Our Philosophy

Woodmoor Elementary aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are active lifelong learners seeking to create a better more peaceful world.

CARING

I think about the needs and feelings of others. I help others when they need me.
Greetings Woodmoor Families,

April’s Learner Profile focus is CARING. We are super excited to showcase our many students who exemplify our Learner Profile of the Month! Take a look at our cover. Do you recognize any of these special friends? Congratulations to the CARING Learner Profile Student Honorees!

Caring students think about the needs and feelings of others and it is evident in their schoolwork, relationships, and actions. As International Baccalaureate (IB) learners, our students develop a sense of caring through their daily lessons, actions, words, and deeds. Students are presented with problems in their Units of Study and work to find solutions that improve the quality of life for everyone. For example, students in first grade are learning about shadows and how the sun provides energy and light to our planet. What would our world be like without the sun and how do shadows work? What is the purpose of shadows and what can we learn from them? Why should we care about this powerful star and what can we do to help sustain our planet? These are ideas, questions, and thoughts that our young learners are contemplating and beginning to CARE about while learning together. This is why student agency is critically important at our school. It provides opportunities for students to take their new learning and apply it to things that they truly care about.

This month, we will celebrate Autism Awareness and Earth Day. Students learn the importance of showing kindness and care to each other, respecting our differences and our earth. They will identify how their actions impact our community and world and take steps to do their part in ensuring everyone has a safe place to learn and live.

The final marking period for this school year is underway. Students will receive Quarter 3 report cards at the end of the month and Quarter 4 report cards will be distributed on the last day of school, June 16. Families are encouraged to create a parent portal and check grades in Schoology to see how their student is performing academically. Additionally, the Calendar of Events for April and May are posted at the end of this newsletter and each Sunday evening, families receive a communication outlining the upcoming events in a school-wide messaging system from School Messenger. Please review these documents carefully for upcoming school closures, celebrations, and events.

As we enter the final quarter of the 2021-22 school, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all my families. We started the school year with being officially recognized as an authorized International Baccalaureate school. This is a great honor after many years of hard work and dedication to the mission and vision of the school. Despite the accolade, we experienced many setbacks that included changes in classes, staffing, schedules, etc. and with each change, you supported the entire staff and your student(s). Thank you for your partnership, creativity, patience, and support. It is truly an honor to serve you and the Gwynn Oak community.

Your Partner in Education,

Francesca O. Brown
Principal - Head of Schools
An IB World School
Message from the School Nurse

Hello families!
Seasonal allergies are beginning to crop up. Symptoms include itchy eyes, sneezing, runny nose, and congestion. Kids can develop seasonal allergies at any point. Some tips to reduce the symptoms include keeping the windows closed, use air conditioning instead of fresh air when possible, and stay indoors when pollen counts are high. It's also a good idea for kids with seasonal allergies to wash their hands or shower and change clothes after playing outside.

Hello Woodmoor Families!

As part of our School Counseling Program, your child's class will have the opportunity to engage in a counseling core curriculum lesson during the month of April. The theme for this month is Coping Skills. Students in primary grades will have lessons that focus on understanding and identifying feeling words, facial expressions corresponding to specific emotions, and coping strategies such as breathing techniques. The intermediate grades will continue focusing on specific coping strategies, coping with stress/anxiety, in addition to learning about social filters (thinking about what kind of statements are appropriate to think or say in social situations).

Topics vary depending upon specific grade levels. The one exception to the theme pertains to 5th grade; their April lesson focuses on Careers so that their May lesson may focus on Transition to Middle School.

It is our hope that the core curriculum counseling lessons will help to promote the social emotional, academic, and career development of our students. We hope that you can help your child reflect on these lessons by discussing their content together. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the program. I can be reached via phone at 410-887-1318 or via email at amartin9@bcps.org.

Happy Reading!

Hello Woodmoor Families!

Students have been working on research projects in the library. First and second graders have been researching to learn about the external features of an animal and how their features help them survive. They have also been learning about different types of habitats. Third, fourth, and fifth graders have been researching about different types of severe weather. After learning about the characteristics of the weather and what people should do to stay safe, students create a Severe Weather Emergency Plan using a digital platform called Wixie.
Hola. We are finishing up our unit of Mexico and Venezuela. The students enjoyed making their sombreros and maracas during quarter three. In quarter four, we will learn names for family members and discuss how we express ourselves through celebration and being open minded while studying Cuba. Ask your children about what words they are learning and how they are learning. In Spanish class, we spend each day working on a certain skill necessary for language learning - speaking, writing, reading and listening. The students are practicing listening for vocabulary they are learning in songs, videos and books. We are writing and drawing pictures as well as singing and playing games with vocabulary words. Learning a language requires lots of practice and time with vocabulary words so encourage your child to share what they are learning.

Musically Speaking

Hello Woodmoor Families!

In 4th Grade Exploratory music, we are wrapping up the Brass Family Unit and starting our final instrument family: Woodwinds! We are also becoming more familiar with how to play different major and minor chords on the ukulele.

In Band & Orchestra lessons, we are preparing for the Spring Concert, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm. Permission slips will be handed out when we return from Spring Break. Please encourage your musician to practice every day for 10 minutes. Happy Practicing!

Musically,

Mrs. Oeur

Physically Speaking!

Last month we were lucky enough to have the movement equipment here. This month we will be working on basketball. Please remember to send your student with sneakers for the week they have Physical Education class. It is important to wear proper footwear, so they are safe when moving around. Also please remind your student to bring a water bottle in case they get thirsty and no gum chewing as it is a hazard during class.

Stay active,

Ms. Brown
Information & Updates:

Hello Families!!

We are hosting our monthly Maryland Food Bank Food Distribution on Wednesday, April 20th, 2022.

Families and community members are invited to arrive at the front entrance of our school between 3:50pm and 5:00pm to receive a variety of free items.

Some of the items may include: canned vegetables, pasta, fruit, hygiene products, frozen meats, etc.

Registration is not required. Please remain in your vehicles so we can assist you efficiently.

We look forward to seeing you then! If you have any questions please contact our School Social Worker, Ms. Jacobs.

Email: mjacobs4@bcps.org

We are looking for volunteers to come into the school! We would love for you to support out students by:

- Supporting us in the cafeteria
- Copying and printing papers
- Assisting within the classrooms

Any and Everything! We appreciate it greatly!!
Woodmoor Elementary School has...

A NEW PHONE NUMBER!

(443) 809-1318

Please use this number to contact us!
Flashback to Family Stem Night!
UPCOMING MAGNET EVENTS

WOODMOOR LITERARY SOCIETY
MEETING #3
APRIL 5, 2022
6:00 PM

WOODMOOR MAGNET ADVISORY COUNCIL #6
Monday, April 4, 2022
Meeting begins at 6:00 PM
Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/gdp-cets-nns

MARYLAND FOOD BANK
Food Drive
April 20th
3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, MD
Distribution begins at 4:00 PM

FAMILY STEM NIGHT
April 21, 2022
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Woodmoor Cafeteria
RSVP Required
Email bpenn@bcps.org to RSVP
Order Your
WOODMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Yearbook Online

Step 1: Visit www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/
Step 2: Enter our school code 177664 then click “Go to your school account login”
Step 3: Click on the link below our school name
Step 4: Login if returning or register as a “new user”
Step 5: Buy a yearbook for only $17.00!
*Yearbooks purchased after April 25th will be $20

Order online through: April 25th, 2022
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If you have any questions about ordering your yearbook, contact our yearbook adviser Ms. Lewis at alewis9@bcps.org with the subject line “Yearbook”. 
Masks are OPTIONAL!

As of March 1st, masks are optional for students and staff in all Baltimore County Public Schools. If you would like your child to wear a mask, please review your expectations with your student.

Bring Your Water Bottles:

All students should plan to bring water bottles to school daily. Please ensure your students’ bottles are is labeled with their name.

Staying hydrated is a great healthy practice for
Picture Day is Approaching!!

Spring pictures let you be you!
Order before Picture Day on: mylifetouch.com

Friday, April 22, 2022
Woodmoor Elementary School

1. Visit: mylifetouch.com
2. Enter your Picture Day ID: EVTNDKF26
3. Order your perfect package—and don’t worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

NEW THIS SPRING! BUY 1-5 X 10 CLASS GROUP PICTURE ONLY ($4.99) AND RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS PLUS DIGITAL DOWNLOAD FREE!

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 800-736-4753.

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**May**

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- **School Closed for ALL Students**: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- **No School for PS, Pre-K and Kindergarten**: Tuesday
- **Scholastic Book Fair**: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- **Community Partnership Mtg.**: Tuesday
- **MD Food Bank**: Wednesday
- **Tuesday Talks**: Wednesday