

Keeping Up With Woodland

-by our phenomenal Staff



☐ Mark Your Calendar

09/08/2025	JSD Board Meeting@6pm	09/26/2025	NO SCHOOL Professional Development
09/09/2025	Woodland Open House Parent Meeting and Fall Title 1 Meeting @ 5:30pm		
09/15/2025	Special Olympics		
09/19/2025	Bulldog Winner Class Party@2pm		

Principal's Corner



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL, WOODLAND WARRIOR FAMILIES!

I hope your summer was peaceful, positive, productive, and safe. I hope you had a chance to rest, reflect, and recharge for what promises to be another transformational year of learning and growth.

To our returning families, welcome back—we've missed you! To our new Woodland families, welcome to our school community! I'm Dr. Irma Moore, and I'm thrilled to serve as your child's principal for the 2025–2026 school year. It is both an honor and a joy to lead such an amazing learning environment where students are rooted in excellence and growing with purpose every day.

As a lifelong educator and a proud servant leader, I believe deeply in partnering with families to support, uplift, and empower every child. At Woodland Elementary, we are committed to nurturing the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our work is guided by the Jennings School District's vision to Build a Legacy of Excellence, with a strong emphasis on Personalized, Competency-Based Education. We believe every student deserves access to high-quality learning experiences that meet them where they are and help them achieve their fullest potential.

☐ Striving for Blue Ribbon Excellence

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Our district is on the brink of becoming a Blue Ribbon District and with your continued support, we're confident we will cross that finish line. This achievement requires teamwork, dedication, and consistent engagement from families and staff alike. Together, we are building something powerful.

☐ Important Reminders

UNIFORMS:

Woodland is a uniform school, and all students are expected to follow our dress code daily.

Girls:

- Tops: Red, White, or Navy collared shirts
- Bottoms: Black, Navy, or Khaki pants, skirts, jumpers, shorts, or skorts

Boys:

- Tops: Red, White, or Navy collared shirts
- Bottoms: Black, Navy, or Khaki pants or shorts

Research shows that uniforms help support student focus and promote a positive school culture. Please help us uphold this standard.

CLEAR BACKPACKS:

We have backpacks at the school and they will be distributed on the first day of school.

All students in the Jennings School District are required to use clear backpacks—no exceptions.

- ✓ Every Woodland student will receive one free clear backpack on the first day of school.
- ✓ Families may also choose to purchase their own clear backpack.

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS & VISITORS:
For the safety and well-being of all students:
☐ Crocs, flip-flops, Yeezys, or other unsafe footwear are not allowed.
If a student wears inappropriate footwear, families will be contacted to bring a safe alternative.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful learning environment.

☐ About Woodland Elementary

We are proud to serve students from Pre-K through 3rd grade in a warm, caring, and academically rigorous environment. At Woodland, we lead with empathy and equity, cultivating a love of learning while supporting every child's academic, social, and emotional needs.

I look forward to personally connecting with each of you throughout the year. Please stay engaged, stay informed, and stay connected. Your voice matters.

In order to keep up with what is going on I will send you the following throughout the year:

- ✓ Weekly email blasts
- ✓ Weekly autodials
- ✓ A monthly parent newsletter

Our hope is that your student can learn in a caring and supportive environment. During the year I encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning. Parent Involvement plays a critical role in our success. Ways to increase that success include:

- ☐ Making attendance a priority, this includes tardiness and absences

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- ☐ Check parent portal regularly to stay informed of your students' progress
 - ☐ Communicate often with your students' teachers
 - ☐ Be sure your student is reading everyday
 - ☐ Limit television and social media while encouraging activity and recreation
 - ☐ Review the school day with your child
- ☐ Please ensure your child is present and on time every day, starting on Day One in full uniform, ready to learn. Attendance matters, and your child's success depends on it!

Please also make sure that all of your contact information is updated so that we can contact you when needed, keep your immunizations up to date and complete your online registration. Student enrollment can be compromised due to these events not occurring in a timely manner.

Thank you once again for allowing me the privilege of serving your family. I am excited for a year filled with purpose, progress, and possibility.

If you have any questions or just want to connect, don't hesitate to call me at (314) 6538170.

Let's make this our best year yet Rooted in Excellence and Growing with Purpose!

With respect and gratitude,

Dr. Irma Moore

Principal, Woodland Elementary

Jennings School District



Mission

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Woodland Elementary School

September Edition

The mission of all staff at Woodland Elementary is to inspire a dynamic learning community that fosters social and academic growth through focusing on student accountability, student achievement, and parent involvement.

Vision

We aim to inspire and empower students to excel both academically and socially by preparing them to be productive citizens and future leaders.

Woodland Core Beliefs

R.E.A.D.I (Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Determination, and Integrity) is an acronym representing those core characteristics selected by our staff. As a faculty, we should continuously promote these attributes among our students. Our students are expected to demonstrate these characteristics in the classrooms, hallway, gymnasium, and cafeteria. It is our responsibility to encourage students to be READI at all times.

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Preschool

Welcome to an exciting new school year in Pre-Kindergarten at Woodland Elementary! My name is Cynthia Campbell, and I'm happy to be your child's teacher this year. I'm truly looking forward to getting to know your child and working together with you to make this a joyful and successful beginning to their learning journey.

I am a graduate of both Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Lindenwood University and have been an educator in the Jennings School district for 20 years. I have previously taught 2nd grade for many years here in the district and have returned to Pre-K. I believe in creating a classroom that feels like a second home- where every child feels loved, supported, and confident to try new things. Thank you for trusting me with your little one. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things they will do this year!

Hello Everyone! My name is Ms. Fowler and I am one of the preschool teachers here at Woodland Elementary. I am dedicated to making sure my students are ready for kindergarten and that they feel supported and loved within my classroom. I enjoy creative activities, reading, walking in the park for exercise, and going to the movies

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with my sons. I graduated with my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Harris-Stowe University. I went on to receive my master's degree in Education with a certification in Special Reading K-12. I am so happy to be a part of this staff here at Woodland Elementary!

Kindergarten

We're delighted to welcome you and your child to kindergarten! Our goal is to build a joyful, safe, and engaging classroom where every child grows in confidence, curiosity, and community. We can't wait to partner with you this year. Together, we're the Woodland Kindergarten Team cheerleaders for your child's growth!

Dr. Shirley Ann Reynolds
Woodland Elementary - JSD
Kindergarten Classroom Teacher

Parents and Scholars:

It gives me great pleasure to be able to work with your families throughout the 2025-2026 School Year. I will be teaching your son or daughter in Kindergarten, Room #102 at Woodland Elementary. I have been an educator for over 47 years. I also retired for 6 years before deciding to return to this great profession in 2022 after the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) and the need for certified teachers in which I was sought out by several school districts in the metropolitan area. I have worked in the roles of Special Education Teacher, General Education Teacher, Department Chair, Instructional Coach, Instructional Coordinator, and Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Math Consultant. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in General and Special Education, Master of Science (MS) Degree in Social Sciences and Early Childhood, Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Master of Arts (MA) in Educational Administration, and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Administrative Leadership with Principal Career Administration Certification.

My name is Mrs. Beatrice Earhart. I have been teaching for 25+ years in grades PreK--5th grade. My credentials are as follows: Birth-Grade 3 and 1st--8th. After graduation from Southeast Missouri State University I began teaching in Saint Louis Public Schools. During that time I attended Webster University to hone my Early Childhood skills. Later I attended Arkansas State online to better understand the needs of Gifted,

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Talented and Creative students. It is my pleasure to be using my talents, skills, and training to share in the education of the students at Woodland Elementary as a kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Earhart

1st Grade

I am Jennifer Macon, a product of the south. I came from humble beginnings where a strong work ethic, commitment to purpose and family gatherings were a major part of my upbringing. I possess a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee University, Teaching Certificate from Harris Stowe State University, Masters degree from University of Missouri-St. Louis and Plus 30 from Truman State University. I have been in some form of education for about 34 years. I taught fourth grade one year, fifth grade one year, third grade twenty- two years, and this is my fifth year in first grade. I have also served as a substitute teacher and teacher assistant. It has been a very long ride and I am near the end of this journey.



Hello Warrior parents,
I would like to introduce myself as one part of the first grade teaching team at Woodland Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. My name is Abi Israel. I have had the pleasure of working in the education field since 2008, working my way up from childcare settings to a teaching position. I graduated from Central Methodist University in May 2020 and was soon hired as a 1st grade teacher. I have been teaching ever since. I look forward to serving your scholar this school year.

Sincerely,
Abi Israel

2nd Grade



My name is Mr. Brendan Berkery and this is my 7th year as a teacher here at Woodland Elementary. I have my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Fontbonne University as well as my Master's in Curriculum Design and Implementation. I also have a Graduate Certificate as a Reading Specialist and am passionate about incorporating culturally relevant teaching with the Science of Reading. My favorite part about being a teacher is the connections I get to build with the students and watching them grow. It is my goal to not just teach them the foundational skills they will need to succeed in later grades but to also foster their natural curiosity to create lifelong learners. I tell my students all the time that school cannot teach you everything you want or even need to learn in the world, but it can give you the tools you need to learn for yourself if you are willing to put in the effort and remain curious. I am looking forward to another great year here at Woodland!

Hello! My name is Iesha Cole and I will be your child's 2nd Grade Teacher. This is my 12th year working in the field of Education. I am both honored and beyond excited to be teaching at Woodland Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. Now, to tell you a little about myself! I graduated from Wichita State University in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction for Elementary Students. I then went on to continue my education at Grand



Canyon University where I obtained my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. This is my 12th year as an Elementary Teacher. I have previously taught 6th grade and 4th grade in Kansas City Missouri. I was raised in St. Louis, Mo. I have one twenty year old child. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, writing, working in my garden, playing games, and traveling.

3rd Grade

Hello Woodland families! I'm Mrs. Hardin, a third grade teacher. I am so excited to be entering my 16th year of teaching and my fourth year here at Woodland. I earned my Master's in Administration in 2021, with the dream of becoming a principal one day. Outside of school, I love spending time with my husband and our one-year-old son,

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Enzo. I also enjoy traveling, yoga, and spoiling my two nieces and two nephews. A few of my favorites include *The BFG* by Roald Dahl, gold and teal, Peanut M&Ms, and sunflowers. I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing together!

My name is Mrs. Kollack, and I am proud to be part of the 3rd grade team at Woodland Elementary. I graduated from Lindenwood University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (grades 1–6), a Master's in Education, and a Special Reading Certification. Over my 23 years of teaching—20 of them in the Jennings School District—I have taught alternative education (grades 6–12) as well as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade. I have also served as a PCBL cohort 1 teacher, earned LETRS (Science of Reading) Certification, and was honored to receive the 2024–2025 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. Outside the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my husband, who teaches 8th grade math at Rosemary Johnson Jennings Junior High, and our three boys, ages 21, 16, and 13. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth Go Warriors!

Music

I teach music at both Woodland and Hanrahan Elementary. I went to college at The University of North Texas, Florida International University (Miami), and University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana). I've travelled around the world performing with jazz, rock, and Latin bands. Currently in the greater St Louis area I play trombone and piano with different jazz, rock, church, theater, and classical music groups. I also have my own summer jazz big band camp every June which has faculty and students from around the country.

Mr. David Dickey

Library

I am Ms. Yolanda Y Pendleton a Retired Aeronautical Analyst (Federal Government). I have a Master's in Information Management, a Bachelor's in Computer Science, and an Associate's in Computer Programming. I have always wanted to work in the Educational field after I retire (2018); however I received my Certification from the Department of Education (2024) to work as a Teacher's Assistant. This is my second year with Jennings School District, working as the Librarian.

Art

I am Linda Stewart, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as your art teacher for the upcoming school year. With 29 years of dedicated service to the Jennings School District, I am deeply rooted in this community, having also graduated as an alumni of the Class of 82. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to work with your children, fostering their creativity and guiding them in creating beautiful artwork. Together, we will explore various artistic mediums and techniques, encouraging self-expression and appreciation for the arts. I look forward to a year filled with inspiration, imagination, and artistic growth for all our students.

Physical Education

Greetings,

I am David Macer, more commonly known as Coach Macer. I am the Physical Education teacher here, at Woodland Elementary School, IN Jennings School District. I received my undergraduate degree from Morehouse College, my masters degree from William Woods University and my Specialist in Education degree from Lindenwood University. I have been teaching since 2001 and as the scholars have changed I have changed as well to suit their needs. I am driven by the need and want to instruct the scholars in physical exercise, games, and activities that facilitate and motivate for a continuation of lifelong activity. My goal is to assist the scholars in becoming not just great scholars, but great people!

Sincerely,

Coach David Macer

Community Partnerships



First Mid Bank and Junior Achievement is going to support us with our school bank, an in-house financial literacy initiative that supports student Financial literacy initiatives for young children designed to introduce them to the basics of money and decision-making in age-appropriate ways. Here are the key areas they typically teach:

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1. Understanding Money
2. Earning and Responsibility
3. Saving and Goal-Setting
4. Smart Choices
5. Sharing and Generosity
6. Early Math and Problem-Solving



□ Overall, these initiatives help young children build **confidence, responsibility, and good habits** around money. They're not just learning about dollars and cents—they're learning about **choices, patience, and planning ahead**.

Lil Bit supports us with healthy kids and better learners as well as uniforms and school supplies.



Maryville University is sponsoring an afterschool STEM initiative.

Counselor

Hello Woodland Families I am, Mr. Michelson, your school counselor! This is my 8th year here at Woodland! I attended Lindenwood University where I received my Bachelors of Psychology (2015) and Masters of Art Counseling (2018). In my time at Woodland I have also completed numerous certification workshops and programs to provide better services to our scholars. Certificates include: STEM Certificate Program from Maryville University, UnGUN Train the Trainers Workshop and numerous mental health workshops and programs. I serve as Woodland's Little Bit Foundation building liaison. Finally, I also serve as our Lead District School Counselor this year



My job is to wear a lot of hats around here but most importantly it's to serve and support you and our children here at Woodland. If you are ever in need of assistance with uniforms, community resources, or other support please reach out and I will help in any way that I can. Together we put in the work to support our children.

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Instructional Coach

My name is Mrs. LaGrone, and this is my 16th year in education. Over the years, I've had the privilege of teaching 1st through 4th grade, as well as serving as a Behavior Interventionist. I am currently entering my second year in Jennings as an Instructional Coach. I earned my Master's in Teaching and an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in School Administration, and I truly have a passion for helping both students and teachers grow. Outside of school, I enjoy reading and spending quality time with family and friends. My husband and I are proud parents of one son, who is currently a junior in college. I'm excited for the year ahead and look forward to collaborating with teachers to provide the best learning experiences for our students.

Special School District

Mrs. Patricia Ingram

Hello and welcome to the new 2025-2026 school year. My name is Patricia Ingram. I am excited again to support all my students in reaching their IEP goals. I have been a Special Education Teacher for 14 years. I have spent the last 6 years at Woodland Elementary School. I am the mother of two adult children and have been married for 37 years with one beautiful grandchild that I dearly adore. I have a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Also, I have a Master's Degree in Special Education and Curriculum and Instruction.

Dear Families,

Hello! My name is Chris Lawson, and I'm thrilled to be working with your student this school year as their K-2 resource teacher. I can't wait to watch your child learn and grow each day!

About Mr. Lawson

- *Born in Saint Louis, Missouri*
- *This is my second year as a teacher. I have my Bachelors in History from Missouri State University. I also graduated from Missouri Baptist University in 2019 with my first masters degree, and my second Masters degree in 2023 from Missouri Baptist as well.*
- *Have worked for SSD since 2019. This is my second year working at Woodland Elementary in the Jennings School District.*
- *Looking forward to a great school year!*

Teacher's Favorites

- *Dr. Pepper*
- *popcorn*
- *chocolate chip cookies*
- *blue is my favorite color*
- *Also I play guitar and piano for my hobbies.*

Contact Info:

- *Email Addresses: cplawson@ssdmo.org & lawsonc@jenningsk12.us*

ABOUT MRS. ROBINSON

About Myself

I grew up in Southwest Missouri. I've been an educator for 26 years. I taught 16 years in kindergarten, 2 years in 1st grade and 2 years in 4th grade. I also taught for two years in South Korea teaching Korean students how to speak English. The past five years, I have taught Special Education at Woodland Elementary.

Education

Bachelors of Education in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood.

• Masters of Education in Instruction and Curriculum.

Certified in Special Education birth-12th grade.

My Family

I've been married to my husband, Liam, for nearly 25 years. Liam was born in Ireland and immigrated to the US when he was 22.

We have three sons, Aidan (15), Camden (6) and Khyler Josiah (2).

My Favorites

- **Food:** Italian, Mexican or Ethiopian food
- **Color:** Red
- **Hobby:** Reading, Writing, and Hiking
- **Book:** To Kill a Mockingbird or Pride and Prejudice
- **Children's Book:** Of Thee I Sing, Love You Forever, The Giving Tree
- **Movie:** Pride and Prejudice, The Notebook and Titanic
- **Store:** Amazon, Target and Barnes and Noble.

