

Woodbridge Elementary Nov. '23 Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

November is here and along with it begins the extended Holiday Season. No sooner was Halloween over than Christmas items started appearing on the shelves. Thanksgiving is a time often spent with family – and so many of us live hours away from family that it requires travel time in order to enjoy our holiday together. Please keep in mind that family travel is never an excused absence and that absences quickly accumulate to the point where your child can be chronically absent without ever having been sick. We are excited that BCPS has given everyone (teachers included) the Wed. before Thanksgiving off so this should alleviate a great many absences from families that wanted to try to beat the traffic on 95 by getting an early start. Tuesday Nov. 21st is conference day. Schedule your conference with your child's teacher now so you can get an even earlier start on your travel by leaving on Tuesday! If the County has high absenteeism rates on Monday (and Tuesday for secondary students), BCPS will likely not schedule the calendar in this way again, so please be sure you send your child to school on Monday, Nov. 20th (except for PreK students). Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and Ms. Boyer and Ms. Senger are beginning the Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you know of anyone who may need a little help with providing Thanksgiving Dinner, please let us know!

October was National Principal's Month and your children made me the most adorable and heartfelt cards thanking me for being their Principal and PTA sent me flowers. Those kind thoughts were most appreciated. I love what I do!



WES Calendar Dates

November Dates

Thurs., Nov. 2 – 1st Gr. Field Trip to Aquarium
Fri., Nov. 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:25; end of 1st Qtr
Wed., Nov. 8 – 4th Gr. Field Trip to BMI
Thurs., Nov. 9 – 2nd & 3rd Gr. Field Trip to Goucher Auditorium
Mon., Nov. 13 – No School for Students
Tues., Nov. 14 – American Education Week begins
-- Report cards go home
-- PreK Classroom Visits
* AM Class 10-10:45; PM Class 2-2:45
Wed., Nov. 15 -- Kdg Class Visits 12:10-1:10 pm
-- 5th gr. Class Visits 10-11:10 am
Thurs., Nov. 16-- 1st gr. Class Visits 10:30-11:30 am
-- 3rd Gr. Class Visits 12:15-12:45 pm
Fri., Nov. 17 -- 2nd Gr. Class Visits 11:30-12:10 pm
-- 4th Gr. Class Visits 10:45-11:50 am
Mon., Nov. 20-- No School for PreK
Tues., Nov. 21—Conference Day; No School for Students
Wed., Nov. 22 -- Fri. Nov. 24 School Closed
Tues., Nov. 28 -- PTA Mtg @ 6:30 pm

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 4-8 -- PTA Holiday Shop
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!



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See everything that's happening in pictures! Follow Ms. Phelps on X (Twitter) @lphelps_ for even more info!



Congratulations

To our October Students of the Month for showing the virtue of *RESPECT!*

Adyaan Mubashir
Isaiah Moyers
Hasan Khan
Adam Ansari
Paisley Lomax
Quinton Stoyer
Daniela Amaya Trinidad

Julius Dunn
Mishal Qureshi
Genesis Morales
Nathaniel Price
Aqsa Javed
Aiden Chen
Miley Mangandi

Shukran Alimi
Aarmaanveer Singh
Sara Boldak
Farhan Zeeshan
Domingo Rivera Bernal
Mahum Malik
Carter Von Hendricks

Halloween Family Fun Night



Once again, a huge turnout – despite the rain – for our Halloween Fun Night! From the haunted gym, the magic show, the costume contest, games and music and giveaways along with candy, everyone had a GREAT time! Special thanks to Mr. Garmer and the over 25 staff members that made this event possible!!



Conference Day Nov. 21st

Please sign up for an in person conference with your child's teacher on Nov. 21st (some teachers offer conference times prior to that date – please check their schedules). It is important to hear how your child is progressing. Virtual conferences are available if you cannot attend in person and interpreters will be provided as needed.

Report Cards Go Home Nov. 14

The 1st quarter is OVER and report cards will be available on Tues., Nov. 14th in the Focus parent portal and sent home with students in hard copy. Having a conference with the teacher is the best way to understand the report card grades and ratings so please be sure to schedule your conference!

FunRunRaiser – RESULTS



Our students did a phenomenal job on this year's FunRunRaiser. They raised ALMOST \$10,000! (\$9,754). That is the highest amount ever in the 9 years we have held this fundraiser. THANK YOU to all of you that supported your student's participation as well as making personal donations. Sixty-eight students raised over \$75 and were rewarded by being named a member of the Student Soccer Team. Seventy-five students raised over \$50 and were rewarded with an after school pizza party and 19 students



raised over \$150 to earn the right to throw a pie at a teacher! Congratulations to Olivia Beck who joins her siblings Emily and Joe (previous WES students) as The TOP FunRunRaiser!

Field Trip Fun

PreK, Kdg, 1st and 5th grades have already completed fall field trips. 2nd, 3rd and 4th are going the week of Nov. 6th. If you would like to chaperone a spring field trip, please complete the volunteer application and training now so that you can be confirmed for a seat on the next trip!



American Education Week

Students and teachers are busily making plans to welcome parents into the building during American Education Week. Please see the dates and times below for each grade level planned visit. Please remember, school visits are for ADULTS ONLY; younger siblings cannot attend. Most grade level visit times match to student lunches and parents are welcome to have lunch with their child during the day of the visit. Parents may bring in outside food for their child and themselves but it cannot be taken into the classroom during the visit time (we will be happy to hold it in the office for when your visit is done). If you would like to visit during a day/time that is not the advertised time, please follow the normal school protocols for scheduling a classroom visit (contacting the teacher more than 24 hours in advance to schedule up to a 60 minute visit at a specific time).

Tues., Nov. 14: AM PreK 10:00-10:45
PM PreK 2:00-2:45

Wed., Nov. 15: 5th 10:00-11:10
Kdg 12:10-1:10

Thurs., Nov. 16: 1st 10:30-11:30
3rd 12:15-12:45

Fri., Nov. 17: 2nd 11:30-12:10
4th 10:45-11:50

**Support the Woodbridge Music Program
Fundraiser at TX Roadhouse**

Nov. 7th 3:00-10:00 pm



Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your check to the Woodbridge Music Program. Please be sure to identify yourselves as a Woodbridge Family. Hope to see you there. Address is: 8820 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, MD 21405

Most Improved Students

September



October



New this year are monthly “Most Improved” certificates. Teachers will name a “most improved” student every month and the improvement could be from something as simple as “raising your hand to speak” to “increasing your unit test score in Math.” Certificates are given to children in the first few days of the following month for them to bring home and share with families. We are proud of the efforts students make to improve!

National Elementary Honor Society



The National Elementary Honor Society induction was a candlelight (battery-operated) ceremony with a formal dinner held on Oct. 18th. Congratulations to all of our new members. You are all impressive young people!

**NOVEMBER
PTA Mtg
Tues., Nov. 28th @ 6:30**