

Woodbridge Elementary Feb-Mar '24 Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

What a very busy month February turned out to be! Beginning with the end of January with our Cake and Ice Cream Reception, to unexpected snow with days off and late arrivals, to our 50th Anniversary Reunion, it has been one exciting thing after another. Our ESOL students have been taking WIDA (the English Language Proficiency Test) and all students have taken MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) and 5th grade is getting ready to take MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment). Our 4th grade students are taking NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) and our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students will start thinking more about MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) prep. In between all the testing, we will be taking Spring field trips, talking about careers and continuing to broaden the critically important foundational skills of reading, writing and math.

The picture below represents 23 years of Woodbridge's 50 years of Principal leadership. Jason Barnett (2009-2014), Dan Capozzi (1992-2000) and me (2014-current). Joining us is our District 1 Councilman Mr. Pat Young who was a student here during Principal Capozzi's term. Councilman Young graciously served as Master of Ceremonies for our Reunion Event and we appreciate him always being supportive of our school. I am proud to be the longest serving Principal at Woodbridge! We will have one additional 50th year activity when we collect items for and bury a time capsule in June.



WES Calendar Dates

Feb-March Dates

- Feb. 27 – 4th grade NAEP Testing
 - PTA @ 6:30 pm Use Rec Room Doors
- Mar. 4 -- Star Lab arrives at Woodbridge
- Mar. 5 – 8th – PTA Doublegood Popcorn Sale
- Mar. 6 & 7 – 5th Gr. MISA Testing
- Mar. 11 – 1st day to make PreK & Kdg Registration Appts
- Mar. 11 – Square One Art Fundraiser begins
- Mar. 12 -- BCPS Job Fair at Timonium Fairgrounds 4-7 pm
- Mar. 20 – Play/STEM/Art Show Night @ 5:30 pm
- Mar. 21 – Rock-n-Bowl PTA Prize for Doublegood Sales
- Mar. 25 – Apr. 1 -- School Closed for Spring Break
- Apr. 2 – School Re-opens @ 8:25 am

Upcoming Dates:

- Apr. 5 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:25; End of 3rd Qrt
- Apr. 10 – No School for Students



Call to Make Pre-K & Kdg Registration Appt's Mar. 11

PreKindergarten is a first-come, first-serve enrollment based on financial qualifications or student special needs. Call to make your appointment so that your name makes the top of the list for available seats. If you don't qualify financially, you will be placed on a wait list that is also first-come, first-serve after financial qualifiers are placed. Registrations dates are April 3rd & 4th, but **you may call on March 11th to make your registration appointment.** Our PreK program remains a half-day am or pm option for the 24-25 school year.



Congratulations

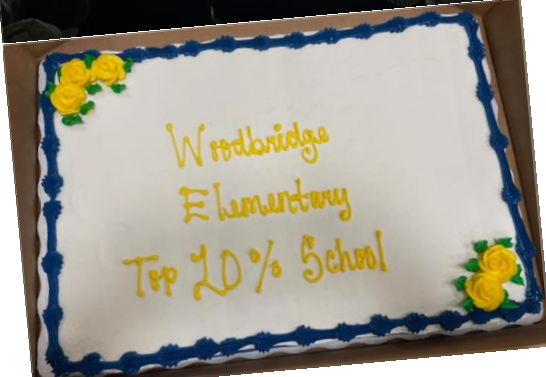
To our January Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *RESPONSIBILITY!*

Darrell Williams
Rafa Hoq
Ayesha Khondaker
Jessica Pham
Haper Smith-Saxon
Laila Khan
Amir Green

Laiba Abdul
Joyce Lee
Nia Anderson
Dariel Amaya Diaz
Skylarr Williams
Mushira Algahdari
Angel Dimas Lemus

Joelle Lee
Zoya Umam
Lily Boothe
Jillien Gomes
Alayah Dotson
Kylee Dade
Leo Talavera Ortiz

PTA Cake & Ice Cream Reception



More than 300 people joined us for our PTA Cake and Ice Cream Reception to celebrate our school's Top 10% ranking on the MD State Report Card. We were joined by School Board Member Robin Harvey and the Chief of Schools, the Chief Academic Officer and Executive Director of our school. Kids got to play in the gym before having cake and ice cream with their family. Thank you for joining us to celebrate this significant accomplishment! Congratulations Woodbridge!!



**PTA Double Good Popcorn Sale
March 5th – 8th**



**PRIZE IS
After School
Pizza and Rock-n-Bowl Party!!**

All students who sell \$100 worth of popcorn will be invited to our Lights, music, bowling and pizza Party after school on Thursday, March 21st !!



**4th grade – NAEP Testing
5th grade - MISA Testing**

NAEP testing is randomized throughout the US. Neither our school nor our students will be given a “score.” It is only used to compare how students in the US score with how students in other countries score.

The MISA test is part of our state testing requirements and students will receive scores. Historically, our school has not done as well on MISA as we do on Math and Reading tests so 5th grade will begin reviewing for MISA this week!

**Star Lab at
Woodbridge
March 4 – 12th**

Star lab is a mobile planetarium that BCPS central office science teachers take from school to school. It visits once every 2-3 years and this year it is coming back to Woodbridge. Students will receive astronomy instruction from their classroom teachers then have an opportunity to experience what they learned inside of the Star Lab. This is always a huge hit. Be sure to ask your child about their Star Lab experience!



What Will Virtual Learning Look Like

We have now used all 3 of our planned snow days. Any additional inclement weather days will be deemed “virtual learning” days and your child will log on to their teacher’s

Google Meet at home to receive synchronous instruction. Here is what you can expect. When we suspect there may be a virtual learning day, your child will bring their fully charged device home with them from school. Please be sure the device remains OFF until they need it at 10:30 the following morning to log in with their teacher. The teachers are sending home a schedule that tells you what the google meet codes will be and when children have instruction, independent work, special, lunch and recess so you can plan for student supervision. Students can also log in through a phone if they sign in with their google account or the teacher sends a direct link. Please watch for specific information from the teacher to come home soon.

BCPS Virtual Day Plans
School Year 2023-2024

Days 1-3 Traditional Inclement Weather Days Schools are Closed	Day 4+ Transition to Virtual Learning Schools will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule	10 am & 2:30 pm High School Graduations Asynchronous Virtual Learning
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Play – STEM – Art Show Night Wed., March 20

You and your entire family are invited to join us on Wed. evening, March 20th for a fun filled night of Music, Science and Art. 3rd and 5th grade students will showcase their science projects by launching rockets (weather permitting) and crash testing their “Safe Racer” cars! Ms. Schultz will have student art work displayed in the Rec Room and Ms. Stoop and Ms. Rhoney will be presenting the school musical.



We will be outside on the field, inside in the gym, seated in the cafeteria/auditorium and walking around the Rec Room! It will be a busy night. Mark your calendar now to join us for this schoolwide family fun event beginning at 5:30 pm!!

Most Improved Students January



Most Improved Students February



Congratulations

To our February Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *Tolerance!*

Emerie Timmons
Leia Williams
Sarah Shrestha
Nabeeha Samaira
Fateh Singh
Imaan Pressley
Dymir Brown

Fatimah Raja
Mateo Gutierrez Eguizabal
Muneeba Toor
Christian Correo Reyes
Eshaal Hamid
Danny Nguyen
Kylie Crawley

Maci Plater
Samiko Pinckney
Axel Portillo-Amaya
Deliah Briscoe
Afia Aftab
Mahum Malik
Antonio McMichael