

The Wood Word

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A Monthly Publication of the Earle B. Wood MS Parent Teacher Association

President's News

Welcome to all our new families at Wood Middle School and Welcome Back to all those returning! I am Andrea Krupinski, the PTA President for 2008-09 and this is our monthly publication, the Wood Word.

First, I would like to thank Ms. Dawson, our Acting Principal for 2008-2009 school year who quickly assumed these duties in August and made herself available to her staff, parents and the students. She is committed to the goals that were set during Dr. Foose's tenure with us.

Congratulations to Dr. Foose on her promotion as Director of School Achievement for Montgomery County Clusters. In testament to all the hard work she and the staff have put towards implementing positive change here at Wood, Ms. Dawson announced at our August PTA Meeting the results of the MSA Testing. Wood MS was the *only* Phase I Reform School to score above 80% proficient in both Math and English!

This is a great way to start the new year and the Hospitality Committee put together a fantastic *Back to School Breakfast* for the staff. I want to say a big THANKS to Susan Keady for all her hard work in getting donations from our local merchants, cleaning and decorating the staff lounge for the All

the teachers truly enjoyed the breakfast and thanked me. I just helped clean up - The Thanks goes to Susan!

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

October 14: Bullying - How can you tell if your child is being bullied?

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

Three for PTA...

Please volunteer to help out at any of our events! Our goal is three hours per month, but many of these require as little as 30 minutes manning a table or booth. Many hands make light work!

Upcoming Events

- Sep 23rd - Back to School Night
- Sep 29th - Early Dismissal
- Sep 30th - No School
- Oct 10th - Fall Fling
- Oct 13th - Open House
- Oct 14th - @7:00pm PTA Meeting in the Media Center
- Oct 24th - Picture Day

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

The Basketball Shootout competition will start on September 17th after school at Bauer Rec Center. Participants must meet Mr. Monroe on the basketball blacktop by 2:50. PLEASE DO NOT GO TO BAUER REC before signing in with Mr. Monroe.

Cross country is meeting every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in room 230 after school. Bring water bottles. All forms are due on September 17th.

Auditions for the Fall Drama production of "Our Town" will be held after school on September 16th in room 204. Any questions, contact Mr. Grant or Mr. Tobiassen.

Intramurals started September 9th for all students that are interested. Tennis and soccer will be the activities offered. Students that are interested in tennis should contact Ms. Delayo. Those interested in soccer should contact Mr. Monroe and Ms. Johnson.

The library is now open in the Morning and at Lunch for some quiet study time, reading, or computer use. *Students are welcome to bring their lunch to the Library.*

PTA is seeking a volunteer to chair International Night.

This event would be new to Wood Middle School. If you would like to help showcase student talent and diversity, please contact Andrea Krupinski @ 301.871.4669.

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The Wood's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a strong group, a voluntary organization bringing together parents and teachers. PTA offers a variety of programs and activities to help parents, students, and communities succeed and stay on top of school activities. Our WoodPTA.org website provides a lot of information including: What We Do, Why Join PTA and Ways to Join, Parents Resources about Health & Wellness, Safety, the PTA Calendar of Events and related materials, How to Support your school and many more. We are looking forward to hear from you about the website and how to improve it.

Lana Pavlovskaya, PTA Website Coordinator

HOMEWORK CAFE

Homework Club begins September 17th and will meet 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.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Fall Fund Raiser -has already begun! As last year, a Mega Party is planned for students who sell 10 or more individual items. The donation for attending the Mega Party without selling will be \$50 per child as it was last year, with additional children at \$25 each. On a later date, an "xtreme" bike show is planned for those students who are able to sell 15 or more items. Orders are due October 10th. *Volunteers needed for distribution on November 11th and 12th.*

Fall Fling - October 10th - A fun, family event for all - no entrance fee. Bingo games with prizes. PTA members get free BINGO card or \$2 each. Basketball in the gym. Armand's Pizza truck will be in the parking lot to sell pizza by the slice. Bake Sale. We need bake sale donations and volunteers to help sell them or call out bingo numbers and oversee the basketball game. 30 minutes-3 hours! If you have the time, we can use it! Please contact Sheila Levine: sheilalevinet53195@verizon.net

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