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.
Dear Woodmoor Families and Friends,

The holiday season is upon us and on behalf of the entire Woodmoor faculty and staff, we send our sincerest best wishes to you and yours for a most festive and magical season! During the next few weeks, our teachers and community partners will support many wonderful initiatives. Inside this December issue, you will find exciting winter events scheduled at Woodmoor. From the Winter Wonderland where our students will have an opportunity to shop for themselves and their love ones using Woodmoor bucks to our Community Food Drive where we will provide perishable and nonperishable food items to all. This month the BCPS Office of Science will host a Moon Party at Woodmoor for the students in the intermediate grades. Students will have an opportunity to gaze at the night sky using high-tech telescopes on school field. We are also excited to open our doors in the new year to celebrate our musicians in their first performance.

One of our many goals is to provide our families with supplemental instructional programs beyond the school day. For those interested in ensuring your students continue to engage in learning even while on the winter break, try having students use DreamBox, I-Ready, and Tumble Books. The websites provide students with learning experiences that will both engage and challenge their thinking. Research says reading for 15 to 20 minutes daily will help to increase your student’s reading performance. So get reading...it is critical for their success! Also, now is a great time to purchase flash cards from your local Dollar Store and practice basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) daily.

This month marks the halfway point for Quarter 2, please check Schoology and Focus for your child’s up-to-date grades. Continue to work with your child on their homework assignments and encourage them to explore their interests and find ways to offer their gifts and talents to others.

Yours Festively,

Franchesca O. Brown

Principal - Head of Schools
IB World School
It is important for students to attend school daily and that they are here on time. Our school day begins at 8:25 to 3:25.

For the month of **August/September**, students missed a total of **739 days** and were late **162 times**.

For the month of **October**, students missed **745 days** and were tardy **716 times**.

For the month of **November**, students missed **781 days** and were tardy **881 times**.

### Unit One Assessment Results

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Welcome New Staff Members

We are pleased to welcome new staff members to Woodmoor Elementary School!

Anne Stoner, Long-Term Substitute for Grade 1

Ramona Wilson-Xu, ESOL Teacher

Tamika Brown, Long-Term Substitute for Grade 5

New Calendar Changes

BCPS has adjusted the school calendar days for the 2021-22 school year. Schools will close 3 hours early on 3 days. These are NEW changes to the BCPS/Woodmoor School calendar. On the following days, Woodmoor’s dismissal will begin at 12:25 PM. Please update your calendars NOW!

Thursday December 23
Friday, March 18
Friday, May 20
PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!!

Want us to retake your picture?

Simply return your original package on Picture Day Retake

Dess que volvamos a tomar tu foto? Simplemente envía tú paquete original el día de la nueva toma fotográfica.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
/ miércoles, 14 diciembre, 2021

Woodmoor Elementary School

You can still order on mylifetouch.com with your Picture Day ID:

EVTQDBP8G

Ya llega el día de la nueva toma fotográfica
Aún puedes encargar en mylifetouch.com con tu ID del Día de la Foto.

EVTQDBP8G
Message from the School Nurse

Hello Families,
With the change in weather, we are seeing an increase in Asthma symptoms. Please make sure to send in a doctor’s order and your child’s inhaler. For safety reasons students are not to carry their own inhalers.

I am here for any questions.

410-887-1359.

Nurse Brookmyer

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Message from the School Counselor Ms. Martin

As part of our School Counseling Program, your child’s class will be participating in a counseling core curriculum lesson during the month of December on personal safety and decision-making. The lessons are based on Baltimore County Public Schools’ Personal Safety Program K-5: Making Healthy Decisions curriculum. This program includes age-appropriate information on body safety and neglect and abuse prevention strategies and highlights the importance of telling a trusted adult about uncomfortable situations. Our goal is to help children be better able to handle the issues of personal safety should they arise.

Keeping your child safe is a priority to all of us at Woodmoor Elementary. It is our hope that these lessons will help to reinforce the information and strategies that you have already given your children, and that your family can discuss together the important information presented in these lessons. 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.

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Happy Reading!

Hello Woodmoor Families,
Students have finished the Digital Citizenship library unit and are now experts on online safety! We are now moving onto our ‘Reading is Lit’ unit. Students will be reading award-winning books to practice comprehension skills such as sequencing, retelling, cause & effect, etc. Please remind your students they should be returning their library books to the library when they are finished with them.

Thanks, and Happy Reading!

-Ms. Saks
Hello Woodmoor Families!

In Exploratory Music, 4th Graders are becoming very familiar with playing the violin. Our main focus is using the bow to play all the strings on the violin with the proper bow grip. We are also learning about the different instruments in the string family along with their similarities and differences.

In Band & Orchestra lessons we are learning more advanced skills. In Orchestra, we are using our left hand on the fingerboard to play new pitches. This also requires students to learn how to read these new pitches on the musical staff. In the past we played exercises in the book, and now we are progressing to playing songs. In Band, we are learning new pitches and rhythms on our instruments. These new rhythms include half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes. The breathing exercises our woodwind and brass players practice are helping us make music with a full and clear tone.

Thank you!

Hola from Spanish!

We are doing lots of activities to get the children comfortable and excited about Espanol like talking into microphones. In November and December we are working on our new unit on unit How the World Works? We will be focusing on Spain, days, colors, month, season and weather. We will be learning all about Spain and the origins of the Spanish language.

Let’s Get Physical!

This month we will be working on jumping rope. Jumping rope is a lifelong skill that keeps the heart healthy and students active. Please remember to have your student where sneakers for the week they have Physical Education. It is very important especially when jumping rope. Stay active at least 60 minutes per day even as the weather gets colder. Also, keep stretching even when not in class to maintain flexibility!

Stay Active,
Ms. Brown
SALT DOUGH HANDPRINT ORNAMENTS - THE CUTEST ELF CRAFT EVER!

We love salt dough handprint ornaments and have several more designs that you might like to look at in our collection of salt dough ornaments. My personal favourite (as well as the elf craft we are sharing today) is our salt dough Santa handprint, but I also think that you will love our most recent handprint ornament, our salt dough penguin handprints.

See all our salt dough ornaments

Below we have added instructions for making salt dough as well as how to use it to make a salt dough elf ornament. If you are looking for more elf crafts check out our elf on the shelf craft. If you want to make a salt dough elf ornament that looks like your elf on the shelf you can easily change the colours of the elves hat, skin, hair and eyes!
Christmas Toy Drive

In support of the students at Woodmoor Elementary

Please bring a NEW unwrapped toy in a gift bag

Saturday, December 18th, 2021
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak MD 21207
School Parking lot

Monetary donations accepted thru PayPal until December 4, 2021
Paypal.me/muxizeta or mxztreasurer@gmail.com

Prudence V. Henderson, President
Elise H. Collier, Chairperson
Grace B. Snowden, Event Coordinator
Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to share an exciting opportunity with you. On December 8th, 9th, 13th, and 14th (explanation on the multiple dates to follow) 5th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a Moon/Star Party after school hours!

Students will become junior astronomers as they observe the moon and create detailed sketches of what they see. Students will get hands-on time using telescopes to observe the moon, and other celestial objects.

Students will have the opportunity to earn three badges as part of the Junior Astronomer Program, a Moon Observation badge, a Constellation badge, and a Deep Space badge. Students can earn the badges, certificates, and if they earn all three badges, an astronomy poster!

Here are the logistics for the event:

- Location: Woodmoor Elementary School (3200 Elba Dr, Baltimore, MD 21207)
- Time: 6:30-8:30 PM
- In order to maximize time with the telescopes we will accept a maximum of 20 students.
- Each student must have only one parent attend the event. No siblings please. Again, this is to maximize the amount of time students get with the telescopes.
- Participants may bring their own binoculars and telescopes (this is not required, but binoculars are encouraged)
- Participants may bring a blanket to spread out on while creating sketches and for while observing with binoculars.
- Masks will be required when we are inside the school building but optional when we are outside.

This is the most important piece of information! Participants must be flexible with the date of the event! Everything hinges on the weather. We need a clear sky to make our observations. Therefore, we have four dates set aside, December 8th, 9th, 13th, and 14th. We may be meeting on any of these dates.

Participants will be contacted, via email, on those dates with a go or no go for the event. The start time for the Moon/Star party is 6:30 pm. If none of the four dates work, we will try to reschedule for a different month.

Sign up for the Moon/Star Party is on a first come basis. Go here: https://forms.office.com/r/7jDt5eXmCP The first 20 participants to sign up will be contacted by email with more information about the event. If there are additional participants, they will be added to the waitlist. If there is enough interest, we will try to schedule an additional Moon/Star Party later in the school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary Werner
gwerner@bcps.org
Help your child build up their Wildcat Bucks to shop at the Winter Wonderland Shop. Ask your child how many bucks did they earn today and don’t forget to ask them why they earned it.

Students will need to:
1. Attend school
2. Complete their assignments
3. Follow all safety rules

Winter Wonderland

What: Spend your wildcat bucks at the Winter Wonderland shop!

Where: Library

When: December 20 - December 23
To find more information about the “At Home: Frost & Bite Cookie Party”

please go to this link:

https://www.foundationforbcpl.org/events/frost-bite-cookies/

Frost & Bite Cookie Kits Are Back

It's back! Our popular holiday-season, no-bake sale returns with decorate-at-home Frost & Bite Cookie Kits from Cake by Jason. Be a smart cookie and let us do all the hard work for you. Get cookies baked by Food Network's Jason Hisley, owner of Cake by Jason Hisley and winner of Cupcake Wars, and skip right to the fun part!

You get a kit complete with everything you need to decorate delicious and beautiful cookies and to make memories that will last a lifetime. The kit comes with six (6) snowflake sugar cookies, two (2) large sugar people cookies, shelf-stable icing, piping bags and decorative toppings. And if that’s not enough, you’ll get an exclusive step-by-step instructional video with Jason Hisley himself. Pick up at the branch of your choice between December 11-18.

You can also enter our raffle to win a Winter Warming Basket, filled with adult beverages and Foundation swag, worth over $250. Tickets are just $10 each, or three for $25. Raffle sales continue through December 9.

All proceeds benefit the Foundation and our support of vital library services, like our brand-new Social Worker in the Library program.

There’s no better way to keep warm and cozy and have fun this winter than making some magic at home with these cookie decorating kits! And they make great gifts too!

BUY COOKIES!

For more information on this craft for your little ones, please visit the link below!

Water & Masks Updates

Masks are REQUIRED!

All students should come to school with a mask and have an extra mask as a backup. It matters and it keeps us all safe and healthy.

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 everyone to engage in. Let’s start drinking!
IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

**INQUIRERS**
We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

**KNOWLEDGEABLE**
We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

**THINKERS**
We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

**COMMUNICATORS**
We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

**PRINCIPLED**
We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

**OPEN-MINDED**
We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

**CARING**
We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

**RISK-TAKERS**
We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

**BALANCED**
We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

**REFLECTIVE**
We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.
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- **Sunday, December 4**: Spirit Day
- **Monday, December 5**: MAGNET Advisory Meeting, 6pm
- **Tuesday, December 6**: PTA Meeting, 6 PM
- **Wednesday, December 7**: Winter Break begins at dismissal 12:25 PM
- **Saturday, December 23**: Winter Break: Schools are closed.
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