

# Woodbridge Elementary April '24 Newsletter

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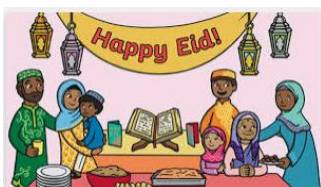


## Principal's Corner

As we head into Spring Break and finish up the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of school, we turn our attention to end of year testing and celebrating student successes and transitions. Please note the date of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony as well as our always exciting Kindergarten Closing. We know these are important events for families and you want to plan for them in advance.

State testing takes place two days in April and 2 days in May. This is a change from previous years where it occurred for 4-days straight in May. Your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade children will begin talking about MCAP when we return from break.

Something else your children may be talking about is diversity and equity. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in name-calling and inappropriate language in some of our classrooms. While we have addressed it on an individual basis, we will be implementing some additional schoolwide initiatives around equity, inclusion, acceptance and diversity in order to address the concern on a schoolwide level. We are fortunate to have one of the most diverse schools in Maryland and we will continue to help build our students' knowledge of other cultures. Our International Night event takes place in May and we will be building student knowledge about diversity through those activities as well. We will be continuing to address individual issues with parents of children directly involved with reported situations. Thank you, as always, for supporting our efforts to continuously improve our school.



Happy Eid to those that celebrate!

## WES Calendar Dates

### April Dates

- Mar. 25 – Apr. 1 -- School Closed for Spring Break
- Apr. 2 – School Re-opens @ 8:25 am
- Apr. 3 – Field Trip to Philadelphia to see *Frozen*
- Apr. 5 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:25; End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qrt
- Apr. 10 – No School for Students
- Apr. 12 – Spring Picture Day
- Apr. 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Field Trip to Port Discovery
  - PreK Registration for SY24-25 (by app't)
- Apr. 18 – AM PreK Field Trip
  - Square One Art by invitation Pizza Party @ 4:30
- Apr. 19 – PM PreK Field Trip
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Field Trip to Baltimore Zoo
- Apr. 22 & 23 – PreK & Kdg Registration (by app/t)
- Apr. 24 & 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade MCAP Testing
- April 29 – Kdg/PreK Conference Day (no Kdg/PreK students)
- April 30 – PreK Conference Day (no PreK students)
  - PTA @ 6:30

### Upcoming Dates:

- May 2 -- Kdg & 1<sup>st</sup> grade Field Trip
- May 15 & 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade MCAP testing

## Next PTA Mtg Tues., April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Every even year is a PTA election year at the general meeting in May. This year's election will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. The Slate of officers that have been nominated must be advertised to the school prior to the election. You will find the officer names below. Interested persons may be nominated from the floor during the election meeting but must be present to accept the nomination. Only paid PTA members may be nominated and vote.

### Slate of Officers:

- President: Nicole Birkhead-Thompson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Corey Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Saikou Thiam
- Secretary: Aqsa Zafar
- Treasurer: Don Garmer



# Congratulations

To our March Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *RELIABILITY!*

Musa Zafar  
Wilmer Martinez Carranza  
Valerie Pena  
Maria Martinez Rivas  
Zina Boldak  
Ravjot Singh  
Jace Belau

Kyan Grayson  
Ahmed Osman  
Hoorub Zeeshan  
Avery Somers  
Rouhaan Iftikhar  
Iman Khan  
Pierce Schock

Athena Vo  
Aisha Fatima  
Fatima Kiani  
Fatimah Amin  
Rayyan Iftikhar  
Ruth Aleman  
Merwa Bajwah

## STEM - Art - Musical Night

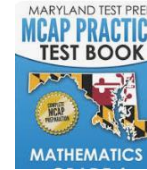


## PTA Double Good Popcorn Sale OMG – NETS OVER \$6,000

WOW! Our families really went to work on this fundraiser! Our Top 5 fundraisers earned trophies and students who sold \$100+ were invited to Rock-n-Bowl Woodbridge style to celebrate. Students who sold over \$200 ate a Chick-Fil-A lunch! Thank you to EVERYONE that participated. This money will be used to benefit our students and families. If you have ideas for the PTA, you are invited to the April and May meetings (the last Tuesday of the month) at 6:30. Everyone is welcome. Congratulations to our Top 5 Fundraisers!!



## MCAP Testing Coming Soon!



MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assm't Program) begins this month! Grade 3, 4 & 5 students will take the Reading test on April 24 and 25. Students will begin reviewing the important concepts that will be testing the week before. Our students have done a great job all year and will be ready to "show what they know" on this important state test. The Math portion of the test will be taken three weeks later on May 15 & 16. Watch for more information about the tests to come home soon.

## Star Lab at Woodbridge

Kdg to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had an opportunity to visit the BCPS mobile planetarium this month. They learned about stars, planets and constellations.



## Summer School Invitations

We know how popular our full day summer program was last year, but we also knew it was unlikely to be continued at that size. BCPS paid for the program with COVID funds that are now exhausted. We will be offering summer school to identified 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and they will have an option to extend the day to 5:00 by participating in fun and exciting camp activities with our staff here at school. Children have already received the invitations. Space is extremely limited so please send back your acceptance form as soon as possible. There are other children that will be invited if space remains available.

The academic portion of the day is being held at Johnnycake Elementary and students will receive bus service to the school and Back home. Those that Participate in the full day option Will be bused back to Woodbridge but must be picked Up by parents by 5:00 pm.

## Field Trips & End of Year Celebrations!

Last call for field trip chaperones! If you have not yet heard about your child's last field trip of the year, you can check with the teacher to find out when/where the field trip is if you would like to chaperone. Preference is given to parents who have not yet chaperoned, but sometimes there are not enough volunteers and you can repeat as a chaperone. Just let the teacher know you are interested. Please do not take off work until you are *confirmed* as a chaperone by the teacher.

### ANNOUNCING 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell and Kdg Closing Dates

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:00 am and our Kdg Closing Ceremony will be from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. These are *ticketed* events. Due to space limitations, each student will receive 3 tickets. 5<sup>th</sup> grade seating will be reserved based on completion dates for residency verification which begins May 1. Watch for a flyer to come home with more information.

## Most Improved Students March



## Safety First -- 500 Foot Drill

Our students prepare for all types of emergency situations. This month they completed the 500 foot drill. In case of a problem with the building, ie., gas leak or chemical spill, we get as far away as quickly as possible.



# Now Enrolling PreK & Kdg



? Will your child be 4 by September 1, 2024?  
If so, they may be eligible for PreKindergarten.

? Will your child be 5 by September 1, 2024?  
If so, register your child for Kindergarten.

It's time to start thinking about the 2024-2025 School Year!! If your child will turn 4 before Sept. 1, please make an appointment to register for PreKindergarten! Our PreK remains an Am or Pm option this year with preference in enrollment given to income eligible families. However, we have been able to enroll some additional students the past few years, so please register if you are interested. ALL children who are age 5 by Sept. 1 are required to register for Kindergarten. Please call Ms. Jen at school for a registration appointment.