

Woodbridge Elementary Jan. '24 Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

As I write my column for this month, I recalled that last month I wrote about the upcoming potential for weather-related early dismissals and 2-hr delays – and only 7 days into January and we have now had BOTH! Thank you to everyone for making the early dismissal so easy ... you clearly had your Plan B in place, you were patient as we found children in Special Area classes and in the cafeteria and you followed staff direction so everyone was safe in loading kids into cars. You make it so easy to be your Principal!

Speaking of making it easy to be the Principal at Woodbridge ... please see the separate column about Woodbridge's FANTASTIC School Report Card recently issued by MSDE. I am sending it as a separate attachment in the automated email with this newsletter. Woodbridge is now in the Top 10% of all Maryland Schools according to the MSDE Star Ratings!! You and your children made this happen. A significant portion of the rating is attributed to attendance, which is directly attributed to you, our parents. THANK YOU for making your child's education a priority. Because our students are in school, they are demonstrating learning at rates higher than the state average as well, which also impacts our Report Card Rating. PTA will be hosting a Cake and Ice Cream reception (see pg. 2) that I hope you will consider attending to celebrate this SIGNIFICANT accomplishment. I could not be more proud to be the Principal at Woodbridge. You should feel free to brag to your co-workers and family about your school's success!



WES Calendar Dates

December Dates

Jan. 15 – School CLOSED
Jan. 16-19 – Hearing and Vision Screening PreK, K, 1 & 4
Jan. 19 – Early Dismissal @ 12:25; End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 23-24 – DIBELS Testing in grades K-3
Jan. 29 -- Report Cards go home
Jan. 30 – PTA Mtg @ 6:30 pm; Use Rec Room Doors
“Cake and Ice Cream Reception”

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 6 – 5th Field Trip to Goucher
Feb. 9 – No School for Students
Feb. 15-16 – MAP Testing all grades
Feb. 19 – School CLOSED
Feb. 21 – 50th Anniv. Memory Night @ 6pm (ticket req'd)



1st 2-hr DELAY

Just like those unexpected weather early dismissals, the “wait, don't go to work until 11:00 am” 2-hr delays can be VERY inconvenient for families. Please make your Plan B now so that your child can still attend school on these days. These count as full days for attendance so it is important to have a plan in place to get children to school on these days. Please remember, we cannot accept children prior to the start of the teacher work day which on a 2-hr delay is 10:25. If you are struggling with how to create a Plan B, give school counselor Colleen Boyer or school social worker Ashley Senger a call to discuss possible options.



Congratulations

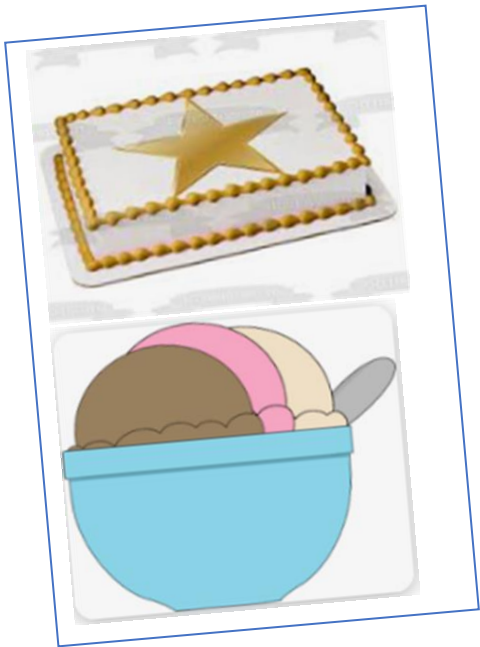
To our December Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *GENEROSITY!*

Madison De la O Escobar
Tajala Armani
Minsa Zeeshan
Valentina Escobar Perez
Muhammad Hashim
Kennedy Logan
Olivia Sledge

William Lane
Taseefa Alina
Hafsa Farooqui
Ashnoor Kaur
Alpha Thiam
Alexa Guerra Moran
Salma Abid

Eshal Arshad
Shahriar Taseen
Rhys Jones
Aubree Escobar Perez
Camden Petty
Destiny Odoms
Oluwadarasimi Adejuwon

Join us for Cake & Ice Cream!



The PTA is sponsoring a “Congratulations Woodbridge” Cake and Ice Cream Reception at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm. EVERYONE is invited to be a part of this event to celebrate our school’s outstanding performance on the Maryland School Report Card!

The meeting will last between 30-45 minutes. Parents will have the opportunity to hear about the report card and plans for next year, including staffing and Title 1 expenditures. Bring your ideas and your dessert appetite. Children will have an opportunity to play with their classmates while being supervised in the gym during the parent meeting.

Tues., Jan. 30 @ 6:30 pm



Woodbridge – A Maryland Top 10 % School!



Woodbridge Elementary
2022 - 2023 School Report Card



Percentile Rank: 91 (Elementary)

Woodbridge Elementary (0116)
Grade Levels: Elementary
County: Baltimore County

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HOW DID MY SCHOOL DO OVERALL?

Overall school performance is determined by a combination of academic and school quality indicators. The total earned points percent is provided as well as a percentile rank and a star designation.

INDICATOR	POSSIBLE POINTS	EARNED POINTS*	ANNUAL TARGET	IMPROVEMENT
Academic Achievement	20.0	10.9	✘	✔
Academic Progress	35.0	24.6	na	✘
Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency	10.0	7.5	✔	✘
School Quality and Student Success	35.0	31.6	na	✔
TOTAL POINTS:	100.0	74.6		

Total Earned Points: **74.6**
Total Points Possible: **100.0**

74.6%
TOTAL EARNED PERCENT

* Earned points may not equal total points due to rounding. ✔=Met ✘=Not Met

The Maryland Report Card was sent home in its entirety, but the important part is displayed here. Scoring 74.6 points, only 4 TENTHS of a point away from 75 (which would make us a 5 star school), Woodbridge scored in the 91st percentile in the State of Maryland. That means we are in the Top 10% of ALL Maryland Schools!! We are ranked #89 out of 1,310 Maryland schools. That is an excellent ranking and you should be very proud of your children – and yourselves—for that result. Please join us at the PTA meeting this month (see separate article) to celebrate this accomplishment!!

1st Weather Early Dismissal

Well, we have the first unexpected, weather-related early dismissal under our belts and parents did a FABULOUS job!! Thank you to the entire Woodbridge School Community for the great job of picking up students after the dismissal was announced. We are likely to experience more of these so please be sure to have your Plan B ready if you are stuck somewhere on interstate 95! We know these are horribly inconvenient for parents which is why we open the doors almost immediately to dismissal following an early closing announcement. We need about 20 minutes to get the right personnel in place to operate smoothly, so please give us a few minutes grace after the announcement, but we will always set up to dismiss when you get here after an early closing is announced so you can be safely back in your home with your child as soon as possible. We NEED updated phone numbers for emergency contacts so please be sure to let Ms. Jen know if your number has changed so you can be contacted. Thank you for following outside staff direction regarding parking. We cannot double park in the bus loop ... ever 😊

DIBELS Testing What is it?



DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and is a series of 1 minute tests to identify how a child is progressing in foundational reading skills. The subtests differ between grades but start with identifying both upper and lower case letters of the alphabet, making sounds associated with those letters, breaking apart the sounds in a word, blending sounds together to form words, identifying a list of words and reading a short story. Students are tested individually by a staff member (including their teacher, an administrator or a resource teacher) and their score is used to make a plan for what the teacher will do next to help them continue to develop reading skills. We know that students that do not read on grade level by 3rd grade, often struggle the rest of their school career so learning these skills is critical. You can ask your child's teacher for his or her results from the DIBELS testing.

Congratulations 5th Grade on a
Wonderful Winter Concert!

Our 5th Grade students put on quite a performance during the Winter Concert! From their band instruments to their orchestra instruments to the 5th Grade Chorus, they demonstrated significant talent to the packed house of family, friends and Woodbridge students. They had an opportunity to perform for the school during an afternoon assembly as well.



Musical Program Director Sarah Stoop has done an amazing job with over 50 students learning to play an instrument. We look forward to hearing their continued growth at the Spring Concert.

Report Cards Coming Soon

We are almost halfway through the year! The 1st semester ends on Jan. 19th and report cards will be sent home on Jan. 29th. Parents can access them in the Focus portal, but we know you like hard copy so we are still printing and sending them home directly. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report card.



Most Improved Students December



MUSICAL CAST FIELD TRIP TO FROZEN ... in PHILADELPHIA!

Ms. Stoop, Ms. Rhoney and Ms. Jones have planned a field trip to Philadelphia to see the musical *Frozen* on its tour across North America! They have booked a 55 passenger Coach bus for the all day trip on Wed., April 3rd. Cast members are fundraising to help offset the cost, but right now the cost is \$110 per person. If your child would like to attend (or you would like to attend *with* your child), please email Ms. Stoop (ssstoop@bcps.org). She will keep a "first come, first serve" list for any available seats after the musical cast has an opportunity to RSVP. Depending on fundraising success, the bus will stop at Golden Corral for dinner on the way back from Philadelphia. Students will eat a bag lunch at the theatre prior to the show. This is the first of its kind opportunity we have been able to offer to students so we hope you can take advantage of it. Right now there are about 10 seats remaining on the bus!

