

WOODBIDGE ELEMENTARY WHISTLER

Proud to be a BCPS Passport School!



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September 2019 Newsletter

The Principal's Corner



WELCOME to the 19-20 School Year! Our staff is so excited to welcome our students

back! They have planned fun get-to-know – you activities and are already busy teaching classroom routines that will allow them to maximize every child's learning. We encourage you to be an active participant in our school community by communicating with the teacher and joining and attending PTA. 5th grade is already going on a field trip in two weeks! If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call me or Assistant Principal Kimberly Fields at 410-887-0857.

September Calendar

- Sept. 4 -- Kdg attends from 10 am – 2 pm
- Sept. 12 -- PreK mid-day bus begins
- Sept. 13 -- PTA T-Shirt Sale ends
- Sept. 16 -- 5th Grade Field Trip
- Sept. 20 -- RunRaiser Kick-off
- Sept. 30 -- No School for Students

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 8 -- RunRaiser Money Due
- Oct. 9 -- No School for Students
- Oct. 11 -- RunRaiser @ 1:30 pm
- Oct. 21 -- Kdg Field Trip
- Oct. 25 -- PTA Trunk or Treat @ 5:30 pm

Doors Open @ 8:25 Children are late @ 8:40 am

Please do not drop children off earlier than 8:25 as teachers are not on duty and there is no supervision.

Dismissal ends at 3:25 pm. Please be sure to arrive *before* 3:25 if your child is a "walker" or "car rider."

PTA T-SHIRT SALE



Student "Back to School" folders all had PTA T-shirt order forms in them. If you need a new form or have questions about the T-shirt sale, contact T-Shirt Sale Chair Cindy Woods or email the PTA at: WesPTA1410@gmail.com
Deadline to order is Fri., Sept. 13th

The monthly newsletter is distributed electronically through the phone messaging system. However, if you would like to receive a paper copy every month, please clip this note and return it to school. We will be happy to send paper copies to anyone who asks.

- ✓ Yes, please send me paper copies of the monthly newsletter.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____
Parent Name _____ Child's Teacher _____



Volunteer Training



If you are interested in chaperoning a field trip at any point during the school year, you must complete the Volunteer Training requirement. Many of you may have

done this several times, but BCPS requires it be renewed every year. You can log onto www.bcps.org and click into the “parents” tab, then “Volunteer with BCPS” at the bottom of the drop down menu. Chaperones must be approved and are sometimes limited by space based on the field trip so please do not take off work until the teacher confirms that you are approved to chaperone. Ask your child’s teacher for additional information.

After School Activity Schedule Coming Soon!

We have created a yearlong schedule of when activities will meet to help children and families better decide what to participate in. You can plan your entire year of after school activities now! Teacher sponsors will send home permission slips for each activity and students may choose to participate in year long activities or a first semester and a second semester activity. Watch for that information to be sent home later this week!
All activities will end at 4:30 this year.

Arrival & Dismissal

Just a reminder that students are *prohibited* from walking in the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. If you would like to accompany your child into the building in the morning, please park on Pleasant Valley and walk up to the school using the crosswalk. Please follow ALL staff direction during arrival and dismissal times.



19-20 PTA

President: Lindsay Bossi
1st Vice President: Ayesha Khan
2nd Vice President: Arnold Beck
Secretary: Cindy Woods
Treasurer: Don Garmer

Meetings begin @ 6:30 on:
Oct. 14th
Jan. 13th
March 16th
May 18th – General Elections

Committee meetings may be held separately and scheduled by committee chairs as needed. Please watch for information regarding committees and PTA activities to be sent home soon.

Attention all Pre-K and 5th Grade Parents!

Your student will be receiving a brochure during the week of September 3-6th about Elementary & Middle School Magnet Programs for students entering Kindergarten & 6th grade **next school year** (2020-2021). There are several important dates included in that information.

- **Applications Released:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
- **Magnet Showcase Events:** October- locations and times located in the brochure
- **The application deadline is:** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Woodbridge families generally apply in large numbers to magnet schools so we want to make sure you watch for this information to come home. If you have any questions, please email School Counselor Mrs. Boyer, at cboyer@bcps.org or call 410-887-0857.