

Hello Woodburn families and community members,

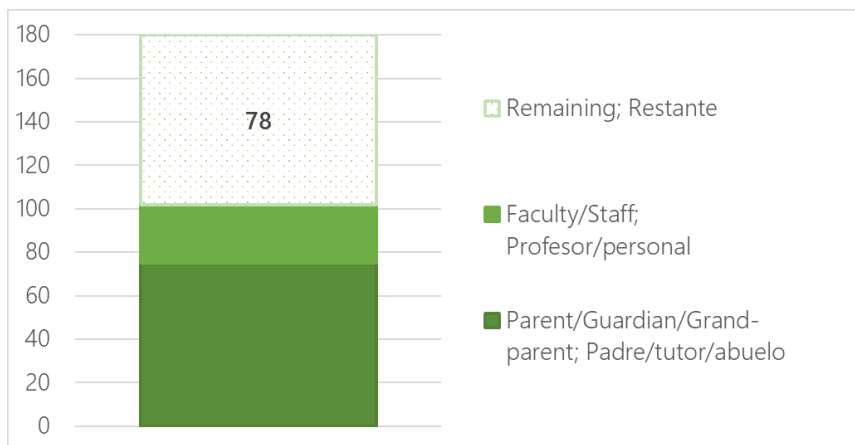
Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I am happy to be writing to you as PTA President and wanted to share some information and resources as we settle into the new school year.

First, our Woodburn PTA has some great programming planned for the year. From **outdoor movie night** to the **Spring Dance and Fun Run**, to **gingerbread decorating, teacher/staff appreciation** activities, **Raise a Reader, Spirit Wear, Membership Meetings**, and more, the PTA calendar has something for everyone. You can find the updated 2023-24 calendar on our new page, hosted on the Woodburn school website ([link](#)).

This year, the PTA has also decided to finally take on **a multi-year effort to enhance the Woodburn playground!** We will be sharing some aggressive fundraising goals for a capital fund that we will use to purchase shade/equipment and fund the required installation costs through FCPS. Thank you, in advance, for your help in meeting these goals.

To support the PTA's plans to enrich our children's experiences and express our appreciation to the wonderful teachers and staff at Woodburn, **we need your help**. There are many ways to get involved, and we hope that you consider the options that work for you:

- **Join** the PTA as a voting member ([link](#)). \$5 out of the \$10 membership enables us to pay our dues to the VA/National PTA organizations, and the other \$5 directly supports our programming. Our goal this year is 180 members; we are currently at 102 with 78 to go. Please take a moment and join today!



- **Contribute** to our Direct Donation Campaign ([link](#)), which will be open throughout the year, **and/or share this campaign** with your communities, friends, families, and matching donation programs as we take on additional fundraising goals this year. After we reach our \$5,000 goal, the additional income will be directed to our Playground Enhancement Capital Fund. We have currently collected ~\$1,400; please contribute what you are able to throughout the year, or when you sign up for the PTA.

- **Purchase 2023-24 Spirit Wear** this week only, through October 6! You can purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts via a Custom Ink storefront ([link](#)). Orders will be shipped to Woodburn and sent home with children in mid-to-late October, so shipping is free. We have currently sold 84 items toward our 150-item goal. Don't miss your chance to order 2023-24 T-shirts and sweatshirts!

### Show Your Wildcat Pride and Support PTA Programming!



All funds raised will be paid directly to **Woodburn Elementary School** for **PTA Programming**.

**\$600 raised**



**84** items sold of 150 goal

**7** days to go

**Small items (stickers, magnets, koozies, key charms) are available for purchase on Givebacks**, formerly MemberHub ([link](#)) and will also be available for cash purchase at event concessions.

- **Volunteer** to help with PTA activities when you have availability! We will need volunteers for the outdoor movie night (10/13), the Pep Rally (10/20, aligned with FCHS Homecoming), the Election Day Bake Sale (11/7), and Gingerbread Decorating in the classrooms (12/15). Stay tuned for Sign-Up links as these events approach.
- **Attend** PTA-sponsored events. We hope to see you there, in support of our primary goal of building Woodburn community!

Thank you to those who were able to join our first PTA meeting of the year at the Heritage Center. And a huge thank you to [RASA \(Mosaic\)](#), who graciously donated dinner for the evening. We hope to show our appreciation through a strong showing at this week's Clean Kitchen Night (10/4 at RASA). For those who were not able to join, slides and notes from membership meetings will be posted on our school-hosted website ([link](#)). As a reminder, everyone is welcome to join PTA meetings, even if you have not joined as a voting member. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 11/8 in the Woodburn cafeteria.**

We are looking forward to seeing you throughout the year. Go Wildcats!

Katie Sessa, President  
Woodburn PTA