

The Wood Word

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President's News



Our last PTA meeting was mostly a business meeting at which budget issues, fundraising efforts, middle school reform planning, etc. were discussed. Please see the individual committee reports included in this issue for more details.

The *2007-2008 Wood Student Directory* has arrived! I would like to thank Boni Klosson for her hard work gathering and compiling the directory information. If you have joined the PTA, you have already received your free copy. The PTA is now offering copies to parents for \$2.00 each. If you would like a copy or would like to get an extra one, please send cash or a check made out to Wood M.S. PTA along with your child's name and grade. The envelope should be addressed to the PTA and delivered to the front office.

Wood is going GREEN! Susan Eisendrath, SERT/Green Schools PTA Liaison, has started an effort to help the school become more environmentally friendly. This year Wood administrators, teachers, students and parents will continue to work together on a School Eco Response Team (SERT) increasing their efforts to recycle, save energy, and conserve water. This effort is part of the Montgomery County Public School Green Schools Program which is helping to reduce energy and water use and conserve resources to reduce pollution, save money, and make our planet healthier.

The PTA will also be helping to support

the program and parents will receive updates, "Green Tips" for saving energy and other ways to save money while also helping to save the environment and reduce global warming. We're looking for more parents to get involved in this program, so if you're interested, contact: Susan Eisendrath at (susan.eisendrath@gmail.com). For more information on SERT/Green Schools you can go to: <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/sert.shtm>

The PTA is sponsoring a book drive to support the English department. If your family has age appropriate books for middle school that could be used for independent reading in classrooms, please bring them to the school office or Media Center. They will be sorted and reviewed to make sure they comply with the MCPS standards for acceptable and coded books. Any books that are found unacceptable for the school will be donated to a charity.

Please consider joining the PTA. Your membership will help with the PTA's classroom and school support programs.

Our *next PTA meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.* in the *Media Center* at Wood. Hope to see you there.

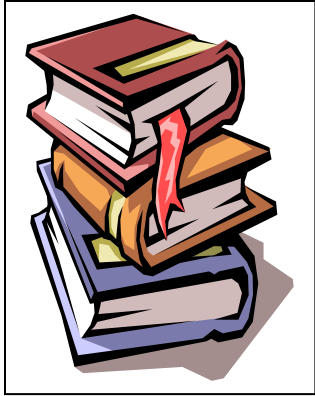
Pauline Lamberg-Karlovsky
E.B. Wood PTA President

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 6 Parent Academy
- Nov. 9 & 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 13th PTA Mtg. @7:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 26- Dec. 2nd Wood Barnes & Noble Book Fair



Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Don't forget the Wood *Barnes and Noble Book Fair*, *MON., NOV. 26 thru SUN., DEC. 2, at 8 AM - 11 PM* at Montrose Crossing Shopping Center. Come and see our talented Wood students. Wood student art show through the week downstairs by the escalators! Wood advanced orchestra, Tues., Nov 27 at 7:00 pm. Edward Steers, speaking about and signing his new book about Lincoln, Wed., Nov. 28 at 7:30 pm. Wood Phatty

Gurlyz TBA! Storytimes Wed., Nov. 28 at 10 am & Sat., Dec. 1 at 11:00 am. Wood chorus Fri., Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm. Help make this the best fundraiser ever! Flyers with vouchers will be in your child's backpack soon. Keep your eye out! For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Susie Sorrells 301-929-1618 or Elaine Parks 301-962-0982.

MCCPTA Delegates Report

There was a presentation on gangs. The presenters said that every high school in Montgomery County has gang members and activity, and many middle schools also have gangs present. The efforts of the PTA, staff, and parent community at Rockville HS were noted as one of the best. The presenters emphasized the importance parent involvement in all areas to curb gang involvement. The program will be aired on cable Channel 34 on the following days: Oct. 30 at 6 p.m., Nov. 1 at 9 p.m., and Nov. 3 and 4 at 5 p.m.

The HS exam issue had many proposed amendments, these were opposed and the motion by the MCCPTA grading and reporting committee not to support the end of semester project as 25% of the grade was accepted as presented. We will be voting on the Operating Budget Compact this month, a resolution on increasing crossing guards and EFOs at schools, and one to improve background checks for all employees including those that have been employed for a period of time. Full text of the amendments should be available soon on Ewood and will be presented at the Nov. PTA meeting. Elaine Parks, Delegate

Box Tops For Education

Don't forget to clip and turn in your box tops to support Earle B. Wood MS. There is a collection box in the school office.

Student Service Learning

5 Points of Student Service Learning (SSL) Information

SSL is a graduation requirement for the state of Maryland. All students currently at Wood must complete a total of 75 hours of SSL for graduation. Any questions involving SSL at Wood should be directed to 7th grade counselor, Amy Davis in the Counseling Office. The upcoming Holidays are great times to get involved in SSL activities. Stay aware of service opportunities by visiting the SSL web site at www.mcpsssl.org and through the SSL bulletin board outside of the cafeteria. All service for which SSL hours are desired must be performed under the supervision of a nonprofit tax-exempt organization. All SSL activities must be approved in advance of performing service. This is done either by selecting a pre-approved activity or organization from www.mcpsssl.org or submitting MCPS form 560-50, *Application for Student Service Learning Special Activity* for approval by Ms. Davis in advance of performing service.

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