

# Mosby

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**PARENT NEWSLETTER**  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011



# Matters

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## MOSBY WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Thanksgiving Luncheon



Mosby Woods welcomes parents to join their children at lunch to celebrate Thanksgiving. This year our luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Since lunches need to be ordered in advance, we require guests to register and pay for lunch by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you need an order form, please stop by the office.

### Department of Special Services Office of Special Education Procedural Support

Beginning this fall, all IEPs will be developed using the standards-based IEP process and will contain a standards-based goal in math, if the student has a math goal. IEP teams will create annual IEP goals that align to grade level curriculum. These IEPs will incorporate guided questions to determine the student's present level of performance and areas of need. Fairfax County Public Schools will begin using standard-based IEP goals for reading and writing during the 2012-2013 school year.

To learn more about the new standards-based IEPs consider attending the following workshop:

**December 2, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services**  
**2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Virginia**  
**Register online now or call 703-204-3941**

### SCA Elections



The voting booths are closed and the votes have been tallied. Candidates threw their metaphoric hats in the ring and hit the campaign trail hard by designing posters and composing noteworthy speeches, which they delivered during a televised event. The candidates never lost sight of their morals as they ran clean campaigns that focused on their own positive attributes and did not resort to attacking their opponents. The students cast their ballots and it is with great pleasure that we would like to announce the SCA nominated officers for the 2011-2012 school-year.

**Nathan Chen – President**  
**May Shabti – Vice President**  
**Shazmeena Khattak – Treasurer**  
**Katy David – Secretary**  
**Kaydy Vy and Naomi Nero - Historians**

**We are proud of all of our students who took a chance to run in this election. These students showed great leadership ability and are risk-takers who should be commended for their efforts. Congratulations Mustangs!**

### Picture Retake Day!



Get ready for picture retake day on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**! Students that were absent on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, are new to our school, forgot portrait money at the last picture day, need to have their picture taken again (bring the unwanted photos with you – thanks), or didn't buy portraits or want more, this is the time to do it! Fall portraits are used for the school yearbook, so encourage your child to participate! Flyers are available in the office for new orders!

## HGD Parent Preview Night (Grades 4-6)

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will soon be taking part in lessons on Human Growth and Development (HGD), as part of the Family Life Education (FLE) Program. Parents are invited to attend a meeting to preview the HGD lessons and materials and talk with staff members about the program. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 1st, in the library**. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade preview will begin at 6:30 pm. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade preview will begin at 7:00 pm. All program materials and videotapes will be available for your review at that time.

### HGD instruction dates:

Grade 4 – December 9<sup>th</sup>

Grades 5 and 6 – December 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Additional information about the Family Life Education program, including HGD opt-out forms, is available at

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OMSI/fle/index.htm>.

## Student –Parent Survey Forms



Federal Impact Aid surveys are going home soon. PLEASE return these forms ASAP! We are required to turn in a form for each child enrolled in our school. All information provided is kept confidential. These surveys enable the county to receive extra funding from the Federal Government. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

### Important Note Mosby Woods Attendance

We have been experiencing an increase of students arriving late for school. As a reminder, school starts at 8:15 am. If your child arrives after 8:15 am he/she will be considered tardy. Make sure your child goes to bed early every night and gets plenty of sleep and rest before coming to school.

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the attendance line, 703-937-1661, or email [MosbywoodsESAttendance@fcps.edu](mailto:MosbywoodsESAttendance@fcps.edu) no later than 9:30 am to report your child's absence.

## Dates to Remember



- November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Walk for the Homeless at 1:45 pm  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher Workdays – **NO SCHOOL**  
Parent – Teacher Conferences
- November 10<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Williamsburg
- November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Nubian Dance Company Assembly  
9:00 – 9:45 – K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
10:00 – 10:45 – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- November 15<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm
- November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Make-up day
- November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Thanksgiving Play
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 2 Hour Early Release
- November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** – **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

## School Website

Check out our new **LEARNING LINKS** tab on the Mosby Woods website! It has virtual field trips, fun quizzes, brain games, puzzles, tumble books and many great sites for your children to reinforce learning and enjoy time on the computer!

<http://www.fcps.edu/MosbyWoodsES/>

## Early Closing



On Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Fairfax County Public Schools will be dismissed two hours early. Students at Mosby Woods will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. Please talk with your child to make sure that he or she knows when and where to meet you; and that someone will be at home when he or she gets there.