

# Woodland Communicator

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We hope you're staying warm! Woodland's a busy winter wonderland right now so this week we've included a classroom update from your child's teachers!

## Sweetheart Tea Tomorrow!

Today is your last chance to sign up for tomorrow's Sweetheart Tea—an opportunity to let your child serve you tea and snacks while you enjoy a slideshow and student artwork. When you arrive for your time slot, please climb the outside stairs up to Cafe Woodland (above Birch classroom). Students whose families are unable to schedule a tea time will have the opportunity to serve a teacher!

## No School February 18

Reminder: there will be no school on Monday, February 18, as we observe Presidents' Day. Care reservations are due next Wednesday, February 13.

## Leadership Club Ski Day

Our final Leadership Club physical education activity of the year will be a ski lesson at Whitefish Mountain Resort on Thursday, March 7! Please see the enclosed flyer for details and return the required permission forms no later than Wednesday, February 20. We will need four parent chaperones to ski with the kids at no expense (unless rental equipment is needed). Please contact the office to sign up—first-come, first-served! We are also looking for volunteers to drive the students; details are on the enclosed form.

## A Note on Grace & Courtesy

Grace and courtesy are integral parts of the Montessori curriculum year-round. With the Sweetheart Tea and Valentine's Day, February provides special opportunities for us to support children in developing social strategies that will help them navigate friendships and collaborate with others throughout their lives. In grace and courtesy lessons, teachers identify and role play a positive behavior, then give children the opportunity to describe what they observed and practice it themselves. Examples of these behaviors include accepting or declining an invitation, excusing oneself, requesting privacy, passing food at the table, asking permission to observe, expressing compliments and politely saying no. We encourage you to invite your children to show you what they've learned at home!

## Save the Date!

### Positive Discipline Course

Thursdays, Jan. 31-Mar. 14

### Sweetheart Tea

Thursday, February 7

### No School

Monday, February 18  
Care available by reservation

### Vision Screening

Wednesday, February 27

### Leadership Club Ski Day

Thursday, March 7

### Spring Break

March 25-29  
Care available by reservation

## Spanish Words of the Week

Students are preparing for their pretend trip to Mexico.



**La maleta**—Suitcase  
**Pasaporte**—Passport  
**El avión**—Airplane  
**La playa**—Beach

