

# WOODBIDGE ELEMENTARY WHISTLER

*Proud to be a BCPS Passport School!*



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## May 2019 Newsletter

### The Principal's Corner



Next week begins the national week dedicated to showing our appreciation to teachers for what they do every day, all year long. Expectations and responsibilities for our teachers are increasing every year and the number of young people deciding to enter the teaching field is decreasing every year. Many teaching positions are already experiencing a shortage of qualified candidates and elementary teachers may soon be on that list. I encourage you and your child to take a moment during this special week to tell your child's teacher how much you appreciate their efforts to give your child what he or she needs to learn and grow.



### May Calendar

- May 1 -- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. PARCC Testing
- May 2 -- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. PARCC Testing  
-- Kdg Field Trip & Picnic
- May 6 -- Teacher Appreciation Week Begins!  
-- K and PreK Confs; NO School for K & PreK
- May 7 -- PreK Conferences; No School for PreK  
-- PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- May 9 -- School Play @ 6:00 pm
- May 15 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Recorder Recital @ 9:00 am
- May 16 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip to St. Mary's County
- May 17 -- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science Field Trip
- May 22 -- Spring Concert @ 7:00 pm
- May 24 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Field Trip to Camden Yards
- May 27 -- School CLOSED
- May 30 -- Field Day
- May 31 -- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip (Picnic)

#### Upcoming Dates:

- June 6 -- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. End of Year Awards Assembly
- June 7 -- PreKindergarten Closing Ceremony
- June 10 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. End of Year Awards Assembly
- June 11 -- Kindergarten Closing Ceremony @ 9:30
- June 12 -- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Farewell Ceremony @ 9:30
- June 14 -- Early Dismissal @ 12:10 pm
- June 17 -- Last Day of School; Dismissal @ 12:10 pm

### Residency Verification & Shared Domicile Renewal Starts May 13

If your child attends school based on a shared domicile status, you MUST renew the shared domicile paperwork yearly. If your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you are required to verify your residency this year. Failure to complete this process results in your child being withdrawn.

### Kdg & Pre-K Conferences No School for Kdg May 6 No Pre-K May 6 & May 7



Please make every effort to attend an end of year conference for your Kdg or PreK student. It is a great opportunity to hear about your child's progress in school.

## Celebrating Administrative Professional's Day and Assistant Principal's Week



Our staff showed their appreciation to Ms. Jen and Ms. Davenport on Administrative Professional's Day with flowers, balloons and very generous gift cards. The PTA got in on the action as well. Our front office staff makes every effort to be warm and welcoming to all visitors while still working to keep the office running and we appreciate everything they do. Assistant Principal's Week was also celebrated this month and the staff showed its appreciation for everything Ms. Fields does to support them as well.



The Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> is reserved nationwide to celebrate our teachers. We often hear, "I could never do your job!" and fewer people are training to become teachers every year. The job of a teacher doesn't begin or end when children walk in and out the doors. Hours of lesson planning, preparing materials and grading, as well as



sponsoring activities takes place outside of school hours. Please take a moment to say "Thank You."



### PreK & Kdg Registration Continues

Morning Pre-Kindergarten is almost full so if you know of a 4 year old in our community, please encourage them to call the school for a registration appointment as soon as possible

## Congratulations to our April Students of the Month

Aubree E-P.  
Anuja G.  
Mina D.  
Giselle H-C  
Khalil R.  
Ibrahim T.  
Cing L.

Jefferson A-M.  
Sameeha S.  
Connor J.  
Rayyaan T.  
Shada A.  
Anam G.  
Aymen M.

Terry J.  
Lee G.  
Ariba N.  
Michael P.  
Camiya J.  
Travis D.  
Madeleen A.

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 April character trait of Diligence and check out our Student of the Month bulletin board in the lobby.

## Field Trips



April and May are always the height of Field Trip season and this year is no exception. Fifth grade had a wonderful time in Philadelphia (except for that short bus break down on the way back) and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade went to the National Zoo in D.C. Up this month is a new trip for our fourth graders to historic St. Mary's City to learn about early life in the American colonies while 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be returning to popular Camden Yards. Kindergarten will see a play at Goucher College before having a fun picnic and 5<sup>th</sup> grade still has a science trip AND an end of year picnic trip left. We are busy, busy, busy with fun activities!



**Next Meeting**  
**Tues., May 7**  
**6:30 pm**

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Recorder Recital May 15 & Spring Concert May 22



Join us at 9:00 am on May 15<sup>th</sup> for this short 30 minute recital by your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student. It is students' first musical performance in elementary school!



4<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus and  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band &  
 Orchestra perform on  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
 Please join us!

## Woodbridge Chess Team at County Competition



Chess Team members Aiza K., Emily B., Jathan B., DeAndre M. and Joey B., along with Team sponsor Ms. Weisel, competed at the BCPS Chess Tournament on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

# STEM Fair



This year's STEM Fair combined the rocket launching from our Club SciKidz partnership with hands on activities for students of all grades in the gym. Students could try out the Safe Racer cars built by 3<sup>rd</sup> graders or make their own sails powered by the wind (a properly placed box fan) or build a catapult and shoot cotton balls. Everyone had a great time experimenting!



# Muffins for Moms



Once again, the PTA sponsored Muffins for Moms was a huge hit with parents and students. One of the best attended events of the year, moms, grandmothers, aunts and older sisters came to school with their student for breakfast. Thank you event chair Ayesha Khan and PTA President Keri Esposito for leading this effort!



## Teacher of the Year



**Congratulations to Ms. Mileto**

**Woodbridge Teacher of the Year**



# Woodbridge Newsletter Delivery

We heard many positive comments about receiving the newsletter through the email contact system and will continue to send it that way. **IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY, PRINTED VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER**, please complete this tear-off and return to school. Printed copies will no longer be sent school-wide, just to parents who return this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please continue to send me a printed copy of the monthly newsletter.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have multiple children in the school, please select one student to bring home the newsletter)

Parent \_\_\_\_\_