

The Wood Word

May 2009
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For the most current
Calendar of Events,
please check out our
website:

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Upcoming Events

- May 8 - 9th: Spring Musical Play ANNIE
- May 12th @ 7pm: PTA Meeting: ELECTIONS
- May 14th: 6:00-8:30pm: International Nite
- May 21st: 8th Grade Career Day
- May 25th: No School
- June 5th @ 7pm: 8th Grade Formal Dance
- June 9th @ 7pm: PTA Meeting
- June 16th: 8th Grade @ 9:00am Commencement Ceremony

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President's News

Many hands make light work!

Wood Middle School has more than 800 students and almost as many families. If you can give a few hours a month to help Wood and the PTA, please don't hesitate to contact us. Even when you can't give commit to a schedule, we have many activities planned day and night throughout the year where even one hour of your time can make a big difference!

Check out the list of events on page 2 to see if you have time to volunteer.

Stay tuned for the next Fundraising Night Out at Urban Burger(date TBA) and don't forget our new fundraiser, the Restaurant Discount Card! See below for more details.

The Homework Club on Wednesdays will no longer be available through the end of the school year.

I would like to invite parents of current 6th and 7th graders, as well as incoming 6th grade parents, to participate in the Wood PTA and to run for office.

You are welcome to run for any positions on the Executive Board, but we specifically have three positions that will be vacated next year:

Treasurer
VP of Administration & Membership
VP of Classroom Support

The following positions are appointed by the Executive Board and will need to be filled in the upcoming 2009-10 school year:

MCCPTA Delegate
Fundraiser Coordinator
Restaurant Fundraiser
Fall Fling Coordinator
Box Tops/Labels for Education
Student Directory
ICB Registrar

If you or any parent you know is interested in these positions or have any questions about what the position entails, please contact:

Sharon Beckham @ 301.879.2342
<SBeckham@jhhc.com>,
Al Cooper @ 301.424.1048
<AlCooper312@comcast.net>, or
Maria Elena Salientes @ 240.644.8204
<MESalientes@gmail.com>.

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

May 12: PTA ELECTIONS & Academic Updates for next school year

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

Restaurant Discount Cards

Support our local merchants. Support Wood Middle School!

The Discount Card entitles the bearer to a discount at the merchant listed on the card. Each merchant is different: Some give a free dessert, free appetizer, or 10% off meal. The information will be on the back of the card. The Card costs \$10.00 and \$5.00 goes back to Wood! Plus, the cards are good through March 2010. Buy as many as you want; students can sell as many too!

Listed below are some of our participating local merchants:

Taco Bell, IHop, Phillips Seafood, Silver Diner, KFC, Ben & Jerry's, Dunkin Donuts, El Mariachi, Almafai, Urban Burger, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Pizza Hut, Robeks Fruit Smoothies, Austin Grill, Quiznos, Ci Ci's...!

Parents Needed!

We need parent volunteers to help out at these events. Your efforts, whether ½ hour or 5 hours, make these student events run smoothly.

May 8-9: Spring Musical Play
(Annie)

May 14: International Night: To volunteer or set up a display, contact Latonya Maddrey @ 301.460.2150 or email Latonya_R_Maddrey@mcpsmd.org

May 21: Career Day for 8th Graders

June 16: 8th Grade Ceremony 9:00 - 10:30 am with Picnic (Food and DJ) afterward for all 8th grade families.

We need approximately (12) 6th and 7th grade parents to help so the 8th grade families can enjoy the day. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Tyc at Wood 301.460.2150 or Carolyn_Tyce@mcpsmd.org

For any other or all volunteer opportunities, you can also our VP of Volunteers:

**Ms. Tosha Dyson
@ (240) 715-5685 or
toshadyson79@gmail.com**

BOX TOPS!

We now have a total of \$488.00. We still need more - Keep them coming!

The Goal is \$1000 by June

For May, if every student brought in **20 box tops**, Wood MS would make \$1,600 to spend on the Cultural Arts Program.

Staff Luncheon

The hospitality team would like to thank all those who donated money and helped with the desserts. The staff really appreciated the wonderful food and the lovely atmosphere created for their lunch.

International Night

Wood's International Night will be held on Thursday, May 14th from 6-8:30pm. Friends and family are invited to share in the diverse cultures, tastes, sights, and sounds of the Wood Community featuring live performances and amazing foods. If you are interested in contributing a food item from your culture please contact Ms. Davis no later than Monday, May 11th.

GREEN TIP

The Facts: The typical household spends more than \$2,000 a year on energy bills but...with ENERGY STAR, you can save over one-third or about \$700 per year. ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy which helps us save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. There are now products in more than 50 categories that are eligible for the ENERGY STAR and they all use less energy, save money, and help protect the environment. And now even homes can be qualified to be ENERGY STAR. And if you're wondering which are the home improvements that could save you the most on your energy bills, then you can also have a certified Maryland Home Performance with Energy Star contractor perform an energy audit on your home. An energy audit can give you a good overview of what your home might need and help you prioritize which improvements could save you the most energy, and cost you the least. So whether you're replacing windows, appliances, light bulbs, renovating your home or building a new home, go with ENERGY STAR products and services.

The Tip: Save money and energy by purchasing ENERGY STAR products and services.

For more information, go to:

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Maryland Home Performance with Energy Star
<http://www.mdhomeperformance.org/index.html>

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