

The 5th graders in Mrs. Price's classroom at Woodlan Elementary would like to place a wishing stone in the commons area by the clock. It would be called the Woodburn Wishing Stone. It would be a large boulder with a black, marble dedication plaque.

The reason the kids would like to see this happen is because they were reading a story called "Sleds on Boston Commons" about when the British soldiers were taking control over the Boston people just before the American Revolution. They had a wishing stone and they would wish for Britain to let them have their freedom. That's when the students thought Woodburn could use a wishing stone for all to either "Make a Wish or Take a Wish".

The stone would be for all in the community or anyone passing through to take a moment to throw a thought or wish for someone else or themselves at the stone.

Kindness has been a focus in the school, and the kids thought this would be a great way to show kindness by thinking of others.

We are currently facing some unique times in our world, and the students feel this is the perfect time for this to happen in our community. Once the quarantine lifts, we would like to hold a dedication ceremony in the commons area for the students to dedicate this project to the community. We would like

to see several community organizations present: City Council member, Lions Club members, Principal Chen, the students and parents, Shane Mumma (for obtaining, transporting, delivering, placing the stone with his equipment), and any other community members that would like to take part.

The 5th graders are quite excited about this project, and in the midst of what is happening, it has given them something to look forward to and to get to be remembered for something positive during this trying time.

Between the Lions' Club and City of Woodburn, we are requesting that the plaque be funded by one or both organizations (invoice enclosed). The school would be funding the t-shirts for the students to wear on the dedication day. And...a few students themselves will be sharing at the dedication! The letters are enclosed that they have written to Mayor Kelsey (all 29 students wrote, but only a few will share).

We hope that you find this project for our community to be as positively impactful as those 5th graders do. They truly have learned that kindness to others and thinking of others is what is really important in life.

Thank You,
Joni Price