



## Woodside Students Involved in Project Based Learning

A number of Woodside Elementary teachers worked together to develop a Project Based Learning (PBL) activity involving their government curriculum. Students in 4K and grade 3 collaborated to organize the project and involve the entire Woodside student body and staff members.

Each Woodside student brought in their favorite candy bar wrapper. The 4K class collected the wrappers and then sorted them into categories. The 4K class then worked with the third grade classes to tally and count the wrappers. The students determined which candy bars were the top four favorites. After announcing the top four candy bar favorites at an assembly, the 4K class made posters representing each of the four candy bars. The third graders wrote argumentative speeches for each candy bar. These students then traveled together to all of the Woodside classrooms in order to campaign for each candy bar in the hopes that peers would be convinced to vote for a specific candy bar. The 4K students decorated a voting booth for students to cast their votes in. School Superintendent Colleen Dickmann also participated in the project as she listened to the students' speeches and participated in the voting. On Election Day in November, all Woodside staff and students voted for their favorite candy bar. The 4K students again collaborated with the third graders to count the ballots and determine which candy bar received the most votes.

Woodside Principal, Mr. Mann, and the Parent Student Organization then purchased the winning candy bar for students to enjoy on the day that the winner was announced. The activity was not only fun for the students, but a great deal of learning took place during the entire project!

