

# The Wood Word

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## 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

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - 7-9:00pm  
SGA Fallween Dance
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - @7:00pm  
PTA Meeting in the Media Center
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 12:30-7:00pm Pickup Fall Fundraiser items
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm - 6:30pm Last chance to pick up Fall Fundraiser items.
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - No School

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## President's News

A big thank you to Sheila Levine for organizing a successful and fun Fall Fling and thank you to Armand's for the pizza and sodas, all the parents who donated baked goods and to all the donors for prizes, including but not limited to:

Barnes and Noble Booksellers  
Amalfi's Italian Restaurant  
First Watch Restaurant  
Silver Diner Restaurant  
CVS Pharmacy  
Apple Ipad Store  
As Kindred Spirits  
Blockbuster  
Outta the Way Cafe  
PF Changs  
City of Rockville  
R.V. Carey's Plumbing and Heating  
Rockville High School  
AMC Movie Theaters  
5 Below  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
Silpada Jewelry Designs  
Mama Lucia's Restaurant  
Rockland's BBQ

The revised directories have been distributed to those families who have joined the PTA. Thank you to Jessica Flavell for putting these together. If you have not yet received the directory, please contact your child's first period teacher. Copies are for sale in the school office for \$4.

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

November 11: Study Habits/Skill/Organization for your student

December 9: Navigating the school system

January 13: Transitioning to High School PSAT/SAT; HSA Tests; Courses for 9th Grade; Wood 8th Grade Team. Speaker: Dr. Monk (Principal of 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

We are serving coffee courtesy of Eric, manager of Caribou Coffee @ Bauer and donuts courtesy of Maria, the owner of Dunkin' Donuts in Aspen Hill. Should you have occasion to drop in to their stores, please thank Eric and Maria. They are very appreciative when they hear from our community.

## JOIN E-WOOD

E-Wood is the P.T.A. run listserv for Earle B. Wood Middle School. All parents, guardians and staff are encouraged to join. You **DO NOT!** have to be a Wood P.T.A. member to join and there is no fee. Any member information obtained for the site will never be shared with anyone not affiliated with the school. Follow the link provided to join. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ewood/>

Michael Tucker

V/P Membership & E-Wood Moderator

## Morning Announcement Highlights

Congratulations to the Wood Girls and Boys Cross Country Team who defeated Parkland October 15th. Jonathan Baginski, Jordan Lang, Mitchell Rosenthal, David Lobosco, Ryan Abi Jamaa and Sara Tolnay, McKenzie Turner, Amber Huser, Camila Koufios, Alexiana Bernard, and Kyara Alvarado were our top runners.

The SGA is sponsoring our annual Canned Food Drive. Please bring in any extra canned foods that you may have at your house to your first period class. If you do well, this is what you'll get: A pizza party for your whole first period class! Collection starts today and ends the Friday before Thanksgiving. Thanks for the help!

Attention all Jazz Band students and those still interested in joining. We will be restarting Jazz Band on Wednesday November 5th- the day after Election Day. It will run from 3:15-4:10 in the band room with Ms. Ehrenspeck.

Check out the winning poetry entries on the Mustangs Writers Club website- [www.mustangswritersclub.blogspot.com](http://www.mustangswritersclub.blogspot.com).

## RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISERS

Stay tuned for messages from Sue Aubertin, Restaurant Fundraiser Coordinator, for this easy way to raise money for Wood MS.

Eat at the right place at the right time and a percentage will be donated to Wood.

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

**Fall Fund Raiser** - Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute the orders on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 7:00pm and November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. Look for signs at the entrance. *Students can help and learn SSL hours.* Please contact Andrea Krupinski @ (301) 871-4669.

**Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble in Rockville** - December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Do your holiday book shopping on these dates and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Wood. Enjoy fun, family entertainment: Thursday is Music, Friday is Game night, and Saturday will be a Brain Boosters Presentation. PLUS, a special Workshop for Parents & Teachers, 10 Keys to A Stress-Free Home & School on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9:00am - 11:00am. **The Workshop is FREE** to the community. More information can be found by visiting [www.CelebrateCALM.com](http://www.CelebrateCALM.com).

## 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.

Wednesdays: Algebra and Honors Geometry with Mrs. Kunin in room 282.

Thursdays: IM, Algebra and Honors Geometry with Mr. Cunningham in room 235  
And Math 6, Math 7 and Algebra Prep with Mr. Freiman in room 260.

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## Help raise money the easy way. Here's how:

\*Labels for Education: \*Save proof of purchase from Campbell's products and put them in the collection box that is located in the school office. Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of participating products and more details.

\*Box Tops for Education: \*Clip and collect box tops from participating products and put them in the collection box that is located in the school office. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more details.

\*Giant Food BonusBucks: \*Either log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) or fill out the form on the bottom of this page to designate our school. The school ID is 00736. You will need your BonusCard number. Don't forget to present your BonusCard every time you shop. Even if you designated last year, you must redesignate this year.

\*Escrip: \*Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and register your Safeway Club Card number and present your card every time you shop.

Questions about any of these programs, contact Cathy Stec at 301/774-1484 or [CathyStecd@netscape.net](mailto:CathyStecd@netscape.net).