

# WOODBIDGE ELEMENTARY WHISTLER

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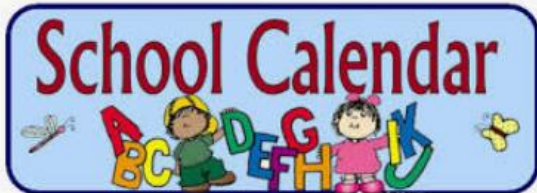
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## February 2020 Newsletter

### The Principal's Corner

### February Calendar



Please be sure to look at the many different entries on the calendar to the right. February, March, April and May are generally the busiest school event months of the year. Here at Woodbridge we have begun holding grade level parent nights and three different grade levels occur this month. The perennial favorite PTA event Muffins for Moms has been scheduled for Valentines Day this year which is earlier than past years so don't miss it! PreK and Kindergarten registration appointments begin and for parents who want to be sure and secure a PreKindergarten space for their child, they need to know that date to get an early registration appointment before spaces fill up. Also, please take a moment to complete the BCPS Stakeholder Survey. You can find it on the [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) home page. Just click on the link. It is available in more than 10 languages and your feedback is important to us!

- Feb. 4 -- School Closed
- Feb. 6 -- Report Cards Distributed
- Feb. 11 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Night
- Feb. 12-- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip
- Feb. 14-- PTA Muffins for Moms @ 7:45 am
- Feb. 17-- SCHOOL IS OPEN!
  - Begin calling for PreK Registration Appt's
- Feb. 18 -- Primary Awards Assembly @ 9:00 am
- Feb. 19 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Night @ 6:00 pm
  - Intermediate Awards Assembly @ 9:00 am
- Feb. 20 -- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Night @ 6:00 pm
- Feb. 25 -- Annapolis Field Trip
  - Star Lab begins in gym

#### Upcoming Dates:

- Mar. 10 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Night @ 6:00 pm
- Mar. 13 -- Diversity Day
- Mar. 16 -- PTA Mtg @ 6:30 pm
- Mar. 24 -- PreK Registration Day
- Mar. 25 -- PreK Registration Day
- Mar. 31 -- PTA Texas Roadhouse Night 4:30 – 9:00
- Apr. 1 -- Kdg Registration Day
- Apr. 3 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:10 pm

### Please take the Stakeholder Survey



## Monday, Feb. 17

School is CLOSED on Tues., Feb. 4

## MUFFINS WITH MOM



**Friday**  
**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:45 – 8:25 am**

The PTA invites all students to bring a mom, grandmom, aunt, older sister or other mother figure to celebrate the mother/child relationship on Valentines Day, Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Drop in any time after 7:45 and 8:15 for a quick muffin or donut and enjoy time with your child and meet their friends. We look forward to seeing many of you on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Field Trip Reminder

After a short holiday break, field trips begin again this month. Selected students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade will travel to Annapolis and 5<sup>th</sup> grade visits the Goucher theatre and has lunch on campus. If you want to chaperone an upcoming trip, please check with Ms. Jen to be sure you are approved as a volunteer.



## Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



Because Pre-K is a “first-come, first-serve” enrollment, the school announces when it will start taking PreK registration appointments. Please be sure to let your family and friends know that registration appointments will start being made on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** ! Registration days are March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are not final and students are not reserved a space in PreK until all registration documentation is completed. Once an appointment is made, families may pick up a registration packet and begin to collect the paperwork. Kindergarten appointments are also being made beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten registration will take place April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have or know someone who has a child who will be five before September 1, 2020, please encourage them to call the school for an appointment. Families with children in our PreKindergarten program *do not* need to register their children for Kindergarten. They will automatically be transferred in. Please call Ms. Jen in the main office with questions.

## Congratulations to our January Students of the Month

Aymen G.  
Jadallah J.  
Sarah F.  
Anaya Z.  
Yusef A.  
Ci'Niyah W.  
Noah O.

Muhammad Q.  
Hashir F.  
Nicole V-R.  
John G-C.  
Kamar Q.  
Sumayyah A.  
Emaan J.

Aliyah A.  
Angela G-M.  
Maimoona T.  
Ana Z-T.  
Kimberly A.  
Ariba N.

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 January character trait of Responsibility and check out our Student of the Month bulletin board in the lobby.

## Upcoming Parent Nights



Feb. 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Feb. 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Feb. 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Please join us for 3 more grade level parent nights hosted by your child's teachers to help you better understand the academic expectations for your child by the end of their grade. Learn how you can help them at home and what is tested on MCAP (formerly called PARCC) for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children are welcome and will have separate activities so that parents can work directly with teachers. All parent nights are from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Enter through the main lobby doors.

## StarLab is Coming to Woodbridge



All Woodbridge students, including PreK, will soon have an opportunity to experience the solar system in this mobile astronomy planetarium. The traveling field trip arrives at the end of February. Be sure to ask your child about their visit to the Star Lab



**Next Meeting  
Mon., Mar. 16  
6:30 pm**

Plan to attend to discuss nominations for officers to be elected in May and to make plans for the final PTA events of the year which include Teacher Appreciation Week, the School Play and Talent Show, support for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year activities and an End of Year Schoolwide Picnic. Also on the agenda will be identifying purchases to be made to benefit the school. We hope to see many of you there!

## You're Invited to the Southwest Area Advisory Council Mtg Mon., Feb. 10 @ 7:00 pm

The Southwest Area has an official Education Advisory Council that meets monthly throughout the school year. Our own parent, Ms. Marlena Pearsell, is the current chair of the Council. The next meeting is scheduled for Mon., Feb. 10 from 7 – 8:15 pm at Hillcrest Elementary on Frederick Rd. On the agenda is "meet and greet" the Board of Education members.





# Family Fun Night was SOOO Much Fun!!



Over 350 people joined us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Fun Night where families got a chance to try out the Whittle Climbing Equipment that their children come home talking about during the month of January. This event was so big it took 13 staff members to run it! Thank you to all the staff that stayed to help families enjoy this evening together at school. The Book Fair was open, and students and families had the opportunity to play volleyball and board games while waiting to take their turn on the climbing equipment. It was so much fun!



## 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.

## AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Primary Awards Assembly  
(Kdg, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

Intermediate Awards Assembly  
(3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am



If your child is receiving an award, a notice will be enclosed in their report card. We hope you can join us to celebrate your child's accomplishment!



## Diversity Day Coming Soon!

We are fortunate to be one of the most diverse schools in the State of Maryland. Help us celebrate this diversity by performing a native dance/song/poem or marching in our Parade of Nations in native attire. Return the forms or contact Ms. Bowser or a member of the National Elementary Honor Society to participate.

