

## Calendar Notes

### Monday

- ◇ 8:45 am– Town Meeting
- ◇ 7:00 pm–PTA Board Meeting

### Tuesday

- ◇ 9:00– MSA Simulation– Gr. 3 & 4
- ◇ 3:15– After School Clubs

### Wednesday

- ◇ Report Card Distribution
- ◇ 9:00– MSA Simulation– Gr. 5
- ◇ 9:15– MAP-P (Boyle)

### Thursday

- ◇ 9:15– MAP-P (Templeman)
- ◇ 9:30– 1st Grade Field Trip to Imagination Stage
- ◇ 3:15– After School Clubs

### Friday

- ◇ Jump Rope for Heart (During PE classes) Fridays in February

### Dates to Remember

- ◇ **Tues., 2/7 @ 6:30 pm**  
PTA Meeting and Black History Month Celebration
- ◇ **Wed., 2/8**  
Class Pictures
- ◇ **Wed., 2/8 @ 3:30**  
GAC Committee Meeting (media center)
- ◇ **Thursday, 2/9**  
Cultural Arts Assembly (Lesole's Dance Project)
- ◇ **Thurs., 2/9, 6:30 pm**  
NAACP meeting
- ◇ **Fri., 2/10**  
2nd Grade in school Mad Science Field trip
- ◇ **Sat., 2/11, 2-5 pm**  
Winter Festival

### Our Vision

We believe in a safe, nurturing environment which promotes high achievement and success for students through an integrated and culturally inclusive approach to learning. Students, parents, school staff, and community work together to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where each child can fully develop his or her potential.



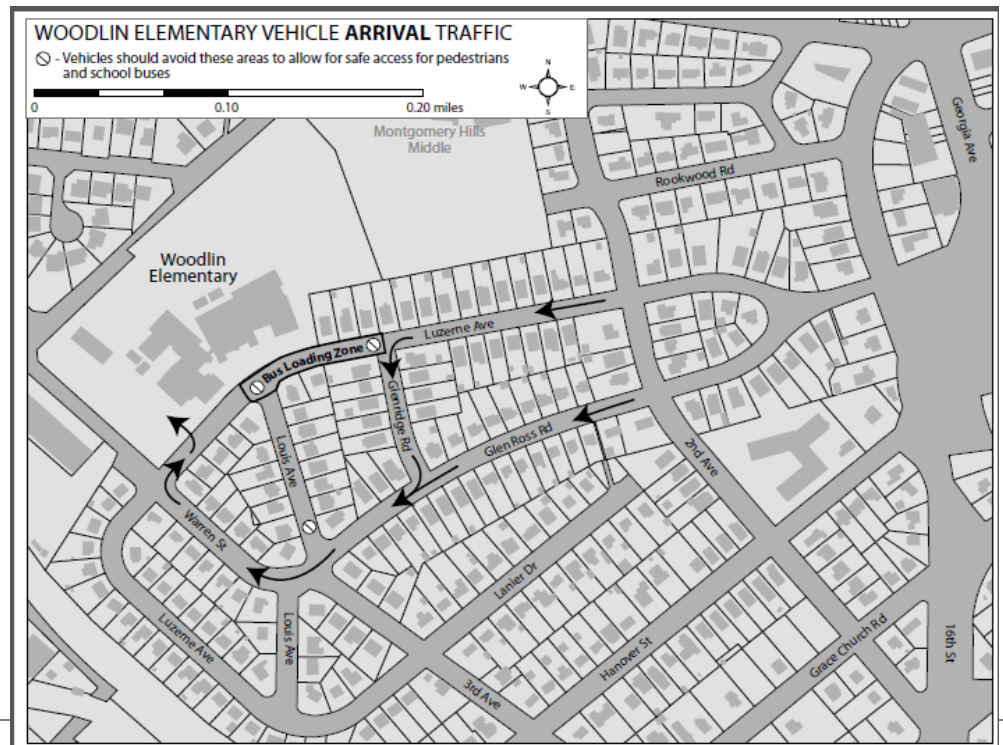
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## Principally Speaking: A Message from Mrs. Sirgo

Student safety is a priority for Woodlin community members. We have had a challenge over the past few months that has yet to be solved and we are asking for your help. As you may recall, Woodlin does not have a dedicated bus lane. While over 70% of our students ride the bus, we must use the front area on Luzerne to drop students off. During the morning time, Luzerne Avenue is reserved for busses only. However, we have a number of families who are driving down Luzerne, competing with the busses for road space or blocking busses from being able to pull curbside. Below is a reminder map of how cars should approach the school. Please **do not drop off students in front of the school on Luzerne Avenue.** Families driving down Luzerne **MUST turn left at the stop sign on Glenridge and reenter Luzerne by the school parking lot.** In addition, we ask that if you need to bring your child in to school during the morning arrival time, you park on an adjacent street or the parking lot and walk your child in to the school or class line. The responsibility for safe transportation to and from school is something all of us share. Thank you for helping to remind yourself and one another of this important process.



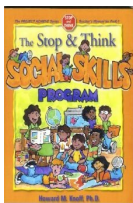
## In the Know: MCPS Updates

Maryland schools have been ranked No. 1 in the nation by a leading education publication for the fourth year in a row, earning a grade of B+ compared to the national average of C. The rankings by Education Week have been promoted by Gov. Martin O'Malley and many other elected officials who have pushed for increased investment in education over the past decade. The state received high marks for overall student achievement, which has been on the rise on national tests, and for how equitably it allocates funds to different schools.



The state got its best grade, an A, for its early education programs and for preparing students for college and jobs after graduation. Maryland also ranked first among states in the percentage of students who do well on Advanced Placement tests. The state ranked in the middle of states for its academic standards.

Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia joined Maryland among the highest achievers. The District of Columbia, South Dakota and Nebraska were among the lowest achievers.



### Stop and Think: Social Skills Lesson Topics

Window	Kindergarten & First Grades	Second & Third Grades	Fourth & Fifth Grades
Jan. 17- Jan. 27	Dealing w/ Teasing	Dealing w/ Losing	Dealing w/ Anger