



The Wood Word

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

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The school year is rapidly coming to a close! I want to sincerely thank the parents and Wood staff members who helped to accomplish the PTA's activities throughout the 2009-2010 school year. We're already working on next year's plans, and another round of thanks is due to the people who have agreed to continue their PTA posts, switched jobs, or joined us for the first time. We are not a PTA without you, and we are grateful to all who have stepped up. Please look at the list below, and say thanks to your friends and neighbors who've volunteered their time and energy to help.

That said, we have a few positions still open. Our priorities are finding a person, or a team, to head the new Hospitality position and to head up the Fall Fundraiser. Grab a friend and join us; there's more info on these positions below.

PTA members and officers will hit the ground running in the fall with improved communication to parents. We need everyone to sign up to the eWood listserv because that's one of the best ways for us to stay in touch with you. See how to sign up below. I really want to hear from you, so please feel free to contact me any time.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 4
8th grade dance

June 9-15
Finals

Tuesday, June 15
8th grade field trip to
King's Dominion

Wednesday, June 16
Final day of school
(early release) &
8th Grade Promotion
Ceremony

Wednesday, June 23
Report cards mailed
home

July 6-30
Summer School

July 19-22
& July 26-29
Orientation for 6th
graders and new
students (students
should sign up for one
session)

Early August
Back-to-school packets
mailed out

Monday, August 30
First day of school

How do you stay on top of your middle-schooler's life? Join eWood and receive morning announcements, along with information on your PTA and on Montgomery County Public School activities. We know our kids don't always clean out their binders and backpacks, but you can fix that by joining eWood. Reluctant to get more emails? Choose the "Daily Digest" option when filling out the listserv request and you'll receive just one email per day with all the messages listed.

To sign up, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ewood> and follow the instructions to request membership. Need help signing on? Ask our eWood moderator, Michael Tucker, at putmeonthecans@yahoo.com.

Your PTA needs YOU! How about helping out?

What does a PTA do? We fund activities that students are involved in throughout the year and we help support the staff in a variety of ways. We provide the means for Wood to have an 8th grade promotion celebration, cultural arts programs, honor roll parties and staff appreciation lunches. We meet with Wood's administration monthly, and exchange ideas. We keep parents informed via our website, our listserv and our newsletter. We listen to what's needed, and we try to help.

What do we need from you? We need you to be part of our team. Every opinion counts. And this year, we need a Hospitality person/team to arrange for a PTA presence at many Wood activities, basically staffing a table with membership sign-ups, info about the listserv, and explaining to parents the importance of the PTA. It's a new position, one that PTA leaders think is needed to increase our presence and help all parents to become more involved. We also need a chair to take the fall fundraiser and run with it. (This job would be completed well before the holidays!) We need two people to be County PTA delegates and a person each for Gifted and Talented and for Special Needs representation. Interested? Contact Colleen Anderson at soleillune@verizon.net or 301-603-0240. Or check the PTA website, www.woodpta.org and click on the PTA Officers and Committee Chairs link at the bottom of the home page.

Our Thanks...

...to incoming officers: Kelli Potter, VP for administration & membership; Posie Stitt, VP for volunteers; Jane Fry, VP for fund-raising; Jason Stitt, treasurer, and Victoria Kurtz, corresponding secretary;

...to outgoing officers: Sharon Beckham, corresponding secretary, and Liz Novatny, treasurer; ...to active PTA volunteers Roy Broussard, Amy Hartley, Al Cooper, Colleen Anderson, Susan Keady, Gail Broadhurst, Melissa Jones, Laura Barnes, Shalay Bevel, Maria Elena Salientes, Scott Smith, Juliet Mellow, Michael Tucker, JoAnn Barney, Gayle Byrne, Susan Eisendrath and Martina Skoglund;

...and to **everyone** who serves the PTA, attends meetings, and helps with fund-raising.

Green update: Wood's Green Team had an excellent year, helping the school improve its recycling program, planting and tending the courtyard garden, celebrating Earth Day, winning the 6th-grade Green School poster contests, helping reduce energy use, and raising funds for the school. A big "Thank You" goes to all the Green Team members and to Ms. Linda Osborne for sponsoring the team! —Susan Eisendrath, Green Team PTA Liaison

Resources for parents: www.woodpta.org (contains a calendar of events, contact information, and ways to support your PTA)

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodms/ (direct link to our school's website, with contacts for administration, counselors and teachers)

