



# Mighty Mustang

Dear Parents and Students,

Unfortunately bully behavior is a reality at any school. However, at Woodbury, we advocate for all children in an effort to eliminate poor choices and negative behavior. Below is an outline of how we handle these types of situations at school.

## **First let's start with the definition of BULLY BEHAVIOR:**

Deliberate, hurtful, repeated behavior against those who find it difficult to defend themselves. Such as : teasing, saying mean things, hitting, threatening either verbal or written, forcing someone, excluding others or turning others away, rumors. Boys and girls bully, both overtly and covertly.

## **Conflict vs. Bullying:**

Conflict is a disagreement between two or more people, equal in power. Bullying is one person in power, the other person (target) feels alone, scared or threatened. Not all violence is bullying. Remember bullying is an imbalance of power.

## **WHAT WE DO AS A STAFF IN A BULLY INCIDENT:**

Separate the bully from the target – we do not speak to them together

### **Coaching the student who was bullied:**

Affirm the student's feelings. (i.e. you were right to get help from an adult/teacher)

Ask questions.

Identify what has and has not worked in the past.

Generate solutions for the future (avoiding the student who bullied, sitting or playing somewhere else, be with a group of friends)

Coach the student in using assertive refusal skills.

Identify others (parents, teachers, friends) who can support the child.

Follow up. See how the plan is working

### **Coaching the student who bullied:**

Identify the problem and diffuse reporting responsibility

Ask questions and gather information

Apply consequences

Generate solutions for the future and follow up.

**Parents at Woodbury support our efforts to eliminate bully behavior. Thank you !**

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School attendance is crucial to a student's academic success. The state of California in fact has a Compulsory Attendance Law which requires EVERYONE between the ages of 6 and 18 years old to attend school unless they have graduated from high school or passed the California High School Proficiency Exam (Ed. Code 48260-5). Students who have any combination of three unexcused absences or tardies (of more than 30 minutes) without valid excuse is considered legally truant. A student who has six unexcused absences or six tardies (of more than 30 minutes) is considered habitually truant and may be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for further action. (Ed. Code 48263)

We, at Woodbury School, take attendance very seriously. A target to keep in mind for students is **not to miss more than 5 days** per school year.

When students have excessive absences they miss the benefits of quality education. They fall behind in their studies and miss concepts that are important to understanding any subject. Classrooms with a high rate of absence require teachers to re-teach many concepts, causing ALL students to fall behind. Also, when a truant student returns to school, they require more individual attention from the teacher and deprive other students of the teacher's attention.

### **What can parents do?**

- Do not schedule vacations during the school year.
- Schedule medical/dental appointments after school or during the afternoon hours whenever possible.
- Monitor your student's attendance. Attendance is indicated on your child's report card and can also be found on the Parent Portal at MyIUSD.org (contact the office in person for details)
- Work closely with the school and feel comfortable calling your child's teacher or school attendance clerk to discuss any concerns.
- Review and supervise your child's homework and be sure to call the attendance line to report the absence. Check your teacher's website to get missed assignments for makeup.

As part of our Woodbury family we want the best possible educational experience for you and your child this year. Please do all that you can to make sure your child is prepared for their school day by completing all assigned homework, arriving to school on time, and staying in contact with your child's teacher for any areas of educational concern.

## ONE MIGHTY MUSTANG CAN FENCE!

Johan Obillos has an interesting hobby. He is a champion in fencing! Through his fencing he travels and learns a lot, too. He learns about goals, he gains confidence. He interacts with different people from different cultures and communities. Most importantly, Johan has learned to be a good sport. He accepts loss graciously and how to win humbly. He carries with him the values he has learned at school, particularly, "PMA." Great job, Johan! We are proud of you!



## MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION

**Shelly & Diane, THANK YOU** both for everything that you did to make the Holiday Boutique so successful this year! You set up our very own miniature store, which allowed students to buy holiday gifts for their families and friends. You made sure that everybody had the opportunity to shop by providing items that ranged from 25 cents to eight dollars. You even provided "Happy Bucks" so that students who could not afford to shop still had the opportunity to do so. You, along with countless volun-

teers, even helped the children shop, making sure that they bought gifts for everybody on their list and making sure that they stayed within their budget. Finally, at the end of each shopping day, you were still there, inventorying and re-ordering more merchandise for the next day. Thank you for creating yet another educational experience for our students.

Thank you to **Officer Mike Predney** and **Nic Recchia** for organizing and running our Bike Rodeo! It was a fun event!

## INTEGRITY

**No one is born with Integrity. We all have to learn how to stand up for what's right.**

## Gifted Students Stretch Their Thinking Skills

In grades 4 – 6, our students of high potential are working to learn new vocabulary words as a part of the national program known as WordMasters. This fall each grade level received 25 words to study and become experts on. An expert knows each word's definitions, shades of meaning, variations with affixes, and common usage in our English language. In December, the children will test their skills on an analogy test which requires them to examine the relationships and subtleties of application. As the year goes on, two additional sets of 25 words will be added to the mix, and there will be two more tests. We are working and hoping to be listed among the top ten schools in the nation following each test. Nation-wide, each grade level typically has about 30,000 students participate so ranking in the top ten is a challenge.

Our top mathematicians in 6th grade are spending more time solving word problems and less with "naked" number practice. Once a student has demonstrated mastery of the concepts and skills the majority of the class will be covering, he or she gets to work independently or in a small group on word problems from *Challenge Math* by Ed Zaccaro. No student moves past a problem until he/she can support the answer with written work. Once all the problems from Level 1 have been correctly solved, Level 2 problems, which require more complex thinking, are presented. The last level to conquer is known as Einstein – a true challenge even for the teachers. Our talented mathematicians are pleased to push their analytical thinking and calculating skills while not having to sit through instructional lessons they don't need.

### INTEGRITY

Half the truth is  
often a great lie.

Benjamin Franklin

## PAY IT FORWARD

One family donates \$10.00 per student for the Pay it Forward Service Learning Project. This fine family wanted to anonymously share a few words with our school population.

**We were so touched by last years Pay It Forward stories that we wanted to do this again this year! It is amazing to know about your children's creativity and the generous parents involvement. Some of the money went to countries far away, some went to help animals, some went to feed the hungry, some to the sick in the hospital, and hundreds of other places! Not only the money, but the spirit of kindness has spread to other schools! We want to thank you all for making this world a wonderful place!**

Please take photographs of your Pay it Forward project or write about it to post on school bulletin boards.

## PTA ASSEMBLY WITH A GREAT MESSAGE!

Your PTA Donation supports school wide assemblies among many other projects and events. In September, The Bully Dudes gave a great 45 minute presentation teaching anti-bullying techniques in a comedy format. The kids loved it and learned a lot! Thank you for supporting the PTA and touching the lives of our students.



## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With cooler, drier weather approaching, you might notice kids complaining of more dry skin and dry scalp. Here are some tips to help with these problems.

Keep inside air moist using a humidifier.

Increase your child's water/liquid intake.

Bathe briefly every day using an oatmeal like Aveeno or use no soap at all except when needed to remove dirt. Pat dry with a soft towel, never rub dry. Use a fragrance free moisturizer like petroleum jelly on problem area.

Wash hair every other day. Daily wash can strip the hair of its natural moisture. Use an anti-dry scalp or dandruff shampoo, or buy a shampoo with zinopyrithione or ketoconazole. These shampoos prevent flaking and itching caused by dry scalp.

Apply moisturizer to the scalp (i.e olive oil, teatree oil) directly to the scalp every other day.

As in any health related problem, if the problem persists or worsens, please consult your child's pediatrician.

## CLASSIC HOOPS!

The Boys' Basketball Team demonstrated Woodbury Values! In the first game they played a very athletic Stonegate team. The Mustangs competed to the very end. Unfortunately, Stonegate prevailed. In the 2nd game they played a very aggressive and quick Orchard Hills Team. The game went down to the last second resulting in a 35-33 Mustang Victory. This is the first Mustang Victory since our participation in the Irvine Hoops tournament. Congratulations to our team! Coach Paul Le Team: Tyler Barlow, John Choi, Simon Ho, Caleb Kobashigawa, Ethan Le, Joshua Lee, Joey Lyons, Kyle Pham, Andrew Telles and Lucas Thurlow.



## ASTOUNDING INVENTIONS

On Saturday, January 29, 2011 Irvine Valley College will host the 24<sup>rd</sup> annual Astounding Inventions competition. It is a fun event, so mark your calendars.

Please join Mrs. Pierce, Science Specialist, in congratulating the student inventors who will be representing Woodbury Elementary School at this event.

**Nicole Alvarez**

**Callie Arcand**

**Nicholas Bautista**

**Jackie Chavez**

**Brennan Ernst**

**Payton Kirby**

**Kate Koeckritz**

**Michelle Lin**

**Gabe Lundbeck**

**Griffin Scott**

**Warren Yin**

**Justin Aoki**

**Energy Saver 3000**

**The Crippler**

**The Automatic GPSN Parachute**

**The Nag Alarm**

**QuickSuit**

**Fish on the Go**

**No Doze Eyewear**

**Rotation Balancing Device**

**Automatic Bed Maker**

**Angel Bot**

**The Sickness Detector**

**The Fruit Picker**

Great job future scientists!

Astounding Inventions will take place at Irvine Valley College on Saturday, January 29, 2011.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

Each trimester we recognize upper grade students for displaying positive values towards others and for being diligent students. Please join me in congratulating the following students for their excellent effort for the first trimester. Principal's Gold Awards are awarded to students earning all A's for this trimester. Principal's Silver Awards are awarded to students earning A's and B's for this trimester. The all O's Club is awarded to student with all outstanding marks in every area on the report card. Our Citizenship Award is given to students nominated by teachers or classmates for demonstrating positive values.

**Gold:** Ryan Chang, Jackie Chavez, Stephanie Hu, Haley Martin, Priscilla Reis, Max Syben-Moscicki, Daniel Tsuchiyama, Warren Yin, Catherine Abelardo, Justin Aoki, Charlotte Kelso, Kate Koeckritz, Mailynh Nguyen, Kaylyn Vo, Kamille Balolong, Tiffany Chang, Logan Choi, Hayley Fassl, Thea Nguyen, Tyler Barlow, Yoomi Kim, Irene Lee, Amy Nguyen, Trisha Naveen, Nathan Ng, Noriki Yamane, Megan Chen, Noah Ng, Caleb Kobashigawa, Frances Goyokpin, Guilles Cortez, Heather Huang, Kaitlyn Nguyen, James Li, Kaylee Nguyen, Kevin Chang, Lauren Song, Malia Wong, Matthew Telles, Myrrha Goyokpin, Raaj Komirisetty, Michelle Lin, Jason Nyeango, Harrison Zhang, Theresa Chang, Lior Flint, Kiara Hernandez, Simon Ho, Jennifer Min, Sarah Shattuck, Andrew Telles

**Silver:** Julianne Akita, Justin Bonnell, Kimberly Bryan, CJ Chua, Derek Dai, Sienna Dekowski, Elizabeth Escalante Bahena, Justan Gizer, Christopher Grillas, Sarah Harker, Amanda Henigan, Hailey Link, Brandon Liu, Zachary Lyons, Katelyn Nguyen, Brianna Rios, Christopher Sanders, Griffin Scott, Tyler Toone, Julianna Wang, Matthew Lewis, Allia Alneyadi, Callie Arcand, Brennan Ernst, Mariah Hulbert, Dillon Kim, Selena Kim, Yoojin Kim, Ravi Komirisetty, Alex Li, Gabe Lundbeck, Amanda Morgan, Daniel Simonella, Daniel Woo, Alex Aramayo, Jacob Bertrand, Aziz Chakmakchi, Ivy Iroy, Brooke Kobashigawa, Arvin Kupumbati, Sean Lee, Leonard Memon, Joon Min, William Nguyen, Tristan Phan, Anthony Ramirez, Hannah Steck, Daisy Yang, Alexandra Hernandez, Andrew Kim, Patrick Liu, Stewart McGregor, Skyler Pliska, Sophia Puckett, Andre Yu, Nicole Alvarez, Mackenzie Baehr, Noelle Curtis, Daria Kotov, Raj Pandit, Meera Patel, Remy Rouyer, Youngbo Shim, Naomi Stein, Dylan Wong, Felix Castro, Sean Choi, Juliet Kim, Ethan Le, Joshua Lee, Patrick Murphy, Anisa Walker, Ariana Posner, Conor McCullough, Edna Delgado, Grace Goyokpin, Jiwoo Han, Jordan Ner, Joyce Lee, Kia Sowlati, Matthew Kim, Noah Lyons, Ollie Dupuy, Payton Kirby, Waverly Banico, Nick Bautista, Trinity Chang, Drisana Daniel, Steven Kataoka, Sunny Lee, Jack McMannis, Hayley Pham, Yasmin Yagiz, Brandon Yoo, John Choi, Emily Moon, Kyle Pham, Grayce Tuttle

**All O's:** Sienna Dekowski, Elizabeth Escalante Bahena, Justan Gizer, Amanda Henigan, Stephanie Hu, Hailey Link, Priscilla Reis, Max Syben-Moscicki, Daniel Tsuchiyama, Julianna Wang, Warren Yin, Justin Aoki, Callie Arcand, Brennan Ernst, Mariah Hulbert, Charlotte Kelso, Dillon Kim, Yoojin Kim, Kate Koeckritz, Ravi Komirisetty, Justin Lee, Mailynh Nguyen, Sharon Lim, Amanda Morgan, Daniel Simonella, Kaylyn Vo, Daniel Woo, Kamille Balolong, Tiffany Chang, Logan Choi, Hayley Fassl, Brooke Kobashigawa, Sean Lee, Joon Min, Thea Nguyen, Daisy Yang, Jacob Bertrand, Yoomi Kim, Sophia Puckett, Lauren Smith, Amy Nguyen, Irene Lee, Patrick Liu, Nicole Alvarez, Trisha Naveen, Nathan Ng, Noriki Yamane, Megan Chen, Sean Choi, Caleb Kobashigawa, Ethan Le, Noah Ng, Anisa Walker, Myrrha Goyokpin, Conor McCullough, Edna Delgado, Kaylee Nguyen, Joyce Lee, Malia Wong, Matthew Telles, James Li, Kaitlyn Nguyen, Lauren Song, Frances Goyokpin, Heather Huang, Sunny Lee, Michelle Lin, Jane Han, Theresa Chang, Lior Flint, Simon Ho, Jennifer Min, Emily Moon, Sarah Shattuck, Andrew Telles

**Citizenship:** Hunter Gross, Ryan Huh, Christo Oliva, Jeff Lee, Stephanie Hu, Kate Koeckritz, Mariah Hulbert, Daniel Simonella, Ravi Komirisetty, Amanda Morgan, Ethan Pham, Ryan Rouyer, Michelle Schuk, Yinson Yam, Mackenzie Baehr, Noriki Yamane, Nathan Ng, Noah Ng, Caleb Kobashigawa, Heather Huang, Matthew Telles, Joyce Lee, James Li, Trinity Chang, Steven Kataoka, Michelle Lin, Sunny Lee, Harrison Zhang, Simon Ho, Jennifer Min, Emily Moon, Sarah Shattuck, Andrew Telles, Christopher Serrata

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## Tomorrow Now- Speak Up Survey

The Speak Up Survey is available for students, parents, and educators on-line at <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2010/> until January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Last year, IUSD had great participation in the survey and we hope to continue that trend! Tomorrow Now is providing some direct incentives to schools with the highest participation, including registration for the Computer Using Educators (CUE) conference. In addition, organizations sponsoring grants look to these survey results and participation rates as they decide their awards and allocations

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17 .....	End of Second Quarter/Minimum Day <b>1:20</b>
December 20-21 .....	Furlough Days/No School
December 22 – January 4 .....	WINTER RECESS
<b>January 5 (Wednesday) .....</b>	<b>Students Return</b>
January 17 .....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>January 25 .....</b>	<b>2:45 SSC meeting, community invited</b>
February 14 .....	Lincoln's Birthday Observed
February 21 .....	Washington's Birthday Observed
February 22 .....	<b>2:45 SSC meeting, community invited</b>
<b>March 1-4.....</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade STAR Writing test (date TBD)</b>
<b>March 3 .....</b>	<b>Family Night – Drawing Secrets Revealed in ..... the MPR sponsored by the PTA</b>
<b>March 8 .....</b>	<b>Reports cards available on the Parent Portal</b>
<b>March 22-25 .....</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences 1:20 dismissal</b>
April 1.....	End of Third Quarter/Minimum Day <b>1:20</b>
April 4 – April 22.....	SPRING RECESS
May 1 .....	IPSF Cinco de Mayo Half Marathon
<b>May 10 .....</b>	<b>2:45 SSC meeting, community invited</b>
<b>May 26.....</b>	<b>Open House/ minimum day 1:20 dismissal</b>
<b>May 27.....</b>	<b>School Day (added student day)</b>
May 30 .....	Memorial Day
<b>June 1 .....</b>	<b>8-11 a.m. SSC Meeting, community</b>
June 15 .....	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/Minimum Day
.....	<b>Reports cards available on the Parent Portal</b>

Updated Items in bold, cancelations and postponed events will be crossed out.