

Good afternoon Woods Road families!

Today, we held our third grade balloon parade through the halls! Our students were so excited to create and in some small way, recreate the magic of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It is such a great time of year! Every time I see the balloons, I think about the history that is associated with the parade, and I think how excited everyone must have been the first time they were able to see those enormous balloons. I can say the first time I was able to attend the parade in person, I was mesmerized. After growing up in Oklahoma, I felt such gratitude for the opportunity to experience this event in real time. I reflect upon so many opportunities I have had in my life with gratitude. My time here at Woods Road is one of these opportunities.

While I have only been here a little more than a year, I have grown deeply appreciative of your students, your families, and our incredible staff. Woods Road is truly a special place, and it is because of each of you. Thank you for all you do every day to make our world a little better. Your students will change our world, and that is because of the foundations we are laying together.

As you go into the holiday, I hope your family will share with each other your own gratitude. There is so much to be thankful for. I hope this year, you feel some sense of normalcy as you gather. That in and of itself is worth the celebration.

One way you can share together is through a read aloud. Peter H. Reynolds book "Our Table" provides an opportunity to reflect on the ways we gather and the importance of time at the table. For a digital version of this story, read by Peter H. Reynolds himself, [click here](#).

Please enjoy your holiday!

Announcements:

Poster Contest! - The Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest is open until November 30th! Get creative and submit a poster with the theme "CELEBRATE LIFE! LIVE DRUG FREE!" for a chance to win a prize. All ages are eligible to participate. All posters will be displayed in the Hillsborough Municipal Building in December. Click [HERE](#) for all the details!

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Upcoming Events:

December 5th - No Preschool Monday
December 15th - 3rd Grade Concert
December 23rd - Half Day
December 24- January 2nd - Winter Break (no classes)
January 3rd - Classes resume

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