

# The Wood Word

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## President's News



The big news for our Cluster is that Rockville High School has received authorization to teach the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program starting fall 2008.

Lana Pavlovskaya is developing a Wood PTA website. Once the site is approved as fully compliant with school rules, the link on the Wood school website will be replaced to go straight to the new PTA website.

Susan Eisendrath, our SERT chairperson has reported that Building Services, recently placed labels on many of the recycling bins in the school and more bins and labels have been ordered to upgrade the capacity of the recycling in January. Ms. Merson said there is student and staff interest in the "Green Team" and she will help

get the recycling efforts started, however, we need a parent to supervise the students after school one day a week. Anyone who is interested should contact Susan Eisendrath at 301-460-3907. We are still hoping to have a "Green Conservation Club" one day a week after school. Also, "Task Lamps" will be distributed to teachers to reduce energy use in the classrooms. Make sure to check out the "Green Tips" in each issue of the Wood Word.

Our *next PTA meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, January 8th at 6:45 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

- Jan 8th - PTA Mtg. @6:45 p.m. in the Media Center
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - Science Expo @ 6:00 - 7:30
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Academy
- Jan. 15 - PSAT Parent Mtg. At Wood @7:00p.m.
- Jan. 17 - RHS Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m. @ RHS
- Jan. 21-22 - No School Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 24 - Rockville Cluster Concert

### *New PTA Fundraiser: Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods and Gifts*

We're beginning a new and delicious fundraiser: *Tastefully Simple!* This will run through Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Sell and purchase these gourmet foods to help simplify your life. Easy to make and use, these make great gifts as well. Get a jumpstart on planning a Super Bowl Party or Valentine's Day Treat. Orders are shipped directly to customers within two weeks, not to the school!

Students brought home catalogs and order forms on Thurs., Jan. 3rd. Extras are in the office! Friends and family out-of-town can view products online and order through you! [www.tastefullysimple.com/web/akines](http://www.tastefullysimple.com/web/akines) (checks payable to Amy Kines at time of order) Super Bowl orders are due by Friday, Jan. 18th. All orders are due by Fri., Feb. 1st.

**Restaurant &  
Other Fundraisers**

*The last Thursday Night of each month is Wood Night at Quiznos - Rock Creek Shopping Ctr. (RCSC), 10% will be donated to Wood MS. Also, the Barber at RCSC will make a donation each time you get a haircut.*

***Barnes & Noble  
Bookfair***

The December Barnes and Noble Bookfair went fabulously! Thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who made it possible. We were treated to an art show and performances by the orchestra, chorus and step team. All of these students represented the wealth of talent, poise and dedication inherent in our Wood community. While we have not received the final figures yet, we almost matched last year's totals -- which means we still need to continue our fundraising efforts to make sure our classrooms are well supplied. A huge thank you to all of who made purchases! Thanks also to Starbucks and Giant Food who generously donated the wonderful refreshments.

Susan Sorrells  
Bookfair Chair

***THIS MONTHS GREEN TIP***

**The Facts:** Electricity production is the largest source of carbon emissions in the U.S., and the energy used for lights accounts for about 25% of U.S. electricity consumption. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) typically last up to 10 years and use 75% less energy than regular incandescent bulbs and they produce 90% less heat. While CFL's are more of an investment up front, they pay for themselves and actually save money and energy too! For example, if you replace one 100-watt incandescent bulb with a 25-Watt CFL, you can save a whopping \$74 over the life of the bulb. If every household in the U.S. replaced its next burned out light bulb with a CFL, more than 13 billion pounds of carbon dioxide would be prevented from being emitted and that's the same as taking 1.2 million cars off the road for a full year!

**The Tip:** Turn on compact fluorescent light bulbs and start saving money and energy.

For more information on energy efficient lighting, go to:

[http://www.eartheasy.com/live\\_energyeff\\_lighting.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_energyeff_lighting.htm)

To find out more about CFL design options and to calculate savings, go to:

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/page.cfm?campaign=mts&redirected=t&tagid=483>

To find a store that sells CFL's near you, go to:

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=store.store\\_locator](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=store.store_locator) (Safeway has them)

## Connected Communities

Connected Communities, a local news and information website focusing on the Norbeck, Aspen Hill, and Twinbrook areas of Rockville, is now hosting a new website TOP Students at [www.topstudents.org](http://www.topstudents.org)? This website is publishing the countywide honor rolls for every school, as well as other student achievement news as available.

Unlike newspapers that publish just a single list of names, TOP Students displays student names sorted by grade on a custom page for each of the 65 schools reporting, highlights the students that received straight As and provides counts of students by school, grade and straight A. Take a look. It is a great resource.

## *Student Service Learning*

***If you have worked any Student Service Learning hours this semester, make sure you turn in your SSL forms to the counseling office by this Friday, January 11, 2008.***