

North Woods International

SCHOOL PROFILE

Evidence of Success

November 2018

District Mission (E1):

Students will discover their talents and abilities and will be prepared to pursue their dreams and aspirations while contributing effectively to their local, national, and global communities.

Leadership:

Administrative Staff =

Sandy Brauer, Principal
Kelsie Bolstad, Administrative Assistant

Key Committees = PBIS, Team Leaders, Student Management Team, Benchmark Management Team, 21st Century After School Club, Grade Level PLC's, Grade Level Meetings, Spanish Partial Immersion Team, Behavior Leadership Team, CICO Team

School Day/Learning Time:

Hours: 8:35-3:15 p.m.

After-School Hours: 3:30-5 p.m. 21st Century After School Club, 6:30-8:10 a.m. and 3:05-6:00 p.m.

Surround Care, 3:15-5:00 p.m. for various co-curricular clubs

Summer School Options: Kindercapers, K-5 Remedial and Enrichment, Preschool Pals

Staff:

Certified Staff = 28.59 FTE

Teacher Asst. = 13.00 FTE

Grade Section

PreK	2
Kindergarten	4
1 st	4
2 nd	3
3	4
4	1
4/5	2
5	2

School Information

Source: WI DPI School Report Card

Grades K4-5
Enrollment 365

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native 0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander 17%
Black not Hispanic 3.6%
Hispanic 9.6%
White not Hispanic 59.2%
Two or More 10.4%

Student Groups

Students with Disabilities 13.4%
Economically Disadvantaged 51.8%
Limited English Proficient 11.0%

Additional data available at:

<https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action>

<https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>

School Programs:

HPL Programming
Title I Reading and Math instruction
ELL (English Language Learners)
21st Century After School Program
Immersion and Global Strands
5th Grade Leaders
4-year-old Preschool
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
EBD (Integrated & Self Contained)
Amity Intern Program

Unique School Programs/Accomplishments

Things We're Most Proud Of:

Partnership with Trust Point Financial
International Baccalaureate (IB) application approved as a PYP Candidate school
Hosted district Responsive Classroom training. North Woods staff members (8) received training to lead Responsive Classroom efforts
Developed 5 th gr targets for Spanish Biliteracy Seal
Spanish language instruction for all Kindergarten students; Spanish Partial Immersion Strand (gr 1-5) and Global Strand (PK & gr 1-5)
North Woods International school overall DPI School Report Card score - Significantly Exceeds Expectations 2015-16. Exceeds Expectations 2016-17 and 2017-18
Herb Kohl Fellowship Award totaling \$15,000 of grant awards - Sarah Kratt 2016, Tara Schuttenhelm 2017, Heather Stern 2018
\$10,273 LPEF Grants to support S.M.A.R.T. Training, Story Walk fixtures, Sammie the Service Dog, International Baccalaureate resources, Reflective Learning, Mindfulness games
Lessons taught by Chinese Teacher in PreK and Kindergarten
Hosted three Amity Interns from Spain and one from Colombia
Freedom Honor Flight Choir Performance
UWL Veteran's Day Performance, K5 Veterans Day Celebration at North Woods
2018- 5 Hessel-Mial winners, First place in Battle of the Books, First place for Vocab Showdown
Featured in Global Wisconsin PBS Video
Core curriculum units that "internationalize" content, and study of culture, language and geography of grade level continent of study
PreK-5th grade students participated in planting an International Garden in front of our school
Sammie the Service Dog to support students with complex behaviors
Annual Festival of Nations performance showcasing international learning

HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

E2:-Students will demonstrate a high level of individual success in all required and elective academic/curricular areas using multiple measures of performance.



For more statistics: <http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>

• Curriculum-Based Achievement Indicators

Wisconsin Forward Exam gr 3-5
STAR Assessment in Reading and Math
Benchmark Management Team Data Retreat
District Math and Writing Assessments
Formative Assessments in Reading, Math and Writing

• Academics Outside School Day

Art Club	Family Literacy and math nights
China Club	Garden Club
Euro Game Club	Minecraft Club
NW 21 st Century After School Club Field Trips/Excursions	

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Goals:

Students will demonstrate high levels of growth in Reading and Math as evidenced by a median SGP of 51 or higher on the STAR assessment and 80% of students in Kdg & 1st gr will meet district benchmarks in Reading & Math.

Close the achievement gap on the STAR Math assessment between economically disadvantaged & non-economically disadvantaged.

Training in Responsive Classroom.

System of PBIS – Tier I and Tier II.

Complete International Baccalaureate (IB) PYP application for candidacy.

Professional Development:

Responsive Classroom training

School Culture & Team building

Transforming School Culture Workshop

Act 31 Conference – Widening the Circle

Active Learning Training

Building the Heart Conference

Equity Training – all staff

PLC time with focus on closing the achievement gap

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports training

International Baccalaureate (IB) application training

Rebuilding for Learning Summit

SLO and Educator Effectiveness Training

Wisconsin Reading Conference – 2 staff attended

Trustpoint Financial Adopts North Woods International School as a Partner School

Trust Point provided:

- Staff volunteers for tutoring two days/week
- Financial support for IB staff training & IB/Spanish classroom libraries
- Movie day for all students
- Staff appreciation meals & gifts

Family, School, and Community Partnerships:

AAUW – International Women’s Day Event

After School Program Family Nights

Buddy Classrooms

Gundersen Health System

Hmong Education Project

La Crosse Global Initiatives week partner

La Crosse Sister City Organization

North Woods International Principal – member of Wisconsin

International Education Council, LLFA Vice President

TEAM Parent Meetings

The World We Live In

Title I Family Nights

UWL & Viterbo students tutoring in after-school club program

UWL Clinical III students teach Spanish

UWL International Education Department helps support international units

UWL Multicultural Literature Presentations

UWL/Viterbo/Winona State College Student teachers and

clinical experiences

Workforce Connections Foster Grandparent Program

STANDARDS OF THE HEART

North Woods School Song
 Check-in/Check-out - Staff Mentors
 Monthly Community Day Celebration
 Monthly staff climate & team building meetings
 Peace Pal awards and celebrations
 Monthly Staff awards
 Principal 200 Club
 Lunch with the Principal
 Food Pantry Backpack distribution

Core Values/Citizenship Education

North Woods Fifth Grade Leaders Program
 Service Learning project: Santa Celia, Nicaragua
 Interact with international guests
 Veteran’s Day Assembly to honor families in service
 Gift of Giving-reusable gifts at the holidays

Guidance/Pupil Services

Kdg-5th grade Social Skills instruction
 Individual and small group counseling
 Special education services
 Citizens of the Month and lunch with local “celebrities”
 UWL Intern: Pupil Services
 Social Academic Instruction Groups (SAIG)

Community Involvement/Volunteer Work

Families visit to share cultural heritages/celebrations
 Guest speakers support the curriculum
 Teacher exchange with Luoyang China (2 teachers)
 Readers from “World We Live In”
 Parent/grandparent volunteers in library, classrooms, and on field trips
 Gift of Giving
 Amity Interns
 Gundersen Global Partners
 Hmong Education Project
 Veterans Day Freedom Honor Flight performance
 UWL Veterans Day performance
 Oktoberfest Parade participant – students, staff & Amity Interns
 Blue Ribbon Commission hearing held at North Woods – March 2018

Assemblies/School-Wide Efforts

NED Show school assembly for positive behavior & character building
 Visiting Author – Patricia Polacco
 International Baccalaureate (IB) Parent Information Meeting
 La Crosse Oktoberfest Royal Family
 Read for the Record Story Walk
 International Guests
 Festival of Nations (Continent Study, Spanish Language), with dances, songs and projects displayed for parents
 Staff/5th Grade Kickball Game
 Holiday Sing Along
 June Fun Day
 Fourth and Fifth Graders perform for Freedom Honor Flight and UWL Veteran’s Day Breakfast
 Grandparent Luncheon – 256 grandparents served
 Monday Morning Announcements and pledge of allegiance
 Community Day Monthly Assemblies
 Veterans Day Celebration
 Nicaragua Read-a-thon

Clubs, Co-Ex Activities

Garden Club China Club
 Euro Games Club Outdoor Club
 Art Club