 & 7/8: Please be in the cafeteria at 6:00

K4/K5: Please be in the music room at 6:15

The concert begins with K4/K5, after which they will sit with their parents. The other students will remain in their designated seating arrangements throughout the duration of the concert.

For questions contact Mr. Charbonneau at brian.charbonneau@woodlands-school.org or 475-1600

Mark Your Calendars

January 13:

PTO Mtg: Bluemound

January 14:

PTO Mtg: State St.

January 19:

One Book, Two
Schools, One
Community Kick Off

January 22:

Board Mtg

January 23:

Mug Club & Café East

January 29:

Bluemound Winter
Concert 6:30 pm

Woodlands Inc. Staff

Executive Director/Principal State St. Campus

Maureen Sullivan

Principal Bluemound Campus

Patty Rogers

Dean of Students

Bluemound: Michael Pointer-Mace &
Jeff Rauworth

State St.: Jay-Sun Bowman

Business Manager

Shari Wiemer

Registrar/Manager of Student Services

Bluemound: Kelly McKenna

State St.: Kim McKenna

Operations Manager

Bluemound: Rosalie Gazzana

State St.: Ruth Biemann



WINTERFEST!

at the Urban Ecology Center in Washington Park

Saturday, January 24

Noon - 4PM | Free!

Join us for winter fun outdoors:

- * Sled Dog Demonstration
- * Snowshoeing
- * Sledding
- * Ice Skating
- * Cross Country Skiing

**Warm up inside with food,
beverages and homemade pie!**

Compliments of Neighbors United for Washington
Park and Community Pies



WINTERFEST for AFTERNOON NAPPERS

A festival for the lil' ones!

Children ages five and under accompanied by an adult can enjoy a morning of fun including a craft, hike, and puppet show and still get home in time for their afternoon nap.

10:30AM - Noon

Free

Space is limited. Please register at urbanecologycenter.org