

Mosby

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PARENT NEWSLETTER
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MOSBY WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2011-12 School Year!

We are pleased to welcome our new families and returning families to Mosby Woods for a new, exciting school year! It was wonderful to meet so many parents at Open House. All of the children are so excited to be in school and are eager to learn.

We appreciate your support in preparing your child for the school year. You can help us by adjusting bedtime and purchasing supplies. Thank you also for encouraging reading throughout the summer.

We are looking forward to an outstanding school year!

Mosby Woods' School Hours



Students are required to be in their classes at **8:15 a.m.** when the bell is sounded. Dismissal is at **2:55 p.m.** Tuesday through Friday and at **12:25 p.m.** on Monday.

Being on time for school is very important because tardy children miss the detailed directions given by the teacher for the morning activities. Please help us by assuring that your children are at school prior to the bell ringing at **8:15 a.m.** We appreciate your support!

Mosby Woods Welcomes New Staff

We welcome several new and highly qualified teachers. We are fortunate to have such excellent teachers join our staff. We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Ms. Kelli Bane, FECEP
Mr. David Banks, 2nd Grade
Ms. Leigh Henderson, Psychologist
Ms. Carrie Levis, 6th Grade
Mrs. Jen McCarry, Guidance Counselor
Ms. Amy Miska, 2nd Grade
Mrs. Susanna Pickering, Registrar
Ms. Maggie Prusaczyk, Special Ed IA
Ms. Justine Reed, 2nd Grade
Ms. Krystal Richardson, Special Ed
Mr. Robby Tucker, 6th Grade

Welcome!

Back-to-School Night

We are looking forward to seeing all parents at one of our two Back-to-School nights. Monday, September 12th, at 7 pm is our Back-to-School night for parents of students in grades K-3 and Monday, September 19th, at 7 p.m. for grades 4-6. Back-to-School night is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, hear about our high expectations for achievement and behavior and learn ways we can be partners in your child's education. We ask that you make child care arrangements so that you can give your full attention to the information that will be shared. We look forward to seeing you then. Translators will be available in Spanish, Korean and Arabic on the 12th and Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Chinese on the 19th.

Medication



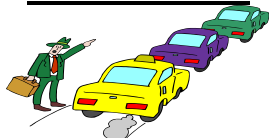
Mrs. Menendez, our Clinic Assistant, is able to give children needed medication during the school day. She needs authorization in writing prior to giving medication. Written orders from a physician are required for long-term medications in the school, and a new authorization form is required for all medications that are continued from last school year. A parent must bring the medications to the clinic. **Children are not permitted to carry pills, ointments, or medicines to school.**

Questions about the Public Health Departments' regulations can be directed to our clinic assistant, Mrs. Menendez (703-937-1610) or Mrs. Paterno-Hardy (571-722-7285), our Public Health Nurse.

Emergency Care Cards

In the first day packet, you received an **Emergency Care Card**. Please be sure to completely fill in the card and return to school. It is essential that we have numerous ways of getting in touch with parents in case of an emergency. All cards should have at least three telephone numbers. Typically, parents give us their home telephone number, work telephone number and the telephone number of someone willing to pick up their child when the parent is unavailable and the child is ill. Please keep the school updated when changes occur in telephone numbers.

Kiss and Ride



We always prefer students to arrive by walking to school or riding a bus. Significant traffic approaching the school always raises safety concerns. Should you need to drive your child to school however, please use the Kiss and Ride lane. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** at Kiss and Ride.

Parents are asked not to use Kingsbridge as a Kiss and Ride because of safety risks. We have over 100 students that cross Kingsbridge and this would put many children at risk by parents creating more traffic

Innisbrook Wraps Fundraiser



The Mosby Woods PTA proudly presents our annual Innisbrook Wraps fundraiser. We're counting on your support to maximize the PTA's contributions to our school.

Sale Dates

September 14 - October 6

The information packets will be sent home in the September 14th Wednesday folder.

Why Buy a School Lunch?

- Lunches reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which recommend no more than 30 percent calories from fat, 10 percent calories from saturated fats, and limited trans fats, sodium and sugar.
- Lunches provide one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowances of protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, iron, calcium, and calories
- Age appropriate portions based on established federal lunch patterns
- Several choices, salad lunches and milk available daily
- Food is prepared and served under safe and sanitary conditions
- Costs less than bringing an equally nutritious lunch from home

Going Green!

Our staff has made a commitment to reduce the amount of paper we use while recycling to help the environment. One way that we will be doing this is to ask parents to sign up for electronic copies of Mosby Matters. You will be able to do this at back to school night. We will continue our school wide recycling project and teachers will incorporate recycling lessons into their curriculum. This year, Mosby Matters will be published once a month

FCPS Offers myLunchMoney.com to Prepay for School Food

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will offer myLunchMoney.com, an online prepayment service, to its students to pay for school breakfasts and lunches during the 2011-12 school year. The service will enable families to pay for meals with a credit or debit card, check balances, and add funds to their accounts via computer, phone, or fax.

Parents can visit www.myLunchMoney.com to set up an account by using a student identification number—which can be found on a report card. Credit or debit card information is entered to add funds to the account. Throughout the school year, accounts can be managed and funds can be added electronically or via phone. Personal and payment information is protected by advanced Internet security. A \$1.95 fee is charged for each transaction. FCPS meals can still be purchased with cash or personal checks.

FCPS Family Life Education Instructional Program

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for kindergarten through grade twelve. The FLE program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to make healthy, responsible, respectful, and life-enhancing decisions related to human growth and development, relationships, substance abuse, and emotional and social health. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, non-punitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, or would like more detailed information about grade level programs, please access the opt out forms, opt out letter, and program descriptions for each grade level at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OMSI/fle/index.htm>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's school by the end of September or prior to Family Life Education instruction. FLE curriculum and media may be reviewed at your child's school. Program questions may be addressed at your child's school or by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu or 571-423-455

Wednesday Folders



Information will be sent home to parents in Wednesday folders. Please set aside some time on Wednesday evenings to look at your child's school work and read newsletters and announcements

Daily Attendance is Important



Fairfax County requires daily attendance in school unless an absence is excused. Examples of an excused absence include: illness, death in the family, medical or dental appointment, or observance of a religious holiday. Family vacations are considered unexcused absences. We are required to respond to excessive unexcused absences by contacting the school attendance officer. Please help your child by having him/her in school ready to learn every day.

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the Attendance line at (703-937-1661) or send an email to MosbyWoodsESAttendance@fcps.edu

Dates to Remember



September 12th – Back-to-School Night K-3rd Gr. - 7 pm

September 19th – Back-to-School Night 4th-6th Gr.-7 pm

September 20th – PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm

September 29th – Theatre Assembly
K-3rd Grade: 9:00 am
4th – 6th Grade: 10:00 am

October 4th & 5th – Picture Days

October 7th – SCA Induction Assembly at 2:30 pm

October 10th – Columbus Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
Custodian Appreciation Week