

WOODBIDGE ELEMENTARY WHISTLER

Proud to be a BCPS Passport School!



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March 2020 Newsletter

The Principal's Corner



I want to thank our entire Woodbridge School Community for the efforts every one is making to be in school, on time, every day. We had one of the highest attendance percentages on February 17 in the Baltimore County system! We have been spending a lot of time talking to many of you about the importance of attendance this year and the results of having our students in school more often are beginning to show. We have currently dropped the number of students considered "chronically absent" (missing 10% or more of the school days) from 81 last school year to only 25 this school year. That is a fantastic improvement! We recently tested our entire school on the MAP test (Measures of Academic Progress) and the results showed significant improvement over what students did last year. These numbers are all very exciting and demonstrate what strong teaching can do for students who are in class every day. Our goal is for each student to reach their full potential by the end of each academic year so they are prepared to progress to middle school, high school and beyond with a strong education foundation. With your help, we are making great strides in



achieving that goal this year. We look forward to seeing 4th and 5th grade parents at the upcoming Parent Nights to learn more about the state test requirements.

March Calendar

- Mar. 2 -- Spirit Week Begins
- Mar. 6 -- Jump Rope for Heart (during PE)
- Mar. 8 -- CHANGE CLOCKS to be on time for school
- Mar. 10 -- 4th 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

Upcoming Dates:

- Apr. 1 -- Kdg Registration Day
-- 5th Grade Parent Night @ 6:00 pm
- Apr. 3 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:10 pm
- Apr. 6-13 -- Spring Break
- Apr. 14 -- School Reopens @ 8:25
- Apr. 16 -- Spring Pictures
- Apr. 20 -- PreK Field Trip to Library
- Apr. 21 -- 1st & 2nd Gr. Field Trip to National Zoo
- Apr. 22 -- Kdg Field Trip to Play and Picnic
- Apr. 24 -- PTA Play and Talent show

Join us in Celebrating

Dr. Seuss

READ ACROSS AMERICA

MARCH 2ND - MARCH 6TH

Monday: Dr. Seuss's Birthday:
DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE DR. SEUSS CHARACTER

Tuesday: One Fish Two Fish or Green Eggs & Ham Day:
WEAR RED AND BLUE, OR GREEN

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday:
WEAR MISMATCHED CLOTHING

Thursday: Fox in Socks Day:
WEAR SILLY OR MISMATCHED SOCKS

Friday: Thing 1 and Thing 2 Day:
FIND A FRIEND AND DRESS LIKE TWINS

Upcoming Field Trips

Students will be traveling in style for many of the upcoming Spring Field Trips. No more squeeze in the school bus for Woodbridge students as we are taking coach buses for the 1st and 2nd grade trip to the National Zoo, the 3rd grade trip to the Smithsonian Museum in Dulles, VA, the 4th grade trip to Historical St. Mary's City and the 5th grade trip to the birthplace of our country, Philadelphia.



Chaperoning your child's field trips is often a highlight of elementary school, especially for lengthy trips to significant locations. Our Spring trips have been planned to broaden student horizons and we encourage you to participate if you are able. Please remember, space is sometimes limited and you must re-certify through volunteer training each year in order to attend. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in traveling along.



It is time once again for "Square One Art" where students have an opportunity to create their own designs and have them turned into commercial masterpieces. You can purchase your child's artwork on a number of different keepsakes such as ornaments, phone cases, totebags, sketchbooks, gift cards, coffee mugs and more. Order forms of items featuring student art will be available at the beginning of April. Orders will be delivered in time for Mothers' Day gifts (Dads take note)! The proceeds of this fundraiser benefit the purchase of art supplies so students can experience different art media including clay.



Congratulations to our February Students of the Month

Mia H-R.
Tazeen F.
Kevin Ramirez Molina
Bella O-A.
Nattaly A-A.
Alexander K.
Destiny O.

Mohammed M.
Tay'don C.
Marcus K.
Jennifer A-A.
Nanghtoi L.
Sophia T.
Horriyah I.

Delonte G.
Sophia V-L.
Jake S-R.
Mickey P.
Talha H.
Muhfuz Q.

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 February character trait of Tolerance and check out our Student of the Month bulletin board in the lobby.

Upcoming Parent Nights



March 10 – 4th Grade

April 1st – 5th Grade

6:00-7:30 pm

*Use the Main Lobby Doors

Please join us for our final two 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. In particular, 4th and 5th grade parents will have a chance to try their hand at the PARCC/MCAP tests your child will be taking beginning in April. Students should attend these sessions with their parent as they will likely have to help parents complete the sample test questions! We hope to see many of you there.



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. Also on the agenda will be identifying purchases to be made to benefit the school. We hope to see many of you there!

Diversity Day Parade of Nations



Woodbridge takes pride in the diversity of its students and families and we celebrate that each year with a Parade of Nations during Diversity Day. If you can trace your heritage to another country, please consider having your child represent that country in our Parade of Nations. We want to see how many flags of the world we can use! If you have not yet responded to the flyer about participating, please watch for a final information sheet coming home soon.

Woodbridge Students Visit the State House !

Under Ms. Mileto's direction, 45 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students again had the opportunity to observe our State Government in action by visiting the Legislature while in session and having a pizza lunch with Senator Sydnor.



Thank You Senator Sydnor!

PreK & Kdg Registration Mar. 24, 25 & Apr. 1

Registration is by appointment only so if you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1st this year, please call the office to schedule a registration appointment on the days above. PreK is a first-come, first-serve opportunity, so it is important to register as soon as possible to reserve your child's space. Research shows that children who attend PreK are far more ready for Kindergarten than those who do not so we encourage you to enroll your child with us!



This year, the PTA Play and Talent Show have been combined and will take place on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. Auditions for the Talent Show will take place this month so please watch for the Audition flyer to come home in order to participate. Our students are very talented and acts have included singing, dancing, dramatic poetry and magic. We look forward to see our student's talent displayed!

THANK YOU PTA FOR MUFFINS FOR MOMS!

The PTA sponsored Muffins for Moms was another huge success and we thank Chair



Melanie Moore for all of the hard work that went into organizing it. Ms. Moore's decorations and creativity added a true Valentine's flair to this popular event and moms were treated to chocolate, flowers and breakfast with their children on this special day. If you are someone who enjoyed this PTA event, we hope you will consider becoming active in the PTA to help make more events like this possible. We want to thank our school staff and interns who helped make this a special time for parents with their children.



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.