

Wildcat

(Delivered Monthly)



Weekly

Principal's Corner

I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Thanksgiving break! This time of year, between Thanksgiving and the Winter Break, can be extra busy at home and at school. We encourage you to keep a focus on schoolwork by setting a schedule and procedures for homework, reading, and math practice. Remember to check SchoolMax Family Portal weekly and reach out to your child's teacher with questions prior to the end of the marking period.

Virtual learning is set to end at the end of the 1st marking period. With the end of virtual learning there will be some changes for all students at Woodmore. More information is forthcoming in the new year.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child dresses appropriately. We will continue outdoor recess whenever it is dry and the temperature is above freezing. We will also continue to keep some windows open to increase airflow. Woodmore sweatshirts and sweatpants can be worn as a uniform and are available on the PTO Spirit Wear Shop.

Important Dates

- Dec. 1st - PTO Meeting
- Dec. 7th - Picture Day
- Dec. 8th (4pm - 8pm) - PTO Fundraiser Night at Woodmore Town Center's Chipotle
- Dec. 23rd - 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st - School Closed for Winter Break

Testing

- MATH BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 1-5: NOV 15 - DEC 8
- RELA BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 3-5: NOV 15 - DEC 8
- SCIENCE BENCHMARK #1 GRADES 5: NOV 15 - DEC 8
- TAG IDENTIFICATION WINDOW - CogAT SECOND GRADERS CENSUS TEST: DEC 6 - DEC 16
- ESOL INTERMITTENT SPEAKING TASKS ELEMENTARY: DEC 13 - DEC 17

Woodmore Spirit Wear for sale at:
<https://www.woodmorepto.com/shop>

Spirit Wear can be worn as a uniform!

Staff Highlight - Ms. Dixon (5th Grade)



I attended Bowie State University where I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education. I earned my MAE with a certification in S.T.E.M. Instructional Lead from UMBC. I am a proud member of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. I recently got married in beautiful Jamaica, which has become my second home over the years. My grandmother inspired me to become a teacher, and taught special education in Wicomico County for many years. I can remember going to visit her classroom and seeing the joy she brought to her special needs students. It would be nothing for us to be out and one of her former students would walk up to her and thank her. She remembered every one of them. This is my 19th year teaching at Woodmore where I've spent a majority of my time teaching 5th grade and working with the PGCPs Science Department. The reason I love teaching at Woodmore is because I love the students and making a positive impact upon their lives. Woodmore has been the only school I've taught at in my entire career. Over the span of these 19 years I have seen former students become engineers, lawyers, business owners, professional athletes, actors, etc. and I couldn't be more proud.

Reading Nook

From Melissa Whaley (3rd Grade Teacher)

Primary read -

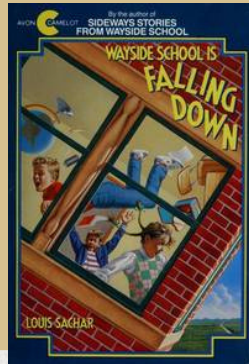
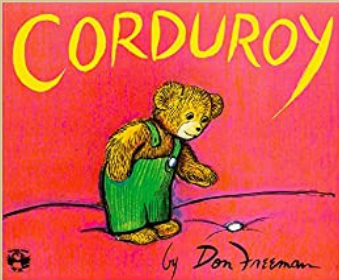
Corduroy by Don Freeman

I loved listening to this story as a kid. It's about a bear named Corduroy who lives at a toy store in the mall that wants to have a friend. People walk past him because he has a missing button and so he goes on a search throughout the mall to find a button he could use to replace the old one. He never finds a replacement but a girl named Lisa decides to buy him even though he has a missing button. I like the message of this story which is that you will always have a friend that likes you just the way you are.

Intermediate -

Wayside school is Falling Down by Louis Sachar

This book is hilarious. There is one chapter in here where a boy says his name is Mark but really his name is Benjamin and in the chapter, the students have a substitute so all of them say that their name is Benjamin. I like this book because it's humorous, and each chapter is dedicated to one student in the class, and there are a lot of weird things that happen. For one, the school has 30 floors and one floor does not exist. I love reading this book to my students because we all get to laugh about it.



Announcement!!

Individual iReady reports have been sent to parents in ClassDojo. Please make sure you are connected and check your messages! It is the expectation that students spend 45 min. per week on the iReady program.

Math Minute

Did you know that research indicates that students who know their basic facts are able to perform math tasks at a greater rate of proficiency and speed? The best Math gift your child can give themselves is memorizing basic facts.

Try focusing on one fact a day, for example, $18-9=9$. Throughout the day (when they wake up, in the car, at meal time, before bed) quiz your child on just that fact. Because you have isolated just that fact, they are more likely to store that fact into long-term memory.

We have 3 second graders and 3 fifth graders who have memorized their basic facts through weekly timed test given to them by their teacher.

Congratulations to Yasir Mire, Christian Azaryias, Michael Mills, Timi Lamidi, Gabrielle Badger, Rochester Nkenmoe, Gilbert-James Ukeomah, and Zena Amanze!

Without lifting your pencil, can you connect all of the dots below with four straight lines?



Drop Off Reminders

- Drop off is from 8:50am to 9:10am
- Students should be prepared to exit the vehicle on the passenger side with mask and jacket on
- Students cannot be dropped off on Woodmore Rd

Pick Up Reminders

- Parents should arrive prior to 3:15pm
- Parents should stay at their vehicle
- If parents arrive after 3:15pm, they have to wait till the pickup lot reopens when all on-time vehicles have exited.
- Do not park along Woodmore Rd.

PTO News

MEETING TONIGHT @ 6PM

Go to <https://www.woodmorepto.com/register>
for more information

1.) Shelving Books with Ms. White : Ms. Rebecca White, Woodmore's Librarian, is seeking volunteers to help with shelving books in the library. While we await additional details (i.e. preferred time, days of the week, etc.) it is an ongoing effort. Ms. White advised the PTO to share her contact information for parents who may have time to volunteer. For more information, please send Ms. White an email at rebecca.white@pgcps.org

2.) MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! PTO Fundraiser Night at Woodmore Town Center's Chipotle : The PTO has arranged our first fundraiser event with the Chipotle located in the Woodmore Town Center on December 8th from 4p-8p. A flyer will be made available electronically and must be shown prior to ordering the day of the event in order for the PTO to receive credit/donations. Reminders will be sent periodically until Dec. 8th. Please support this event.
<https://www.woodmorepto.com/events/chipotle-fundraiser>

3.) Dress Down Vouchers Approved 😊 - Principal Zanghi has approved the revival of this popular incentive. Join us at our next PTO meeting, December 1st, to receive a voucher for your child!

4.) Calling all Volunteers - The PTO needs volunteers for the upcoming Holiday Treat Bag Assembly & Distribution and also a new weekly incentive showing Teacher Appreciation on Friday mornings. The details and ability to sign up for specific days and times can be found below. Details will be sent to volunteers directly once registered.
Holiday Treat Bag Assembly & Distribution - [Click here](#)
Weekly Teacher Appreciation - [Click here](#)