

Woodlin ES PTA New Parent Q&A,

8/19/2021, 7pm, Zoom Meeting

### **After School Child Care Providers Q & A**

Kids After Hours - Andrew Wajid-Ali (Email: [andrew@kidsafterhours.com](mailto:andrew@kidsafterhours.com), Phone: 301-580-7788)

- Program is run in the school building, will move to holding center with Woodlin.
- Tuition: <https://www.kidsafterhours.com/school-year-programs/family-resources/tuition-payments/>

Woodlin CDC - Sharla Shelton

- Current site is on Woodlin property. Will be relocating to nearby facility (@8500 Brunett Ave) while Woodin is at the Grosvenor Holding Center, during which buses will be provided to and from the school
- Tuition is \$163/wk for before & after care, \$130/wk for after care only. Breakfast and snacks are offered, included in tuition.

Club Adventure at Coffield - Aziz Sani

- Regular location is at Gwendolyn Coffield Community Center, but program will be temporarily relocated to Rosemary Hills ES due to construction at the Community Center.
- Monthly tuition is only \$75.
- Registration: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity\\_Search/club-adventure-coffield-rosemary-hills-es/129141](https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/club-adventure-coffield-rosemary-hills-es/129141)

Q: How do kids get to the after school program locations from school?

KAH - pre-Covid, kids were dismissed from their classrooms and came directly, but during Covid, a staff went around each classroom and picked children up (KAH is at the school building)

CDC – kids line up in designated locations by grade at dismissal, and walked over to the program (located on Woodlin property, next door to the school)

Coffield – kids are usually bused from school to the location (a parent clarified through chat that it is the Woodlin pink bus)

Q: Is there rolling enrollment, or do parents have to make decisions now?

KAH – it is rolling admissions, dependent on space availability. Numbers have been lower during the pandemic, so there may not be a waiting list this year either

CDC – there is a waiting list for school-age children, but no fee to be on the list. The move due to construction at Woodlin may cause some shifting and open up spots

Coffield – there is limited space (45 participants), and registration is on a monthly basis

Q: Is drop-in or partial-week care available?

KAH – availability of drop-in care has been changing, so will need to check for latest status but partial week registration is available down to 1 day/wk.

CDC – due to COVID, not accepting partial nor drop-in care. There is possibility of offering drop-ins after the Woodlin move.

Coffield – tuition is set at monthly rate of \$75, kids can show up for as few days as necessary

Q: What happens at KAH between 3:30-6:30?

There is a monthly theme, and there used to be club activities by choice that may be returning after a too, dependent on the COVID situation (operate in cohorts)

Q: Are providers vaccinated?

KAH – The goal is 100% staff vaccination. Will be checking during staff training

CDC – All staff, at the moment, are vaccinated

Coffield – As part of being a government entity, they are not allowed to mandate nore ask to vaccinate. Aziz is personally vaccinated though

## **General Q&A**

Q: What are we going to miss by being out of town for Open House on the 26<sup>th</sup>? How will we find out my child's teacher's name?

- The benefit of attending the Open House on the 26<sup>th</sup> is mainly to meet the teacher and see the classroom before school starts. School supplies can also be dropped off so the kid doesn't have to haul everything on the first day of school.
- Back-to-School night is when we really get to hear more about the substance of the kids' days at school.
- Class/teacher assignments are communicated via email the week of 8/23

Q: How will Kindergarteners know where to go after getting off the bus at school in the morning, and vice versa after class ends in the afternoon?

- Teachers wait outside of the building in the morning to greet and direct students. Parents should share dismissal plans with classroom teachers, and kids will be dismissed accordingly. If there is any change in plan, it should be communicated to the school/teacher.

Q: Will parents be allowed to do drop children off in their classrooms on the first day?

- Kids are encouraged to adjust to the full experience of school independently from day one, and will have to enter the building on their own.

Q: What will Lunch look like? Is there a snack time?

- Lunch will be provided free to all students this year, and there may be breakfast as well.
- There is a snack time, and time of day depends on each grade's lunch schedule (if early lunch, snack will be later, if late lunch, snack will be earlier in the day). Snacks are brought from home, but teachers usually have back-ups, and often appreciate donations from families.

Q: Are the lunches nutritious? Are there Vegetarian options?

- Monthly menus will be available from MCPS (<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/menus/>)

Q: Is Woodlin a nut-free school?

- There is a separate allergy free table during lunch. The school as a whole is not nut-free.

Q: Will there be after school clubs this year?

- Yes. Registration will start around 9/10
- A lot of partners (local collaborators) are coming back, and are hoping to continue during the temporary relocation to the Grosvenor Center as well.
- Clubs are available for all grades
- Kids with after-care (from private providers listed above) are sent to their programs after dismissal from after-school clubs (run by the PTA).

Q: What does the COVID plan look like?

- Contingency plan is evolving, and full effort is focused on providing safe in-person learning
- Outdoor lunch update: MCPS is fully supportive of schools having outdoor lunch
- School testing: testing is not required – parents have to opt-in for students to be tested (likely due to legal reasons). There was testing 1/wk last school year, it will likely be random sample testing.

Q: Are there any safety protocols in addition to masking/distancing?

- There is a push for outdoor lunch. Principles should be getting more information.
- 3 ft distancing and universal mask wearing will be required. Otherwise, schools will mainly be returning to pre-covid protocols

Q: Will Woodlin be sharing the holding center with any other schools?

- No, Grosvenor Center is a former school that is not operating anymore, and the facility is used for temporarily holding schools that need to be relocated for construction on their sites.