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Principally SPEAKING... (words from Mr. Wrisberg)

Character word for the
month of August is

COOPERATION

Cooperation is defined as teamwork, the common effort of a group for their mutual benefit, and working together peacefully

Some behaviors that may be used as indicators of cooperation include:

- listening to others,
- open to others ideas,
- taking turns doing things,
- showing respect to peers,
- including everyone in activities,
- sharing with others,
- taking responsible for doing their part,
- making others feel needed,



We have had a tremendous beginning to the 2017-2018 school year. First day assemblies were held at both Hanrahan and Woodland welcoming everyone back to schools. During the assemblies, I discussed the importance of setting goals and breaking through all barriers to ensure success.

Teachers have already begun instruction in all subject areas. All

students have been attentive and eager to learn.

Hanrahan and Woodland's expectations remain high. There is no doubt all of our students will progress academically throughout the year. However, we certainly expect our MAP scores to increase from year to year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Open House on August

31st from 4-6. Thanks again for your continued partnership and cooperation



*It seems like staff
and students hit the
ground running this
year.*



Attendance and Promptness...

When students are absent from school they miss out on learning instruction. Research supports that attendance is crucial to improving student achievement. So... with STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT in mind— Attendance has to be a FOCUS.

The fact is, if they are

NOT in school, they are missing out on the class INSTRUCTION. We realize that children get ill. SO... If your child is sick or has to miss for an appointment, funeral, etc. please CALL the office and let them know. Shared communication between home and school is essential. PLEASE try to schedule appointments afterschool when

possible.

Parents should also be involved with their children in making sure that assignments that are missed are completed and returned in a timely manner.

Together, we prepare our children for SUCCESS.

Woodland/Hanrahan Elementary School Uniform Dress Code

**SAVE the
DATE:**

**OPEN
HOUSE**
August 31, 2017
4-6PM



All students - Boys and Girls



Dress code consists of a white, navy blue, or red top with a collar, dark blue, black or khaki uniform bottoms (NO JEANS ARE PERMITTED), and dark belt if bottoms with loops are worn. Bottoms consist of pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers, or skorts.

Pants must be neat, clean and fit properly. **SAGGING PANTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. BELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.**



The length of skirts, shorts, jumpers and skorts must be no shorter than the end of the fingertip when standing and arms are down at the side. Shirrtails and blouses must be tucked in when they are so designated.

Writing on tops is limited to school logo and/or name. T-shirts worn underneath tops must be white and have no writing on them. Reasonable cleanliness of both person and clothing is required. Hair must be kept clean and combed. Shoes must be worn at all times. It is recommended that for health reasons, socks or stockings be worn with shoes.

We encourage children to bring a jacket or sweater to wear inside the classrooms when they are too cool from either the air-conditioning or changing weather.

Practical Parenting... "Homework"

information taken from The PARENT INSTITUTE



The following suggestions are **HELPFUL** ways that you can

support your child with homework:

Be Available. Be near enough to simplify directions and answer questions that may arise.

Don't be too helpful. Give them support, praise and encouragement. Don't do it for them.

Encourage an "I can do it" attitude. Praise their effort for trying when they have done work well. Don't be TOO critical when they are struggling. Still praise them for sticking with it and continuing to try.

Take the FEAR out. When mis-

takes are made, FOCUS on what can be learned from them. Reassure them that making mistakes is part of LEARNING.

Help them to see progress. Remind them of things that they used to have problems with and NOW they know. Share your excitement about their progress with them.

Help them to get ORGANIZED. Put papers in correct folders, have necessary materials (pencils, paper, dictionary, etc.) near their work area, and be sure everything gets put into the backpack and placed by the door before going to bed. DE-CLUTTER backpacks and work areas weekly.

Set a Timer to keep them on task. Together, estimate how long an assignment should take, set the time,

and see if they can get it completed within the goal time. Challenge them to "beat the clock." This can help keep them focused and working.

Plan for break times. Break times should be brief and purposeful... restroom, a snack, or quick exercise.

Lastly, be sure your child gets plenty of sleep, well-balanced meals and lots of fresh air and physical exercise.

Don't forget to enjoy HOMEWORK... as Special time that you share with your child helping them to Learn.

