

Woodlin ES PTA Meeting Notes
9/10 General Meeting

Board Intro

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Message from Ms. Scott, Assistant Principal

- No quarantines in the school so far!!
- Covid testing starts next Tuesday. It will be handled by an outside vendor - school has not received information about what the process will look like.
- School currently does not have information on the percentage of students at Woodlin who have opted in for COVID testing, but will share if it becomes available.
- A number of students, ranging in grades from 1-5, have started eating outside. School is continuously looking to expand outdoor lunch opportunities, but is trying to ensure that the plan is not weather dependent.
- School is still emphasizing learning & academic success. Early MAP testing is being done to evaluate and address any learning delay that may have happened during the virtual learning period.
- Information about the move to the holding center and rebuild is coming soon.
- Woodlin administration is open to hearing from the community - any questions or concerns about how we can work together to ensure the safety of our children are welcome.

PTA Info

How to support/be part of PTA?

PTA Budget

: was moved and seconded

Dash of the Runaway Wizards

- Will be held Friday, October 15th
- There are two major components of the event
 - ★ Fun! Get kids excited about school!
: students run around a designated field area with music on, and receive snacks afterwards. There is a section for visitors to cheer on children as they run too.
 - ★ Fundraising
: there is an online site, with links to send out for funding requests. Donations are flat, not per number of laps run.

Other Events

Outdoor events

- planning with safety in mind: masks, social distancing, sanitizer etc.

- seeking volunteers for events. If interested, reach out to events@woodlinpta.org

MCPS Building/Construction Meeting

- meeting will most likely be virtual
- info/link will be coming from MCPS, potentially last minute. Could use help spreading the word once it becomes available.

Fundraising

- Fenwick Beer & Wine
- Businesses that have agreed to sponsor so far: Patient First, KAH, Woodlin CDC, Modern Dentistry, Fenwood Beer & Wine, Snider's (through their receipt program)
- Welcoming info of local businesses and/or those owned by Woodlin community members for potential fundraising relationships.

Enrichment Opportunities - Joanna Snyder

- Afterschool clubs are run through Little Scholars
- Minecraft (Tues & Thurs), Art Immersion (Thurs) is full (Karate is not)
- Full scholarships available, no questions asked. Need help spreading the word to reach families in need
- Contact WoodlinClubs@gmail.com Feel free to email with concerns regarding family risk assessments, finding right club setting, etc.
- Covid safety protocols are in place. Little Scholars is trying to keep kids outside as much as possible.

General Updates/Requests

Covid Testing

- Need wide net of students to opt-in for testing to improve safety.
- Rapid testing will be used at schools for symptomatic students.

Outdoor Lunches

- MCPS is a pretty top-down, so encouragement to put pressure on the system's administrative level to provide districtwide support.
- Behind-the-scenes logistics at Woodlin is very challenging. Mr. Jackson is being very transparent about the school situation and districtwide challenges.
- Percentage of kids eating outdoors has been improving since school opened. PTA is hopeful that school will continue to make progress.

The Leader in Me

- Parent Academy Workshop on 9/22, supporting families to reinforce social & emotional well-being

Music with Mr. Barker

- Fifth graders have started chorus outside, with masks. Rehearsal will be held outside, weather dependent.

Q&A

How do I sign up for the activity bus (for after-school clubs)?

- There will be follow-up email sent to each family that signed up from Little Scholars. It was a mistake made while using a new registration form, but should be corrected for the next session so you can specify dismissal plan from after-school clubs during registration.

There seems to be a desire for more transparency, especially regarding outdoor lunch info. Is there any way to get the administration to push out more information?

- Information and policy is constantly changing, so it may be hard to get more information officially until things are more stable - as things are right now, there simply isn't enough time to verify facts before they change again.
- Mr. Jackson's focus is on the kids at school first. Class teachers may be a better channel for parents to communicate concerns.
- The listserv could be utilized as a forum between parents to share information as well.

Is there a PTA membership number tally?

- There may be some issues with MemberHub currently, but community presence is pretty high at events.

MSA Sports activities used to be held at Woodlin pre-pandemic. Will they come back?

- MSA Sports are not part of the PTA funded after school activities, but can, like any other community organization, request to use the school facilities (PTA does get priority for registering for space).

COVID testing? What are the standards - random, by contact, by class/grade?

- Random testing from within the opt-in pool, not targeted, but stratified by grade.
- 10% sample of the opt-in pool gets tested, so the bigger pool, the more random tests there will be. Let's build peer pressure for a bigger sample size!
- MCCPTA has been fighting hard to increase the sample pool, but we may be stuck with opt-in.
- Strong incentive for people to opt-in: if child with symptoms has not opted-in for testing, will be sent home and quarantined. Working with HHS to encourage families to opt in when symptoms are found at school.

Can we figure out a Woodlin specific plan, for example a designated location for PCR testing?

- MCCPTA is advocating for PCRs at schools.

We want teachers come to PTA events and have fun!