

The Wood Word

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President's News

We had a special presentation by Kevin Strauss with Now or Never. He has launched the, FamilyEJournal website, www.familyejournal.com. It is a great way to connect with your family through written communication and can be used by ages 10 and up. Michael Tucker and his family are members and Michael reported that it has really helped open the lines of communication. Mr. Strauss posts a series of different questions every day that you answer and discuss. This is entirely private and only accessible by designated family members.

The Wood Book Fair is to be held in May, so start thinking about what your student might want to read.

Christine Manor (Treasurer) reported that we have spent \$1,100 on ELO (Extended Learning Opportunities) and Honor Roll Celebrations. The question of how the PTA uses the money raised by its fundraisers was asked. It is used for classroom support, and spirit celebrations such as the fall fling, sheet music, art supplies, beanbag chairs, and snacks for after school enrichment activities, etc.

Our Cluster Representative, Amy Hartley gave testimony at the BOE

Budget Meeting. More money for middle school reform is being requested and Wood wants an EFO (Educational Facility Officer). Barnsley needs an addition and Maryvale needs to be modernized.

The Middle School Reform committee met Jan. 9th and discussed the Lights, Camera Action program. Also, the committee is establishing an advisory group to determine how best to communicate with parents.

Some sad news, two former students broke into the Wood school office and did \$4,000 of damage. From now on the office and school will be locked at 4:30. If you need to get in you will need to call Dr. Foose.

For next years PTA we need a PTA President, VP for Volunteers, VP for Classroom Support and two Delegates; and chairs for Hospitality, Cultural Arts, Gifted and Talented, Fall Fundraiser, Restaurant Fundraisers, Scholastic Book Fair, Fall Fling, Auditing Committee and International Night.

Our *next PTA meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.* in the *Media Center* at Wood. Hope to see you there.

Pauline Lamberg-Karlovsky
E.B. Wood PTA President

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Upcoming Events

- Mar. 11th - PTA Mtg. @7:00 p.m. Media Center
- Mar.21-28 Spring Break

Wood PTA Bylaws Revisions

The Wood PTA bylaws are being revised to reflect recent changes in the MD State PTA bylaws. The significant change is that officers must assume their duties on the first day of a PTA's fiscal year, which, in the case of Wood, is July 1. Previously, Wood officers assumed their duties on June 1. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available for review in the school's front office. A vote to adopt the revised bylaws will occur at the April general membership meeting.

Kathy Makos - Coordinator

Box Tops For Education

Don't forget to continue to collect and turn in any Box Tops for Education: Clip and collect Box Tops from participating products. For more details visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Also, keep in mind that you can also collect Labels for Education: Save labels from Campbell products. For more details visit <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

Intercultural Friends Foundation

The Intercultural Friends Foundation (IFF) is looking for families to host foreign exchange students from Spain and France this summer. Groups will be coming for three or four- week home stays in June, July and August. If you are interested in enriching your summer by hosting a student, please call IFF toll-free at 1-877-647-9500.

Stay Informed!

***Join the EWood Listserv:
Just contact Michael Tucker at 301-946-1374 or
putmeonthecans@yahoo.com to join.***

Wood Geography Bee News

Prashan Dharmasena won the Wood Geography Bee!!!! He will have a chance to qualify to compete in the state competition in April. Congratulations Prashan!

PTA Night In Annapolis

On Feb. 11, MCCPTA representatives, and others from schools across the county, went to Annapolis to meet with legislators, ask questions, and keep Montgomery County on their radar. Reportedly, Montgomery County was well represented. Dr. Grasmick spoke of her perception that the state of Maryland is on the right track and leading the way in achieving at high levels. One big item of interest was a bill going to the General Assembly that would give a tax credit for volunteers. This would be welcome for all who give many hours to help the PTA! The Clarksburg 4H put together goody bags and presented them to legislators. PTA Night in Annapolis is scheduled annually. The second Monday in February is being considered for next year if you want to mark your calendar to attend next year!

Elaine Parks- MCCPTA Representative

Rockville High School Varsity Basketball

Come out and see the RHS Varsity team play Northwood this Saturday, 6:00 p.m. at RHS. The last time they played Rockville missed winning by one 3 pointer. It should be an exciting game!!!

Going Green News At Wood (SERT)

Wood Middle School is starting an ecology club! We will work on helping better our environment. All students are invited to an introductory meeting that will take place in Mrs. Selig room on Thurs. March 13 after school. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Selig in room 265. Help keep our planet GREEN!

If you have questions contact Susan Eisendrath, (SERT Coordinator) at 301-460-3907

