

The Woodfield Wire

**Summer Newsletter
Woodfield Elementary School**

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School Hours: 9:00am to 3:25pm



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Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We hope this letter finds you well as we begin to get ready for a new school year! We have been very busy this summer!

We are excited to get the school year started. Our theme for this year will be "Whatever it Takes". We will celebrate how we all rally around one another and do whatever it takes each day to make a difference for our school community.

In order to help keep the community informed, we will be sending out "The Woodfield Wire" once a month and will post it on our website. In addition, we will send an email to all community members called "Events and Updates" each Friday evening that will list important calendar dates and events for our community.

School Update: Our enrollment is continuing to grow. We will have two teachers at every grade level, except for fourth and fifth grades. Fourth and fifth grades will share three teachers.

New Staff to Woodfield!

We would like to welcome the following new staff to our WES family:

- ★ Mouk Southivang (Music Teacher once weekly)
- ★ Sean Kirchhoff (Instrumental Music Teacher)
- ★ Deanie Pugh (Second Grade Teacher)
- ★ Lora Harmon (Home School Model Teacher)
- ★ Judi Beucher (Speech)
- ★ Rachel Kepnes (PEP Para)
- ★ Antoinette Silvera (PEP Para)
- ★ Jean Barr (CAPP Para)
- ★ Arietni Douglas (CAPP Teacher)
- ★ Abigail Gonzalez (CAPP Para)
- ★ Megan Lynch (CAPP Teacher)
- ★ Sara Walker (CAPP Para)
- ★ Reina Diaz (Building Service Assist Manager)
- ★ Julia Williams (PPW)

CALENDAR



Thursday, August 31st

Open House:
10:00 a.m.
Kindergarten/PEP
Open House
1:30 p.m.
Meeting with new
families to WES
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Open House (1st – 5th)

**Tuesday,
September 5th**
First Day of School

**Wednesday,
September 13th**
Back to School Night
6:30p.m.
(for parents only)

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Please visit our [website](#) for a suggested list of school supplies needed for students at each grade level. PLEASE remember that these will need to be replenished throughout the year. You may also want to keep a complete set at home as these items will be needed to complete homework and long-term projects. STOCK UP on the back-to-school sales and save money.

We would recommend purchasing some additional items. We will supply these for instruction in the classroom, but it is ALWAYS helpful to have your own for homework. Parents have asked what items classroom teachers will need for the entire class. If any parent wishes to make a donation, each teacher would love to have: *boxes of tissues *containers of hand sanitizer (refill bottles are good too) *Clorox wipes *Wet Ones (these are used to clean white boards as well as hands).

Attention Kindergarten Families

Please join us on the Tuesday, September 5th at 8:50 a.m. in the media center to celebrate the first day of school together. This time is specifically set aside for kindergarten families.

Parent Advisory Board

Each year Mrs. Brant has a parent advisory board that meets monthly prior to PTA meetings to discuss topics about the school. Please send her an email (stephanie_d_brant@mcpsmd.org) if you are interested in being a part of the board. She'd love to have you!

Arrival and Dismissal

The student day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m. These are adjusted bell times due to MCPS Board of Education's recommendations. The best way to have smooth arrival and dismissal times the first week of school is to start your child's regular routine on the first day of school. **If your child normally rides a bus, please allow him/her to ride it to and from school on the first day.** This way all children will be included in our first day of routines and practices. Please consult our website to view detailed information about your child's bus schedule. Our doors will open again this school year at 8:40 a.m. At this time, students will proceed directly to their classroom. Staff members will be in the halls to guide students to their destination. **To prevent disruptions in the instructional day, parents are not permitted to walk students to their classrooms in the morning.**

Visitors and Security

Please note that our exterior doors will be locked at all times. When you visit the school, please press the red button to the right of the front door and wait for a signal or verbal direction from office staff. Once you enter the building, staff in the

main office will sign you in. Your driver's license or other state-issued identification is required to enter the building and will be used to create a visitor's badge.

Class Lists: Postcards informing students of their teacher for the 2017-2018 school year will be arriving to your home approximately the last week of August. If you did not receive a postcard by Wednesday, August 30th, please contact the school.