



Last PTA Meeting of 2016! Celebrate our Artists, Give To Our Community

Dear Woodlin Families,

We have had a tremendous start to the 2016-2017 school year. I am very thankful for this amazing community of children, parents, families, staff, administration, and teachers. 2017 will start off with a bang with our Winter Dance on January 28th. The new year will offer many opportunities for kids and families to learn, celebrate, and build community with the always popular Black History Month Celebration, the vibrant International Night, the fascinating STEM night, Spring Fair, and much more. But before we say goodbye to 2016, please join us for our last PTA meeting on December 6th at 6:30. We will be celebrating the fabulous art and writing of Woodlin students who participated in this year's REFLECTIONS contest. We will also be making bags of trail mix for the homeless to be distributed by Bethesda Cares Community Outreach. All supplies and pizza dinner will be provided.

As always, the PTA is run by volunteers and we would love to have your involvement. Give an hour, join a committee, or chair an event. All are always welcome!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Karen Miller, PTA President, president@woodlinpta.org.



**Come
Volunteer
December 5!**

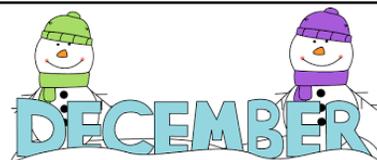
The PTA's STEM Committee wants all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to join in the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science.

3rd: 9:30-10:30

4th: 2:00-3:00

5th: 2:00-3:00

Sign up to Volunteer: <http://bit.ly/weshoc2016>



- ✓ **December 5:** Dine Out at Burger Fi! 5-9:30 p.m. and be sure to bring your flyer!
- ✓ **December 5:** Hour of Code for grades 3-5
- ✓ **December 6:** PTA Meeting, Volunteer Activity and Reflections Winners announced, 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ **December 4-10:** Winter Club Registration Opens
- ✓ **December 6:** Monthly Coffee with Woodlin Administrators
- ✓ **December 6 & 8:** Last day of Fall Clubs
- ✓ **December 26-January 2:** Winter break





The Woodlin PTA is fortunate to have dozens of wonderful volunteers who contribute to the success of our many events, fundraisers, and coordination efforts. Many of our volunteers are working parents, juggling multiple kids, activities and outside obligations. Their commitment and hard work benefit all of our children. Please join me in thanking some of our lead volunteers and their committees:

After School Clubs: The after school clubs program is a tremendous undertaking. **Megan Benson** should be recognized for her heroic efforts to get the program up and running, in spite of a last minute change in vendor. Thank you also to **Daria Hall** for her support of Megan and for coordinating our Language Stars program.

Book Fair: **Allison Aughinbaugh** and **Cheryl Rinehart** and their cast of dedicated volunteers for a successful bookfair.

Dash of the Runaway Wizards: And a HUGE thank you to **Allison Nadelhaft** and **Yasmin Matten** for all of the efforts on behalf of the Dash of the Runaway Wizards. They worked tirelessly to ensure that the day was a blast for the kids and to find community sponsors so every child would have a t-shirt, water and banana. A big thank you to the entire committee: **Emily Kirby, Jennifer Warren, Elizabeth Wenk, Kara Tymon, Susan McCollough, Mark Kennedy, Mandy Whitman, and Shannon Disney Bronaugh.**

Open House: **Liz Fisher** did a fabulous job with Open House and set the tone for a great year.

PTA Membership & Directory: Our membership and directory teams have been working since the summer to welcome families and create our school directory. **Colleen Mitchell, Sharyn Rosenberg, Kara Tymon, Malissa Lash, Amy Domire, and Carrie Wolinetz** have collectively worked hundreds of hours to create a user-friendly system.

Movie Night: **Asra Kidwai** planned our Movie Night for the second year. In spite of having to reschedule due to rain, it was a HUGE success and we thank her and her volunteers.

Staff Appreciation crew: **Shannon Disney Bronaugh, Aimee Domire, Heather Collick, Lynn Abramson, Joan Cisneros, Tracy McGuire, and Asra Kidwai** for a job well done.

Walk to School Day was a wonderful morning thanks to the efforts of **Rachel Posell** and **Emily Kirby.**

Dine Out: A big thank you to Pam Kelly for organizing the Ledo's Dine Out!

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