

# WOODBIDGE ELEMENTARY WHISTLER

*Proud to be a BCPS Passport School!*



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## October 2019 Newsletter

### The Principal's Corner



We are now well into our first quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Our teachers have collected lots of data on where each student is currently achieving including: how many letters and letter sounds they know (for Kdg & 1<sup>st</sup> gr.), how many words they read in a minute (for grades 1-5), their reading level (called an F & P level), their MAP scores for both Reading and Math (a computerized test that indicates grade level overall achievement) and Fast Facts (how many addition or multiplication facts they can do in a minute). All of these data points help our teachers plan individualized instruction that will help your child grow academically. Parents can help children improve in both Math and Reading by encouraging students to read at home and by helping students learn their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) using flashcards. Please contact your child's teacher for more information regarding how you can help your child succeed in school.

### October Calendar

- Oct. 8 -- RunRaiser Money Due
- Oct. 9 -- No School for Students
- Oct. 11 -- RunRaiser @ 1:30 pm
- Oct. 21 -- Pre-K & Kdg Field Trip
- Oct. 22-- School Picture Day
- Oct. 25 -- PTA Trunk or Treat @ 5:30 pm
- Oct. 25-- PTA Chocolate Sale Begins
- Oct. 28-- National Honor Society Induction @ 6 pm
- Oct. 29-- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip to Port of Baltimore

#### Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 5 -- Idenitikid
- Nov. 8 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:10 pm; End 1<sup>st</sup> Qrt
- Nov. 11 -- PTA Chocolate Sale Ends
- Nov. 18 -- American Education Week begins  
-- PTA Donuts for Dads @ 7:45 am
- Nov. 20 -- Visitation Day; Have Lunch with Your Child
- Nov. 21 -- Grandparents "Special" Day
- Nov. 22 -- No school for students; Conference Day
- Nov. 25 -- No School for Pre-Kindergarten
- Nov. 28-29 -- School Closed



### Field Trip Chaperones

Field Trips have already started. Children love when a parent attends a trip with them, but often space is limited. If you are interested in chaperoning, please do not take off work until the teacher confirms you have been assigned to the trip. Before being assigned you must complete and send in the chaperone form with payment AND be a certified "volunteer" which requires completion of yearly on-line training. Check with Ms. Jen to make sure your volunteer training is up-to-date. Chaperones cannot be substituted and training must be completed a minimum of 2 days before the trip.



### School Picture Day

**Tues., Oct. 22**



## National Elementary Honor Society

### *2019 Selection and Induction Process*

Fifth grade students with cumulative g.p.a.'s of 3.75 or higher were eligible to be considered for membership in this elite organization. The four pillars of NEHS are Scholarship, Responsibility, Service and Leadership. Students whose academic achievement qualified them for consideration received an application to complete to share their responsibility, service and leadership experiences with the selection committee. Induction will include a family dinner to celebrate this achievement. Ms. Bowser is the NEHS advisor. We are looking forward to recognizing these well-rounded students on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>!



## RunRaiser – Off & Running



The RunRaiser is off and running. Students have already raised almost \$1,000! Each student received a white RunRaiser envelope following our kick-off assembly on Friday, Sept. 20 with a parent letter, a prize sheet and receipts to use for individuals who make a donation. Students are encouraged to return their donations as soon as they have them so they can begin getting called over the PA system to receive prizes. A student who brings in only \$5 can participate in the prize collection. As in previous years, the top 5 fundraisers in the school will participate in a special event at the end of the RunRaiser on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This year, they will select a staff member and use toilet paper to create a mummy costume. Staff will race to earn money to spend on classroom items. New this year will be an epic water balloon battle between the class that raises the most money and a staff team. If students raise \$7,000, the Principal will participate!



## *Congratulations to our September Students of the Month*

Kylie C.  
Tyler C.  
Ethan W.  
Liberty J.  
Francisco N.  
Levi G-V.  
Zara A.

Ben G.  
Anastasia E.  
Maryam M.  
Sophia G.  
Zariyah S.  
Abigail S.  
Aliza N.

Waiz F.  
Jadelyn G.  
Eiman Z.  
Ajmain R.  
Blessing S.  
Sheeza S.

These students have been selected by their homeroom teachers as displaying the traits of our School Virtues Education program. Please help us congratulate them for demonstrating the September character trait of Kindness and check out our Student of the Month bulletin board in the lobby.

## Halloween Costume Contest & Trunk or Treat



One of the favorite events of the year, the PTA Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 25th beginning at 5:30 pm. This event has gotten bigger every year and this year we will have performances by a magician! While more and more families and students are attending for this fun event, we have had fewer families participating in the trunk or treat. If you can decorate your car (even just a little) and hand out candy to our students, please sign up! This is an all-time favorite event for the kids. They LOVE it.



## First Meeting Mon., Oct. 14th 6:30 pm

Use Rec Room doors; childcare (for Woodbridge students age 5 and over only) is available courtesy of school partner, Open Door.

Please sign up to collect a box of World's Finest Chocolate to sell. Boxes will be distributed at the PTA Trunk or Treat event on October 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Please Join (and Participate) in the WES PTA



President Lindsay Bossi has sent home a note regarding PTA Committees. Please look for this note amongst your child's papers and consider whether or not you are able to lead a PTA committee. Call Ms. Bossi or any of the PTA officers for additional information.

Membership is only \$10/yr and the PTA sponsors several of your child's most popular school activities!

## FIELD TRIP LIST

Oct. 21	Farm	PreK & Kdg
Oct. 29	Port of Baltimore	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr
Nov. 5	Aquarium	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr.
Nov. 18	Martin State Airport	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
Nov. 27	Museum of Industry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr.
Nov. 27	Science Center IMAX	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr.
Feb. 12	Goucher Play & Lunch	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
Apr. 21	D.C. Zoo	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Apr. 22	Goucher Play & Picnic	Kdg
May 8	Historic St. Mary's City	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
May 12	Philadelphia	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr.



## Award Criteria

Did you receive the flyer announcing the awards criteria for the 2019-2020 School Year? We are halfway through the first quarter and students are well on their way to earning academic recognition for their efforts.

Save the DATE:

Primary Awards Assembly  
(Grades Kdg - 2)  
Tues., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

Intermediate Awards Assembly  
(Grades 3-5)  
Wed., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am



Students will receive both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter academic awards at this time as well as be recognized for Student of the Month selections. Students receiving awards will be notified by letter in their report card so that parents can make plans to attend. If you have any questions about the awards criteria you received or would like an additional copy, just ask for one in the main office. The ability to work with peers and adults is part of the skills and conduct ratings and these skills are factored into school awards. If you have questions about your child's success in these areas, please schedule a conference with the teacher to discuss them. We look forward to celebrating your child's accomplishments with you.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK COMING SOON!



Mark your calendars NOW for this year's American Education Week celebration!

November 18-22

Mon., Nov. 18 – PTA Donuts for Dads  
Wed., Nov. 20 – Lunch with your child  
Thurs., Nov. 21—Grandparent's "Special" Day (grandparents attend their grandchild's Art, Library, Music or Gym class with them)

### Save the Date

The PTA will host  
it's annual



*Doughnuts with Dads*

on the Monday morning of American Education Week (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>). The event begins at 7:45 am. Mark your calendars now so you can participate. Kids love it when family comes to school!



## Woodbridge Vision

Woodbridge Elementary School will be among the highest performing schools in the state of Maryland, prepare students for college and career success, inspire students to become life-long learners and reinforce strong foundational skills. We value:

- Academic achievement delivered in a warm, welcoming and safe environment that prepares students to be globally competitive;
- Instruction that results in responsible students who will develop into productive community members;
- Partnerships with students, families, staff and community, and invite them to participate in creating a positive educational experience;
- Respectful interactions that result in a collaborative environment where individual differences are celebrated and the needs of all students are met.

