

# Woodbridge Whistler

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## Welcome!!!!

October 1, 2009

### Just a reminder!!!!!!

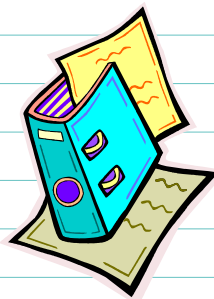
School Begins at 8:20!

- Students should not arrive before 8:20 A.M. Teachers will begin supervising students at 8:20 every morning. If you are dropping off your child at the Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone, please do so by 8:20. This will allow your child plenty of time to walk to the front entrance and then to his/her classroom.
- 8:20 – 8:40 Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Be sure your child arrives to school at 8:20 if they plan to eat breakfast at school. This will ensure that they have time to eat before the cafeteria closes at 8:40.
- 8:40 Morning announcements begin. All students need to be in their classroom.
- 3:05 Dismissal begins. Car riders are dismissed first, then walkers and bus riders are dismissed last.
- Please follow all safety rules, ensuring that all students remain safe!!!! Be sure that your Car Rider Number is displayed at all times.

### Emergency Forms

Please be sure that you have returned your child's Emergency Form. It is extremely important that the school has this form. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Please be sure that you list names on the back of the form of people you give permission to pick-up your child. Students will only be dismissed to persons listed on the Emergency form. As the year progresses, please call the school if you need to change or update any information on this form.



### Dates To Remember

<b>October 5-9</b>	Fire Prevention Week
<b>October 9</b>	PTA Fall Fest 6:00—8:00 p.m.
<b>October 12</b>	Math Night 6:30—7:30 p.m.
<b>October 16</b>	School Closed
<b>October 21</b>	KG Field Trip - Sharp's Farm
<b>October 22</b>	Diversity Day
<b>October 28</b>	Picture Day
<b>October 30</b>	Terrific Kids Assembly 9:00 Intermediate Grds. 3, 4 & 5 10:00 Primary Grds. Pre-K, K, 1 & 2
<b>November 5</b>	End of First Quarter
<b>November 6</b>	School Closed

### Vision and Hearing Screening

Baltimore Co. Health Department Vision & Hearing Screening Program will be at Woodbridge on November 11, 12 & 13, 2009. All children in Pre-K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be screened. Please encourage students to wear their glasses to the screening.



# STUDENT DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP

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- ★ BE a STAR Parent Driver!
- ★ I always:
- ★ 1. follow the rules!
- ★ 2. have my number displayed!
- ★ 3. let my child off in the designated zone!
- ★ 4. drive slowly!
- ★ 5. proceed as far down the zone as possible before I let my child out!
- ★ 6. park on the street when visiting the school!
- ★ 7. obey all traffic signs!
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Thank you to ALL of the teachers, parents, and students who are working hard to make our drop-off/pick-up zone a success!!!!

**Arrival:** When you are visiting our school during the day, please park on Pleasant Valley Drive and walk up the sidewalk to the front entrance!

**Do not park in the parking lot:** This creates a safety hazard for our students. Thank you for understanding!

**Dismissal:** Car riders will be dismissed first, walkers, and then bus riders. Walkers need to walk all the way around the bus loop. This will help keep students away from the many cars that enter and exit the parking lot. If you are planning on picking up your child, please be sure that you have a Car Rider Number!!! This number needs to be displayed in your car window when you pickup your child(ren) from school. **If it is not displayed you will need to go in the office to sign your child(ren) out!!!!**



## School Lunch

If your child is planning on purchasing a lunch, they must bring enough money to pay for the lunch they plan to purchase. Many of our students already owe money to the cafeteria. ALL parents will receive notices to advise you of your child's account balance. PLEASE HELP our cafeteria by sending in the correct amount or pre-paying for lunches (*prepayment lunch forms are in the office*).

**This year lunch costs \$2.90 for paid student lunch, and \$.40 for reduced student lunch.**

**SAFETY FIRST** - All students must wear tennis shoes for physical education class. For safety reasons, students will not be able to participate in physical education class if they are not wearing tennis shoes. Be sure to check your child's schedule and have them wear tennis shoes on physical education days.



**Playground safety** - Mrs. Maienshein, our Physical Education teacher, has met with all classes to discuss safety on the playground. Ask your child about the playground rules and WHY they are important to follow!!!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR TECHNOLOGY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009 (RAIN DATE - NOVEMBER 2, 2009)

We are going to hold our second Annual Walk-A-Thon: Walk for Technology. The children will be walking around Woodbridge's school grounds to see how many miles they can walk. We are looking forward to this year's Walk with excitement and hope that we will be able to purchase and update software in the classrooms as well as enhance technology at Woodbridge Elementary School. We are especially having this fundraiser to purchase interactive whiteboards to be used in the classrooms.



Your child will be given a baggie to collect donations for our Walk. Please remind your child to ask people they know to support Woodbridge's Walk-A-Thon for Technology (friends, family, neighbors, and parent's co-workers etc.). Checks should be made payable to Woodbridge Elementary School. All baggies with monies should be returned to Ms. Kuncl in the computer lab by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> or to their classroom teacher.

## We need your "Helping Hands"!!!

Helping Hands is a volunteer group providing weekly assistance to teachers and staff with such tasks as cutting, copying, stapling, and laminating. The group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Recreation Room located across from Woody's Café, which provides a place for volunteers to bring younger siblings. Just show up on any or all Tuesdays. Come for the afternoon or only part of the afternoon. Come every week or only once a month. Please consider volunteering some time to this invaluable Woodbridge service. Please contact Sharon Loving at 410-747-4750 or via email at [sloving@verizon.net](mailto:sloving@verizon.net) for more information.

## Health

If your child has any medical concerns, please be sure that our school nurse is informed. Please continue to talk with the nurse throughout the year to update medical concerns.

Remember students are not allowed to bring any type of medication to school. If your child requires medication, the nurse needs a physician's order and all medications need to be secured in the nurse's office at all times.

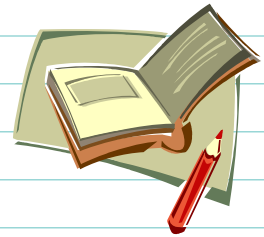
### Peanut/Tree-Nut Allergies

In compliance with Maryland law, our school will designate a peanut and tree-nut free table in the cafeteria for use by students with medically documented allergies. If your child has such an allergy and you would like to request this accommodation, please notify the school nurse at **(410) 747-5348**.

## Student Handbook

The administrators and teachers reviewed the Behavior Policy in this year's Baltimore County Public Schools Student Handbook with all students. Please be sure that you review the expectations in the handbook with your child.

It is important that you sign the last page of the handbook and have your child return this signed page to their teacher. If you have not returned this form, your child will bring home a second copy. Please return it to school as soon as possible.



### Musical Notes

At Woodbridge it's already apparent that our bright young musicians are very enthusiastic and learning well! The year ahead is looking very promising after having a successful start to fifth grade chorus and many students signing up to participate in band and orchestra. If there are any remaining students who are interested in being part of band and orchestra please turn in your forms to Mrs. Green ASAP!!! If you have any questions about the instrumental program please contact her at Woodbridge on Thursdays and Fridays at (410) 887-0857.

Woodbridge's daily music listening program, *The Musical Moment*, has already begun. We recently featured "Cello Concerto No. 2" by Joseph Haydn. This program helps students get focused and ready to learn first thing in the morning while exposing them to music they may not otherwise experience. Different composers and music will follow in the weeks and months to come. You may hear music playing over the PA system if you come into the building any day around 8:45 A.M.

This year we hope to be making school spirit a greater part of our school community. One of the ways we plan on doing this is by learning and singing the Woodbridge School Song. This was played during the morning announcements during the first week of school. You can expect to hear it at our Terrific Kids Assemblies in the near future.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

If your child is in fifth grade, they will be part of our **\*WINTER CONCERT\*** which features fifth grade chorus (all fifth graders) and band and orchestra comprised of fifth graders as well. The date set is **December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Please plan ahead so you can be part of this wonderful experience!!!



## NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear Parents,

Do you like books? Do you enjoy helping others? Would you like to see lots of smiling little faces? Then you might be the volunteer that Mrs. Smoot is looking for!!! Mrs. Smoot, Woodbridge's librarian, could use some help in the library this year. You can make your own hours and stop by when it is convenient. The job entails putting the books back onto the shelves after our amazing readers have read them. Please consider being a library helper this year.

Even 1 hour a week would help us! In the past, some moms and dads have volunteered in the morning after dropping their child(ren) off to school or they come to the library an hour before dismissal in the afternoon, help in the library and then get their child for dismissal. Thank you for your consideration!



## Family Math Night!!

**October 12th 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**All families are invited to attend this fun-filled night of numbers. We will explore the world of the Winter Olympics which will be coming our way in 2010.**



### **Woodbridge's Website Information**

Keep up-to-date with the news at Woodbridge Elementary School. Visit the school's website: <http://schools.bcps.org/schools/ces/Woodbridge/> where you can read the current newsletter, see upcoming school events and find links to Baltimore County Schools for information for parents. There are also links for your child's classroom on the teachers' websites.

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#### **Items that can be found on the website:**

- School supply lists
- Monthly school newsletter
- Special programs in the school
- Email list for faculty
- BCPS and parent links (calendar, lunch menu, test scores, curriculum links)
- Favorable websites for students and parents



## **Consumer Rebates**



Register your shopping cards  and help our school earn extra money!! Since students change schools, it is required that you designate your school or schools each year.

<u>Store</u>	<u>Web Page</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>School ID</u>
Giant A+ Bonus Bucks	<a href="http://www.giantfood.com/aplus">www.giantfood.com/aplus</a>	1-877-275-2758	01582
EScrip (Safeway, Macys)	<a href="http://www.escrip.com">www.escrip.com</a>	1-877-723-3929	6589113
Target	<a href="http://www.target.com">www.target.com</a>	1-800-316-6142	57756

## Flu Vaccines – Seasonal and H1N1

### What is the difference between Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines?

This year the flu vaccine is coming in two parts. The Seasonal part targets flu strains that were predicted to be circulating, based on information available in the winter of 2009. In the spring of 2009, health officials discovered a new strain of flu, called H1N1 or “swine” flu. A separate vaccine has now been developed for this new strain.

### Will there be a flu vaccine that contains both strains (seasonal and H1N1)?

No, not this year.

### Who should get the H1N1 flu vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that the following groups get the H1N1 flu vaccine as soon as it is available:

- Pregnant women
- Persons caring for children under 6 months of age
- Persons between the age of 6 months and 24 years
- Persons between the ages of 25 years and 64 years who have a chronic health condition (like diabetes) that places them at increased risk for complications of the flu
- Health care workers

### Is H1N1 vaccine available? Where will I be able to get my child an H1N1 shot?

As of the writing of this document (9/28/09), no H1N1 vaccine is yet available. The Department of Health expects to receive the vaccine in mid to late October and will begin a series of public clinics once the vaccine arrives. These clinics will be publicized through our schools and through the media. Many of the clinics will be held in Baltimore County school buildings. Some schools may have a clinic held at their school during the school day. Some private doctors have also registered to be a provider of this vaccine. You can check with your child’s doctor to see if your child will be able to get the vaccine at his/her doctor’s office.



## **Community Thanks**

We would like to extend a heart felt thanks to those of you who have gone above and beyond to contribute to the enrichment of our school program. Our friends at **Westerlee Apartments** provided a generous donation of teacher supplies that was greatly appreciated and put to use immediately.

Thank you to J.M. Gaske, Inc. for supplying folders to us every year, and a Very Special thanks to each of the sponsors for their support.....

*Steve Whisler of the Crosby Crossing Swim Club, Iyawamiwa Shittu, owner of Bakers Park, The Bob Lucido Team of Re/Max Advantage Realty, Manik 6431 Auto Care, Bill Probst & State Farm Insurance Companies and Whalen Properties!!!!*



Thank you also to our **PTA** for their donation of water bottles to help the cause of promoting good health at Woodbridge!



# **“Did you read your Woodbridge Whistler?”**

There simply is no better publication out there! Just kidding.... but if you do want to know what's been going on at Woodbridge Elementary, find resources for working with your child, or learn about upcoming events, this is the place to look. If you have read this issue of the *Woodbridge Whistler* please let us know by signing the form below and adding your child's name to be entered in a raffle to win a snack.

**Please return it to school by October 19th, 2009.** Thanks for your continued support and doing your part to be involved and informed in our school family!

----- cut here and return below to school -----

## ***Woodbridge Whistler Reader Raffle***

Your child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's homeroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

