

The Wood Word

September 2009
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For the most current
Calendar of Events,
please check out our
updated website:
www.woodpta.org

Upcoming Events

- Sep 25th: annual Fall Fundraiser begins
- Sep 28th: No School
- Oct 2nd: Early Release
- Oct 2nd: FALL FLING
- Oct 13th: 5:30pm - 7:00pm Edline Orientation
- Oct 13th: 7:00pm PTA Meeting; Meet the Leadership Team
- Oct 16th: No School

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President's News

Hi, I'm Konni Brantner and I'm excited and proud to be serving as the acting president of your PTA.

Wood's PTA is an integral part of the school community. We work very closely with Ms. Dawson, and strive to make a positive contribution to the overall spirit, productivity and success of our Middle School. Our PTA budget reflects our desire to be a support to Ms. Dawson and her entire team. We contribute heavily to the schools positive reward mentality by funding such things as Honor Roll Parties and MSA celebrations. We offer our support, both in time and funds to the many and varied programs and opportunities afforded our students.

But, if the PTA is going to be successful, WE NEED YOU! Please take a minute to read through the many opportunities listed in this newsletter, think about how YOU can be involved.

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

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

The annual fund raiser will be beginning September 25th. On that day, your student will be bringing home the "peace and joy" holiday showcase catalogue as well as a

Magazine Order envelope. PLEASE look in those back packs! Details will be coming home a little later this month. But don't forget to CHECK THOSE BACKPACKS next Friday.

Don't miss the PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

This is your chance to meet Wood's **Instructional Leadership Team!**

They will discuss academic classes, grade-level teams, and what middle school students are involved in during the day.

It's a great chance to see and hear from Ms. Dawson and her dedicated staff. Get in touch! These individuals are great resources as you help your student through this year of middle school.

Refreshments will be served.

Edline Orientation will also be conducted from 5:30pm – 7:00pm

If you or any parent you know is interested in these positions:

Special Needs Chair Gifted & Talented Liaison

or have any questions about what the position entails, please contact **Konni Brantner: stmatkmb@hotmail.com**

Still Available: 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 a 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!!!

Wood received the **Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2009** as the second Montgomery County middle school with the most parent volunteer hours.

Keep it Going!**MEDIA CENTER:**

3:30-4:10pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We need parent volunteers, so the media center can be opened to these students. If you are interested in helping, once a week or once a month, please contact Konni Brantner at stmatkmb@hotmail.com.

FALL FLING:

Friday, October 2nd

BOOK FAIR:

Monday, November 30th – Friday, December 4th

For any other or all volunteer opportunities, contact our VP of Volunteers:

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

PARENTS: ACTIVATE EDLINE!

Edline <<http://www.edline.net>> is Wood's online grade reporting system. It allows students and parents to access current grades and assignments online, as well as other class and school information.

To activate your account: Students need to visit Ms. Hunsicker-Blair in the Library Media Center.

Parents need to contact Ms. Gail Hubley: Gail_L_Hubley@mcpsmd.org

EDLINE ORIENTATION: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 5:30 – 7:00PM

"Parents and Guardians:

Do you want your students to succeed in school? Of course, you do! Just like your cars need fuel to run, your children also need fuel for their bodies and minds to function effectively in school. Hungry kids cannot concentrate or remember well and may lack the energy to participate in class activities and discussions. They often turn up in the health room with various vague complaints of headaches and stomach aches and fatigue. It turns out they have skipped breakfast...maybe they have forgotten lunch money too or did not pack that lunch from home like you thought they would. Parents can play a big part in academic success by making sure their kids get a good breakfast. Encourage them to eat lunch from the school cafeteria or bring it from home. Food is their fuel to have a productive day of learning."

Thanks,
Alice Reggia, R.N.
School Community Health Nurse

Sign up -
Get on E-Wood

Follow the link to join:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/
group/ewood/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ewood/)

**Cool Kids Campaign
Read-A-Thon**

The read-a-thon is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for Adolescent Cancer, while fulfilling English reading requirements. The Read-A-Thon works just like a walk-a-thon; students can be pledged money by family, friends, or neighbors. The pledges can be based on the number of pages read or number of books read. The Read-A Thon will continue until September 25.

GREEN TIP**Help Wood Go Green: Join the Ecology Club**

Last year more than a dozen students met regularly to establish a garden in one of the school courtyards and also helped to increase the school's recycling rate. Over the summer the garden has grown well with flowers blooming and vegetable plants producing and now it's time to harvest, weed and prepare for fall plantings.

This year students will learn more about growing plants, help the school conserve energy and recycle, educate students and the community about how to save energy (and money) and how we can better protect our natural environment.

Ms. Linda Osborne (English Teacher) will once again provide sponsorship and Susan Eisendrath (Parent) will volunteer to help with projects. To volunteer or for more information and updates, check out the Wood Word, E-Wood or contact:

Ms. Osborne: Linda_A_Osborne@mcpsmd.org
or Susan: susan.eisendrath@gmail.com