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 -- 3rd, 4th & 5th Gr. PARCC Testing
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  -- Kdg Field Trip & Picnic
May 6 -- Teacher Appreciation Week Begins!
  -- K and PreK Conf's; 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 12 -- 3rd Gr. Recorder Recital @ 9:00 am
May 13 -- 4th Gr. Field Trip to St. Mary’s County
May 17 -- 5th Gr. Science Field Trip
May 22 -- Spring Concert @ 7:00 pm
May 24 -- 3rd Gr. Field Trip to Camden Yards
May 27 -- School CLOSED
May 30 -- Field Day
May 31 -- 5th Gr. Field Trip (Picnic)

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

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.

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 5th grade, you are required to verify your residency this year. Failure to complete this process results in your child being withdrawn.
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 6th 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.  Jefferson A-M.  Terry J.
Anuja G.  Sameeha S.  Lee G.
Mina D.  Connor J.  Ariba N.
Giselle H-C  Rayaan T.  Michael P.
Khalil R.  Shada A.  Camiya J.
Ibrahim T.  Anam G.  Travis D.
Cing L.  Aymen M.  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 1st and 2nd 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 3rd grade will be returning to popular Camden Yards. Kindergarten will see a play at Goucher College before having a fun picnic and 5th grade still has a science trip AND an end of year picnic trip left. We are busy, busy, busy with fun activities!

3rd Gr. Recorder Recital
May 15 & Spring Concert May 22

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

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 13th.

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.
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 __________________________________________________

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**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 3rd 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!

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**Teacher of the Year**

**Congratulations to Ms. Mileto Woodbridge Teacher of the Year**

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**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!