

# The Wood Word

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## President's News



The following are the highlights of the last PTA meeting. Christine Manor reported that we have received \$7,200 so far for the fundraiser in October, not including online sales. Unfortunately the Family Fun Night lost money this year.

Our Cluster Representative, Roy Broussard, reported that security upgrades (cameras) are part of a plan to upgrade middle schools and high schools.

Steven Crowley, Caitlin Hendel and Lori Owens were present and discussed the Rockville HS Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program. The current committee members' children will be graduating and they are in need of Middle School Parents to take up this important effort. Pauline Lamberg-Karlovsky and Milta Gilmore have joined the committee. The current committee is interested in holding another presentation at Wood to discuss this issue. They ask that everyone read and sign the Safe Home Pledge. It can be found on the RHS website.

On another front, this year, to celebrate the holidays and to thank the Wood Staff, the PTA Hospitality Committee is providing Holiday Goody Bags to Staff Members. We are asking the Wood Community for donations of

baked goods, candy, mints, snacks, small items, i.e. pencils, pens, post-it notes, tissues, hand lotions/sanitizers, etc. Cash/Check Donations are also acceptable (payable to the Wood PTA) to help defer our costs. Please send your items into the office by Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will put the bags together on Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and distribute them that afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the bags. Any questions or to volunteer, contact either: Jennifer Forrest at 301/460-4581 or [jforrest5@att.net](mailto:jforrest5@att.net) or Martha Wagner - 301/603-8148 or [mwagner411@netscape.net](mailto:mwagner411@netscape.net)

As many of you know, Edline 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. Shelley Malusky at [Shelley\\_M\\_Malusky@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Shelley_M_Malusky@mcpsmd.org)

Our *next PTA meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 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

- Dec. 18 - PTA Mtg. @7:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Winter Break

### Stay Informed!

Join the EWood Listserv:  
Just contact Michael Tucker at 301-946-1374 or  
[putmeonthecans@yahoo.com](mailto:putmeonthecans@yahoo.com) to join.

### 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.*

### Wood Directory Edits

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### *THIS MONTHS GREEN TIP*

**The Facts:** One way you can save energy (and lower carbon dioxide emission) every day in the office, classroom, and at home is by making sure you turn the lights off when you don't need them...especially if you're using incandescent light bulbs. Average light bulbs are very inefficient and therefore expensive to operate. Incandescent lights give off 90% heat and only 10% light and they have an average operating life of only 750-2500 hours (compared to 10,000 hours for compact fluorescent bulbs)! Also, contrary to popular belief, it doesn't take more energy to turn off and on lights.

**The Tip:** Turn off lights...when you don't need them and open your curtains or shades and use natural light when you can!

For more information:

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your\\_home/lighting\\_daylighting/index.cfm/mytopic=12120](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/lighting_daylighting/index.cfm/mytopic=12120)

## MCCPTA Delegates Report

The November 27th Delegate Assembly program began with presentations on MRSA (staph infection) and MCPS transportation. At the business meeting, resolutions regarding crossing guards and police support, especially at middle schools, and MCCPTA emphasis for MCPS goals were passed. A resolution regarding background checks was sent to the safety committee. Attendees of the MD state PTA convention voiced general displeasure with the convention. More Montgomery County participation at next years' convention in Frederick was highly recommended.

Gang awareness remains on the front burner for the MCCPTA. There are gangs in all high schools and most middle schools. Rockville HS was named as a helper in fighting gang awareness. The MCCPTA is still looking for feedback on the operating budget. MCCPTA did not support the language for AP/IM exams.  
Elaine Parks and Roy Broussard, Delegates

## Student Service Learning

### 5 Points of Student Service Learning (SSL) Information

Plan now to be involved in SSL activities over Winter break. There will be opportunities posted on the morning announcements and on the SSL bulletin board outside of the cafeteria. Students may earn a maximum of 8 service learning hours within a 24-hour period. Documentation of service performed during the first semester (August-December) is due to the SSL coordinator (Ms. Davis) by January 11, 2008. All service hours for SSL must be supervised by an adult representing the nonprofit organization. Parents and other relatives cannot sign SSL forms as supervisors of their children or family members.

You can find the appropriate forms for pre-approval for activities supervised by organizations not currently on the MCPS list or for programs already pre-approved by MCPS (MCPS form 560-50) at [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org) or by contacting Ms. Davis in the Wood Counselors' Office.

