

Calendar Notes

Monday

- ◇ NO SCHOOL-
President's Day

Tuesday

- ◇ 3:15-After School
Clubs

Wednesday

- ◇ 9:00-TN2 Simulation
for 2nd Gr Students

Thursday

- ◇ 9:00-TN2 simulation
for 2nd Gr Students-
Day #2
- ◇ 3:15-After School
Clubs

Dates to Remember

- ◇ **INTERIMS, DATA
NOTEBOOKS,
PROGRESS REPORTS
TO COME HOME
BETWEEN 2/17
&2/24**
- ◇ **Monday, Feb 27 at
7:00 p.m.-PTA
Board Meeting
(Media Center)**
- ◇ **Friday, March 2-
Early Release for
Students at 12:35**
- ◇ **Tuesday, March 6-
PTA Meeting at 6:30
-Topic (TESTING)**

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

As we continue our recognition of Black History Month, I offer you some thoughts on how we can take important themes and messages from this month and consider them in our time as a family. Black History Month is an excellent time to learn about our past and appreciate the lessons learned to inform our future. In that spirit, you may want to help create your own legacy by preserving your family's heritage for future generations. Consider the following suggestions:

- Talk with your children about your family history. Where did your grandparents and great grandparents live? What lessons did you learn from their example?
- Make a family tree. Talk about the contributions of each member of your family and how their work in the past influences your family today.
- Explore local museums or memorials. Talk with your children about the contributions of people in our country that have helped our society.
- Design a scrapbook or memory page for your family. Identify goals, wishes, dreams, and things you can do together to achieve them.

Whether it be for Black History Month or any time of year, it is important to take time to teach all of our children about the respect and honor we can show to those who paved a path for us today.

As a point of personal privilege, I wanted to use this newsletter article to wish all of the Woodlin families my best as I transition to child care leave. While I know that I am about to embark on a wonderful journey, it is hard to imagine not coming to work everyday. Thank you for sharing your amazing children and families with me. I have learned so much from them and from you about how to support and encourage children and be a parent. I look forward to seeing you again in the spring!

Sarah



In The Know: MCPS Updates

Information for income-eligible families for Prekindergarten and Head Start programs is available for children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2012. If you would like more information on these programs, please contact Mindy Rosenberg, School Counselor at mindy_rosenberg@mcpsmd.org for more details. Early registration is recommended.

Hot off the Press: Woodlin Updates and News

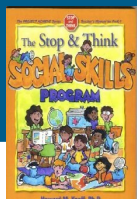


This is the last week that the Woodlin Memory Book (yearbook) will be on sale (sale ends February 24th). The **memory book costs \$14.55** each and may **only be purchased during this window of time**. Please send in money or a check paid to Woodlin Elementary with your child. Contact Mrs. Schweitzer at Woodlin with questions.



Town Meeting: Highlights from this week

During town meeting, Lee Meiners, Acting Principal, was introduced to the student body. Students also had the pleasure of watching a reenactment of famous African American women and were challenged to "Dare to Dream" by the students who portrayed these important figures in history. Students recommended by staff members later received Wizard Weekly awards for demonstrating one of Woodlin's core values!



Stop and Think: Social Skills Lesson Topics

Window	Kindergarten & First Grades	Second & Third Grades	Fourth & Fifth Grades
Feb. 13-Feb. 24	Accepting Consequences	Accepting Consequences	Walking away from a fight

Woodlin Black History Month 2012:
*Celebrating Black Women in American
History and Culture*

*The 2012 Woodlin PTA Black History Committee invites students to
submit a poster that highlights the 2012 Black History Month Theme:
“Celebrating Black Women in American History and Culture”*

Theme

The poster contest will focus on recognizing the contributions of African-American women in helping to shape our nation and culture. Ideas do not have to be limited to individuals; significant historical events and movements are excellent ways to recognize the contributions of Black women to American history and culture.

Rules

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students may draw a picture or create a collage on poster board. Students may submit one poster on standard size poster board (18” x 24”). Students are encouraged to explore any form of artistic expression (such as paint, crayons, magazine/newspaper clippings, etc.) that remains attached to the poster. Posters will not be judged and all entries will be displayed in the front hallway February 22 – 29, 2012. Each student who participates will receive a “*Certificate of Participation*” and will be recognized during the February 27th Town Hall Meeting. All submissions must be received in the PTA BHM Poster Contest Box in the Office by February 21st at 9:00am.

Important Dates

- Contest runs from February 1st through February 21st
- Deadline for all entries: Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00am.
- Display of entries: February 22 - 29, 2012.
- Participant recognition: February 27, 2012

Please write Student’s Name, Grade and Teacher on the back of the Poster.

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 9:00am

Child’s Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

___ Yes, he/she will submit a Poster

Parents Signature:

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR POSTER TO:

PTA BHM Poster Contest Box in the Office by February 21st at 9:00am.