

Woodbridge Elementary Dec. '23 Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Wow! It is already time for Winter Break. The school year is flying by and December is as busy as ever. The Winter Concert highlights this month and, even if your child is not singing or playing an instrument, we encourage you to make it a night out for your family. It is always fun for the younger kids to see the 5th grade students on stage playing instruments and think about what they might like to learn how to play when it's their turn.

So far, the weather has cooperated, but you know it's only a matter of time before we will be seeing inclement weather delays and early dismissals. Please plan now for how your child will get home when school dismisses early due to snow OR how your child will get to school when start times are delayed 2 hours because of slippery roads. Remember, when the building closes, no after school activities can occur, including PTA's Extended Day program. There are also days when school might not close early, BUT after school activities are cancelled. This would include the Extended Day program, as well as teacher run clubs like Intramurals, Math 24, Charitable Services, etc... as well as the tutoring program. Please check with neighbors who might be home or parents of a classmate as a back-up plan if you are stuck on the highway due to bad weather and can't make it in time for an early pick-up.

If you are traveling over the break, please be safe! From all of us in your Woodbridge School Family, have a wonderful winter break. Happy Holidays!



WES Calendar Dates

December Dates

Dec. 4-8 -- PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 11 – 2nd & 3rd grade COGAT testing
Dec. 13 – 2nd grade COGAT testing
Tues., Dec. 19 – Winter Concert @ 6:30 pm
Fri., Dec. 22 – Virtual Learning Day; School Building Closed
Dec. 25-Jan. 1 Winter Break
Tues., Jan. 2 – School reopens at 8:25 am!

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 15 – School CLOSED
Jan. 19 – Early Dismissal @ 12:25; End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 30 – PTA Mtg @ 6:30 pm; Use Rec Room Doors



Dec. 22 is Asynchronous Learning

What does that mean?

It means that schools are CLOSED for students and personnel but that students are expected to complete work on their own at home and attendance will be taken. Devices will be sent home with students so they can log into Schoology. Devices MUST come back with students on Jan. 2nd. Please note that parents are now being charged for device breakage—this includes cracked screens and liquid spills that damage keys.

BCPS will send more information soon, but parents need to know that students ARE HOME on Friday, Dec. 22nd!!



Congratulations

To our November Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *COOPERATION!*

Belen Barahona Valencia
Luke Williams
Leo Zelidon
Aditya Gautam
Zohan Javed
Matteo Amaya-Trinidad
Fatima Abdul

Skylar Alexander
Zara Sultana
Ava Riley
JenCarlos Ramirez Molina
Luis Lopez Garcia
Simra Saeed
Aroosh Awais

Evaniya Bhattarai
McKenna Birckhead-Thompson
Justin Avelar Avalos
Eunice Akosa
Daniel Acosta
Cesar Ortega
Guilmore Anonuevo

American Education Week



We welcomed over 200 parents into the building during American Education week! This year, each grade level planned a special event for parents and students were invited to participate in Spirit Week as well. If you joined us, we hope you enjoyed your visit. If you did not, please plan to join us next year for all the fun.



PTA Holiday Shop – Full of Fun



Students had the opportunity to browse through the shop on Monday then had scheduled shopping days Tuesday thru Friday.

Thanks to Ms. Cogdill for managing the Holiday Shop with help from her trusty elf, retired teacher and former WES parent, Ms. McPherson.

50th Anniversary Event Announcement

Memory Night

As you know, this is Woodbridge's 50th year of educating students who live in the Woodbridge Valley area and just across the street between Crosby and Chesworth. Woodbridge will be hosting a "Memory Night" on Wed., Feb. 21st for all former students, parents and staff to return for a buffet dinner and open mic night to share memories of this amazing school. Plans are still being made, but will include Councilman Pat Young (who attended the school) as the Master of Ceremonies. The dinner will be catered by Casa Mia's and the cafeteria will be turned into a formal dining area complete with place cards for all guests. Guests are encouraged to bring old photographs or other Woodbridge memorabilia for sharing with friends. A time capsule may be created and a Memory Book may be available to purchase.



The event will be held from 6:00-7:30 pm and cost approx.. \$30 per person. Mark your calendar now. We will send home flyers after winter break and post more information on Facebook.

Please Support The Giving Tree



Our Woodbridge School Community has always been very generous to our students and families who may need a little help to make the Holiday a happy one. If you are in a position to adopt a family, please contact Ms. Boyer or sign a leaf on our giving tree located in the main lobby.



Tues., Dec. 19th @ 6:30 pm

Join us for performances by the band, strings and the 5th grade chorus. Fresh popped popcorn will be sold!



Our students have been working hard to prepare so we hope you can attend. Please note--Students cannot be dropped off to perform.

Welcome to Woodbridge Ms. Vanessa Novoa

Ms. Novoa has finished her teaching internship with WES and accepted an offer to join our Kindergarten team. She started teaching her new class on Monday.



Ms. Novoa is of Mexican-Salvadoran descent and is bilingual. She has a 6 year old daughter and loves traveling, horseback riding and doing anything outdoors. Ms. Novoa could have chosen to teach anywhere but she chose to stay here at WES. We are so glad to have you as a staff member Ms. Novoa!

Most Improved Students November



November PTA Meeting Debrief

- Possible Full Day PreK beginning next year
- Possible “learning cottages” ie., trailers at Woodbridge due to population increase
- Title 1 events are well-attended and popular with families being served; 3rd Title 1 event coming up in December
- Parking difficulties at Halloween and American Ed Wk from visitors double-parking in the bus loop – new parking signs coming
- Gifted and Talented testing for 2nd and 3rd grade students week of Dec. 11th
- PTA assisted the school by purchasing Hams and Turkeys for 23 Thanksgiving baskets for Woodbridge families
- Report of steps taken regarding dangerous U-Turns at dismissal; traffic study has been requested for possible traffic control device placement; various BCPS offices involved

**DECEMBER
PTA Mtg
CANCELLED**
Next Meeting Jan. 30 @ 6:30 pm