



Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

This week marks the beginning of the third quarter. It is so hard to believe that we are half way through the school year! This is the time when we need our students to work so hard on focusing during the school day and while completing tasks at home. Our teachers and staff will be gathering and analyzing data and test scores to look to see where our students are and where they need to be. You will be getting progress reports in a few weeks. We will be sure to celebrate our successes at the end of the month.

We hope that you continue to support your child at home by making sure they are completing assignments and reading each night. We realize that you are your child's first teacher, and we appreciate all that you do. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hendrick Tom Fitzpatrick Sharon Jordan Bundy
Principal Assistant Principal Assistant Principal

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is absent or going to be absent from school, please call the

**Woodlawn Attendance Line at
(703) 619-4848**

This line is setup to take all student reporting absences. It is very important that you call this number and not the main office number.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this matter.



Estimadas Familias,

Esta semana denota el comienzo del tercer cuarto. ¡Casi no se puede creer que ya estemos a medio del año escolar! Este es el tiempo que necesitamos que nuestros estudiantes trabajen fuerte en concentrarse durante el día escolar y cuando estén haciendo sus tareas en casa. Nuestros profesores y personal estarán coleccionando, analizando información y los resultados de los exámenes para ver donde nuestros estudiantes están y donde ellos necesitan estar. Ustedes recibirán reportes de su progreso dentro de una pocas semanas. Estaremos seguros de celebrar nuestros triunfos al final del mes.

Nosotros esperamos que ustedes continúen con su ayuda para sus niños en casa por medio de asegurarse de que ellos terminen sus tareas y lean todas las noches. Nosotros sabemos que ustedes son los primeros profesores de su niño y les agradecemos todo lo que hacen. Si usted tiene algunas preguntas o con cerníos, por favor contacte a la profesor de su niño lo más pronto posible.

Sinceramente,

Dawn Hendrick Tom Fitzpatrick Sharon Jordan Bundy
Assistant Principal Assistant Principal Assistant Principal

Para Reportar la Ausencia de su Hijo

Si su niño esta ausente o va a estar

ausente de la escuela, por favor llame

a la

Woodlawn Línea de Asistencia al

(703) 619-4848

Esta línea esta configurada para tomar

todas las ausencias de información

del estudiante.

Es muy importante que llame a este

numero y no el numero de la oficina principal



Counselor's Corner

Sixth Grade Transition Dates to Walt Whitman

Here are some dates to mark your calendar for sixth graders transitioning to Walt Whitman:

Feb. 22 - Rising 7th Grade Student Orientation: 9:15-11:30 AM Field Trip to Walt Whitman

Feb. 22 - Parent Program: ESOL, SPED, Honors & IB 6:00-7:00 pm at Walt Whitman Snow Date: March 1

Feb. 22 - Rising 7th Grade Parent Night at Walt Whitman 7:00-8:00 pm at Walt Whitman Snow Date: March 1

Mar 2 - Course Selection Sheets due to Classroom Teachers

Valentine Care Cards For Sale

SCA will be sponsoring Valentine Care Cards for 50 cents. They will be sold at the beginning and ending of the day in the MPR on Thurs., Feb. 9, Fri., Feb. 10, and the morning only of Feb. 13.



Each Valentine Care Card will have a lollipop on it.

THE GOODNESS GORILLAS

See the picture of Woodlawn's Good Deeds Tree. During month of December, the guidance lessons were focused on students doing good deeds for others. Based on the book The Goodness Gorillas, wrote good deed on the Letter G. doing this good deed and getting an adult's signature, students were asked to bring back their G to hang on the Woodlawn's Good Deeds Tree. Congratulations to all Woodlawn students for spreading kindness and doing their good deeds!

Tech Tips



It's never too early to begin using SOL online testing practice sites. One of our favorites is www.SOLpass.org where the content is aligned to the state of Virginia. Once on that site (children need to log-on with the school-wide password: woodlawn), choose Elementary School and then the appropriate grade level for either Science or Social Studies. There are many, many game like tests for our students to take and even study guides. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Have fun!

Brian Lachance

School Based Technology Specialist
Woodlawn Elementary School
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Good Deeds Tree





Energy Zone

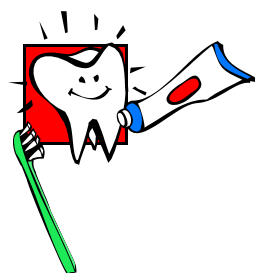
CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

The two major oral health diseases are tooth decay (dental caries) and gum (periodontal) disease. Both diseases are influenced by nutrition and diet. Nutrition plays an important role in the development of teeth and oral tissue. Dental caries result from the interaction between the tooth, oral bacteria, and dietary carbohydrates (sugar and starch).

Plaque is a sticky film of bacteria that forms on our teeth and turns the sugars and starches in our food into acids. These acids act on the tooth enamel and cause tooth decay. If high-acid producing or sugar foods (raisins, cookies, cakes, potato chips) are consumed, they should be eaten with meals, not as snacks. Cheeses, popcorn, raw fruits and vegetables are low-acid producing food and make healthy snacks.

To prevent dental disease, remember to:

1. Brush teeth after every meal with fluoridated toothpaste.
2. Floss teeth daily.
3. Visit the dentist and dental hygienist regularly.
4. Eat a nutritionally balanced diet.



Avoid foods that stay in the mouth a long time and stick to teeth (raisins, hard candies, and caramels).

“None of Us is As Smart as All of Us”

Parent Resource

Please join us for conversation over coffee and refreshments. Exchange ideas with other parents.



Topic: Managing Difficult Behavior in Children 2-12 (1-2-3 Magic Video)

When: Tuesday, February 21st 10:30am -12:30pm

Where: Woodlawn ES – Room 1A

Please R.S.V.P. by February 17th

For more information or questions please contact Dionedra Dorsey (Program Coordinator), Christy Luttrell (School Counselor) or Sonia Wagner (Parent Liaison) at 703-619-4800

Individual and Class Group Photos

Once again Strawbridge Studios will be coming to Woodlawn for our annual Spring Pictures on Friday, February 17th. Individual and class group photos will be taken. A few weeks later the students will receive proofs of their individual pictures and can then choose to purchase the package that is desired.

Please mark you calendars so you can be sure to bring your best smile to school. There will not be make-ups for these pictures.



FECEP/Head Start 2012-2013 Registration

Woodlawn has a free preschool program for income-eligible Woodlawn children. **Children must be 4 years old by September 30. Verification of income, original birth certificate and current lease or deed required.**

Call 703-204-6700

Programa Preescolar Gratuito de Woodlawn ninos 2012-2013

Los ninos deben haber 4 anos antes del 30 de Septiembre.

Traer los siguientes documentos: Ingreso (colillas de cheques,) Partida de nacimiento, Comprobante de domicilio (contrato o escritura de arriendo)

Para mas informacion llame al: **703-204-6701**

Late Bus
Tuesdays & Thursdays
(5:00 pm)

February 2012

African American History Month
Children's Dental Health Month

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day 6th Grade Fundraiser Pickup Gianni Café 5:30PM-6:30PM | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Beginning Strings Concert Cafeteria 7PM-8PM | 9 | 10 PTA Movie Night Cafeteria 6PM-8:30 PM |
| 13 | 14 Valentines Day | 15 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM- Library McDonalds Night 5 PM-8 PM | 16 Early Literacy Workshop Lib. 6:20PM-7:30PM | 17 Spring Individual and Class Group Photos |
| 20 Presidents Day Holiday | 21 Parent Resource Coffee 10:30 AM Room 1A | 22 6th Grade Whitman Orientation | 23 | 24 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Leap Day | Butterfly Club (Thurs) Girls Running Club (Tues/Thur.) Spirit Club (Tues) Odyssey of the Mind (Tues. or Fri) | GEMS (twice a month on Thursdays) MVCCT Drama Program (Tues.) |

We're on the Web!
<http://www.fcps.edu/WoodlawnES/>

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Music Notes

The Beginning Strings concert will be at 7PM on Wed. February 8th. This is their first concert and we are excited to play for you! Please make sure students share the concert info flyer with you for important information regarding report times and rehearsals. Concert dress is white blouse or button down shirt, black slacks or skirt and black dress shoes.

Thanks!

**Kelley Williams
Orchestra Director**

