

The Wood Word

December 2008
www.woodpta.org



NEW VISITORS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To provide safety to the children, all visitors and contractors must bring a driver's license or other picture id and sign in at the office.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 19th - 1:30pm
Step Afrika
- Dec 24th - Early
Dismissal
- Dec 25th - Jan 2nd
- Winter Break
- Jan 13th-7:00pm
Special PTA
Meeting @
Rockville High
School
- Jan 19th- No
School - Martin L.
King Day
- Jan 20th - No
School -
Inauguration Day

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President's News

A big thank you to Koni, Sharon and Lisa for organizing a fun, successful well-attended three-day book fair at Barnes & Noble on Bou Avenue!

From Thursday, December 4th to Saturday, December 6 Wood families, friends and staff hosted and performed events for the Wood community and Barnes & Noble's customers. On Thursday evening, the Wood chorus and band held concerts, on Friday the step team performed (not long enough!) and a Wii tournament was held, and on Saturday morning a guest speaker conducted a seminar about kids with ADHD.

Barnes & Noble donated 15% of customers' purchases to Wood MS when customers presented their donation request to the cashier!

A special thank you to Barnes & Noble for their generous donation of space, time and funds. And also to Giant (Leisure World) and Safeway (Bauer Drive) for contributing refreshments and paper goods to our Book Fair.

Help the Wood PTA give a holiday thank you to the entire Wood MS staff.

The PTA Hospitality Team is collecting cash donations so we can buy a small gift for each Wood staff member for the holidays. Any amount is welcome; use whatever guideline you feel comfortable with: \$1 per teacher, \$5 per teacher, \$5 per student, \$5 per family, \$25 per family.... Please keep in mind that many families will not/cannot give this year.

Donations may be given to staff members in the Wood MS Main Office, or you may mail them to Wood MS PTA, Attn: Colleen Anderson, c/o Wood Middle School, 14615 Bauer Drive, Rockville, Md. 20853. Many thanks to those who already have given!

We also are soliciting helpers for the morning of Monday, Dec. 22, when the (approximately 120) gifts will be prepped for delivery. We may need help ahead of time as well.

Contact Colleen Anderson: soleillune@verizon.net or (301) 603-0240.
Thank you for supporting your child's school and the Wood MS PTA.

Please join us once a month for a Free Parent Information Session at each PTA Meeting in Wood's Media Center: 7:00-8:15pm

January 13: Transitioning to High School- 7th & 8th Grade Parents are encouraged to attend! All you ever wanted to know about high school but never knew to ask...

Speaker: Dr. Monk (Principal of Rockville High School)

Location: Rockville High School

February 10: How to study for MSA Testing; What does it mean?

March 10: Child Safety; Gang Awareness; Internet Safety

April 14: Summer Resources/PTA Nominations for next year

May 12: Academic Updates for next school year

June 9: Welcome new PTA Officers; Board and Committee Members

A special thank you to Caribou Coffee (Bauer) and Dunkin Donuts (Aspen Hill) for their generous donations to our monthly meetings!

Morning Announcement Highlights

December 19: The PTA welcomes 'Step Afrika!' for two back to back performances starting at 1:30. This high energy percussive dance performance celebrates the history of stepping, a uniquely American dance style created by African American college students.

A message from the Green Team: there are now big blue recycling bins in the hallways. Please recycle the papers from your classroom bins into these big blue bins on a regular basis.

Kudos to the cast and crew of **Our Town**, Mr. Grant and Mr. Tobiassen on three successful productions this past weekend - December 5th and 6th.

Kudos to the Mustangs Girls' Softball Team who finished the season with only one loss! Congrats to Coach Allen and all the girls who worked hard!

Kudos to the Math Team who excelled in November's Maryland Mathalon! The team took home 4th and 5th place ribbons for the Inventions Round and found success in the team and individual rounds.

Kudos to the Marching Band and to Mr. Barnes who participated in November's Marching Band Competition!

SURF ONLINE OFTEN?

Use www.GoodSearch.com and enter Earle B. Wood as the recipient.

It's an easy way to raise a few more dollars for our school!

GREEN TIP

The Facts: Montgomery County recently expanded their collection program, so start filling your blue bins with more of what you used to throw in the trash.

Why? Because: Recycling helps by reducing our need to use new resources to make new products. Recycling also helps the environment by slowing down the rate at which we burn garbage or put it in landfills. Fewer landfills mean we have more space for people to farm, live, and work. Most importantly, recycling reduces pollution, saves energy and helps slow down global climate change.

Here's a quick review of the type of items and the plastic type number that you can now put in your blue recycling bin: Bottles (#'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7); Containers, Pails & Buckets (2, 3, 4, 5 for example butter/margarine tubs, yoghurt cups, cottage cheese and deli containers, prescription and bottles, pet food and kitty litter containers.); Plant/flower pots (2, 5); beverage cups.

The Tip: Recycle more and keep waste out of the trash! For more information, go to: Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/collectionservices/

The Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) has 25 committees. Examples are: Curriculum, Safety, Health, Operating Budget, and Parent Involvement. They meet 3-10 times per year to help address issues in their area in the name of the parents of Montgomery County students. Check out www.mccpta.com/committees. Find a place to provide your ideas. Help make parents a force in the education of your child.

HOMEWORK CAFE

Homework Club meets every Wednesday 2:40-4:15 in the cafeteria. All students are encouraged to attend. Healthy snacks will be provided. Teachers or tutors will be available to help in all subjects for students who need extra help.

We need parent volunteers and high school students to assist in keeping the students studying, focused and on track, and/or help with refreshments. If you can only help one Wednesday per month, that is fine. Students will earn merits for their help. Please contact Andrea Krupinski @ 301-871-4669.

AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU IN MATH IF YOU NEED IT

Tuesdays: Algebra and Honors Geometry with Mrs. Eising in room 284.

Thursdays: IM, Algebra and Honors Geometry with Mr. Cunningham in room 235

ScienceMONTGOMERY

Celebrating its 53rd year, March 20-22, 2009 at the Record Armory building at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus.

Registration Deadline is February 13, 2009 @ 5:00pm

For more info visit: www.ScienceMONTGOMERY.org

Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 4-6pm @ Parkland MS:
Overview of the Fair's Schedule. Details of registration completion.