

WOODSDALE ELEMENTARY SURVEY

Name of teacher: Mrs. Wiseman,

B. Grade level: 5th

C. Class favorites (List your class top 5 favorites in each category):

- 1. Music groups** – Black Eyed Peas ; Lady Gaga ; Brad Praisley ; Bruno Mars ; Green Day ;
- 2. Authors-** Erin Hunter ; Stephanie Meyers ; Rick Riordan ; Barbara Parks ; J.K. Rowling
- 3. TV programs-** Glee ; Sports Center ; American Idol ; Wipe Out ; Cartoon Network
- 4. Foods-** Tacos ; Macaroni & Cheese ; Pizza ; Hot Dogs ; Hamburgers
- 5. School subjects-** Reading ; Math ; Science ; Social Studies ; Gym ; Art ; Music ; Media
- 6. Sports-** Basketball, Baseball ; Hockey ; Soccer ; Football
- 7. Video or computer games-** NHL 11 ; Wii Sports Resorts ; Madden 11 ; NBA 2K11 ; SIMS
- 8. Favorite Websites-** Addicting Games ; Facebook ; Youtube ; World's Most Fun Games ; Miniclips
- 9. Other Class Favorites of your choice :** Enjoy reading ; eating ; recess ; sleeping

PART II. INTRODUCING THE SCHOOL

A. School information



1. Name of School : Woodsdale Elementary School

We have 360 students in a Pre-K through 5th grade. There are 56 5th graders who will be working together to complete our circle projects

3. Size of school : Woodsdale is 2 stories with 18 classrooms, a full sized gym, a library, and a computer lab.

4. School emblem, colors or mascot : Our colors are light blue and white. Woody the tiger is our mascot.

5. Type and number of computers : We have around 230 computers in the building including 70 laptops and 30 netbooks. They are all PC's.

6. School history

For 34 years Woodsdale Elementary School, in Wheeling, West Virginia has produced young people capable of achieving at the highest levels as they complete their education and move into their roles in the 21st Century. The two story brick building is nestled in an historic and vibrant community. Woodsdale is well designed with classrooms that facilitate lively interaction between faculty and students. Our facility is well maintained, secure, and aesthetically pleasing, promoting an environment where children feel safe and motivated to learn. Our website can be found at <http://www.woodsdaletigers.com>

B. School program

1. List 3 things about your school program that make it unique.

1. Our kindergarten through 4th grade students are learning Spanish. 1 first grade and 1 kindergarten class is learning Japanese.

2. We have an after school enrichment program where students learn things like cooking, animal care and exercise. We have Juku classes every other week where students learn about Japanese culture.

3. We have stuffed animal mascots from Taiwan, Poland and Slovenia visiting each of our 3 first grade classrooms this year. We have sent Woody tiger to visit in those countries and the mascots write home about the adventures they are having each week. You can view their blogs at:

<http://woodyandrainbow-ruthou.blogspot.com/>

<http://woodyandbuttons.blogspot.com/>

<http://teddyusapoland.blogspot.com/>

PART III. INTRODUCING THE COMMUNITY

A. Your community

1. Name of your community- Wheeling, West Virginia

2. If not a city, name and size of nearest city : The biggest city close to us is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

3. Location of your community : We are located at 40.07 N latitude and 80.7 W longitude. Wheeling is located in what is known as the northern panhandle of West Virginia.



4. The area of your community : 15.8 square miles.

5. The population of your community : 32,000 people

B. Special characteristics

1. List 3 reasons why people come to visit your area.

- A. To go to Oglebay Park to golf, swim, ride horses, stay in a cabin, or go fishing
- B. Attend a hockey game or other event at Wesbanco Arena
- C. Go shopping at Cabella's Outdoor store

2. Describe any unusual land formation found in or near your community.

We are bordered by the Ohio River. It is one of the largest tributaries of the Mississippi River. The Ohio River was originally called La Belle Riviera and some called it the beautiful river. Later, the river was mainly used for people in Ohio and Kentucky and surrounding states to transport their crops. Eventually, the river was simply name the Ohio River.

C. Industries

List major industries or occupations in your community.

Oil, gas, and coal are produced in the area. We have a dog racing track and casino that provides jobs for many people. Marsh Wheeling is America's oldest cigar making company.

PART IV. WHO IS A HERO?

We believe that heroes should be people who inspire us to be the best that we can be. We think a hero should be nice to everyone and is helpful. They can be people we know and do everyday things or the can be people who break records or do something no one else can do.

PART V. OTHER INFORMATION

This is the first time we have participated in a project like this and we are looking forward to learning with students in other schools. We are lucky to have lots of technology. Along with computers in every classroom we also have interactive boards in all of the rooms too.

Our school offers extracurricular activities like Technology Club, Crossing Guards, Juku, Chorus, Strings, Band, Creative Writing, Classroom and Kindergarten Helpers.

We have a color change system for discipline.

The 5th graders are learning to use Sign Language to communicate.

As part of this project we plan to interview patients at a local nursing home to see who their heroes are and if they have different ideas of heroism than we do.