

The Wood Word

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President's News



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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5th - RHS Band Night
- Oct. 9 - PTA Meeting @7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Oct. 18th - SGA Dance 7-9
- Oct. 19th - No School
- Oct. 31st - End 1st Marking Period

The first PTA meeting of the year was held on Sept. 11th. Dr. Renee Foose discussed the Parent Academy. There will be a Workshop at Wood on October 9th entitled Middle school 101/MSA. This will instruct parents on how to help our students succeed. The Parent Academy workshop dates are 10/9/07, 11/6/07, 1/8/08, 2/26/08, 3/11/08, 4/15/08, and 5/13/08. The Workshops are being presented all over the County. They are free, and will be in English and Spanish.

She also told us that the school year is off to a tremendously smooth start. The children love that they are allowed to chew gum in class and bring in bottled water. We also have two new Assistant Principals, Jeani Dawson, and Christopher W. Rattay.

Over the summer we had 20 vacant positions and 138 applicants for those positions. The passion to learn is in the classrooms. The AP's and she are in the classrooms everyday. Personal relationships are key between the students, teachers and administrative staff. Teacher's meet daily as a team, and the staff is working very hard with the students.

As most of you are aware, Wood is a Phase 1 Middle School Reform Pilot School. The MS Reform Act is a phase-in process. Wood is one of five schools chosen to implement the MS Reform Act. Due to this program, we have the most up to date technology as many of

you saw at our Back-to-School Night. There will be an assessment in six months to see how we are doing.

Teachers and staff are handing out Mustang Merits when they catch students doing the right thing and acting correctly. The Merits can be used in the school store. They are equivalent to school money. *A Wii station will be raffled off this year with their Merits.*

There will be a PSAT test on Wednesday October 17th at RHS. It is available for all students taking Algebra I. It is \$13.00 for the test and a pancake breakfast served. This is a test given to HS Juniors. It is used as an assessment to see how well your individual child is doing and will not affect their grades, etc. More information will be coming home in a letter.

Please consider joining the PTA. The Family Fall Fling, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, is a good time to meet other families and let the kids have fun playing games, *so mark your calendars and plan to come.*

Our *next PTA meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.* in the *Cafeteria* at Wood. Hope to see you there.

Pauline Lamberg-Karlovsky
E.B. Wood PTA President

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Contact Cathy Stec with any questions at 301/774.1484 or CathyStec@netscape.net

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MCCPTA Delegates Report

The MCCPTA delegates had their opening meeting in September and have begun looking at several issues. They are currently reviewing the issue of final exams for students in high school level AP and IB classes, and the priorities for the operating budget. Please come to the PTA meetings and/or watch EWood for current issues that may need your vote. MCCPTA is also asking that parents and staff join their local PTA's to increase membership.

Thanks to the efforts of MCCPTA last spring, there has been an increase in hours approved for health technicians in all schools. At the October delegates' assembly there will be a presentation on Gangs. This will be held October 25th, from 7 to 8pm, in the auditorium of the Carver Center. It will also be aired later on Cable TV channel 34 if you want to see it, but cannot attend the meeting.

Elaine Parks and Roy Broussard
co-delegates

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Mark your calendar for the Wood *Barnes and Noble Book Fair*, **MON., NOV. 26 thru SUN., DEC. 2, at 8 AM - 11 PM** at Montrose Crossing Shopping Center. One stop shopping for the holidays! Books, CDs, DVDs, audio books,

journals, Godiva Chocolates, calendars and lots of gift items. A percentage of your purchase will benefit our school. Flyers with vouchers will be in your child's backpack soon. Keep your eye out! Susie Sorrells, Chair, susiejs@verizon.net

Volunteers

Wood MS needs your help! There are many opportunities during the school day, after school, and on the weekend where the school and PTA need your support. If you have not filled out a volunteer form, it's not too late! Please let me know what days and

times and areas you prefer. Additional volunteer forms may be found in the front office, or please contact me for an electronic version. Thank you!!

Elaine Parks, VP for Volunteers,
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Fighting Rams

The RFL *Rockville Fighting Rams*, a feeder team for the Rockville High School football team is made up of mostly Wood students. Please come out and support the team. Home games will be played at Dogwood Park in Rockville on Saturday 10/13-8pm, Saturday 10/27-8pm; and Saturday 11/10-8pm. Away games are in Virginia. Admission is free and the snack bar is great! For more information log on to www.rfl.cc and/or www.ramsfootballclub.com and click on RFL Fighting Rams (this is the official website for our RHS Rams JV and Varsity teams). **GO RAMS!!!**

