

10/5 PTA Meeting Notes

Movie Night - 10/8 (Friday)

- Raya & the Last Dragon, 7pm
- Entrance to field for movie night: back gate to Woodlin & CDC should be open
- Food Trucks sales starts at 6:30pm: Chix & Stix (chicken wings, tenders, hot dots, and fries), Cocina de Yaneth (pupusas, tacos, and tortas), and Fred's Ice Cream Truck

Fenwick Fundraiser - 10/10 (Sunday)

- Fenwick will return 10% of sales to Woodlin

Snider's Receipts

- PTA collects Snider's receipts throughout the year, -
- 1% is donated back to Woodlin, generally amounts to around \$1,000 yearly.

Dash of the Runaway Wizards

- Dash takes place during school hours.
- Students receive Dash t-shirt and run around field while parents/visitors cheer on. Bananas are given out after the run.
- Raised nearly \$17,000 so far. Fundraising goes on throughout month of October.
- Class volunteers will meet class outdoors and help bring students down to basketball court, help kids put water bottles inside bin, cheer on while students run, help out with snacks, etc. Volunteers also needed for check-ins / set-up & clean-up / snack distribution
- Volunteers need to be masked, have to complete online training, and upload proof of Covid vaccination.

School Pictures with Glimmer Images

- Life-style pictures taken by Woodlin parent/photographer
- 11/4 (MCPS no school day) @Montgomery Hills Park
- 10% of proceeds will be donated to Woodlin. Life-style pictures.

Room Parents

- organize PTA funded classroom celebrations and teacher appreciation.
- PTA trying to figure out best way to utilize room parents amidst limited access of parents into classrooms, but call for volunteers may be coming soon so stay tuned.

Harvest Festival - 10/29 (Friday)

- Outdoor costume parade 2:05-2:15, visitors welcome.
- classroom celebrations 2:30-3:00. More info to come.

Upcoming Events

- Outdoor Family Dance - 11/20 (Saturday) 5-8pm
 - Seeking volunteers, marketing and design in particular, but big or small help all welcome: events@woodlinpta.org

- Fall Book Fair - 11/22 (Mon) - 24 (Wed)
 - Week of Thanksgiving break. Will have to discuss w/ Mr. Jackson on how parents may enter, but kids will be able to access during school hours
 - Opportunity to donate books on teacher wish lists

PTA Board Update

- Board prioritizing communication
 - COVID flowchart, FAQ document, PTA newsletter coming soon

Mr. Jackson

- Evidence of learning loss, especially in AA, HI & FARMS student demographics
 - early assessment results highlighted need to focus on individualized instruction
 - intervention support is being provided by school, tutoring mostly handled through MCPS' Saturday school
- Student Safety
 - Staffing shortage, including substitutes and support staff, makes it difficult to strictly adhere to daily outdoor lunch schedule
(https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KgVjShVCrgTEkojQLSDp-EI1DNOYGzGOODYwtgd2728/edit#slide=id.gf2ea9d1c08_0_289)
 - COVID pool testing on Tuesday mornings by CIAN Diagnostics, maximum 125 students per visit. No positive cases as result of pool testing, nor rapid tests, at Woodlin so far.
 - Consent to testing includes pool test and rapid test.
- Woodlin Rebuild/Move
 - Packing has started, especially surplus material. Furniture will not be moved.
 - K-2 and LFI will be inside the building, 3-5 in portables. Majority of portables are bigger than the ones currently on site at Woodlin. There is a portable restroom too (better than a jiffy-john).
 - No gym. PE during lunch hour will be a challenge. May need to explore non-traditional PE options (like yoga).
 - Media center is 1/3 the size of current one, may be tight.
 - Classrooms are larger, but do not have in-class restrooms.
 - Grosvenor Ln is a busy street, Car drop off is at back of building/site.
 - (unofficial) 12/21 last day of in-person at Woodlin site, 1/4 first day at Grosvenor
 - Group of ten staff will be allowed to visit site, but access will be otherwise limited due to ongoing work on site. .
 - Open house for parents/families being considered around January/February

Q&A Mr. Jackson

- Bus plan for current walkers - will there be a route, or will they be picked up from Woodlin.
 - Transportation has not sent information out, so as not to confuse with current routes and partially due to driver shortage.
- Types of buses (large or small)? Seat belts?

- Mr. Jackson expects buses to be the typical large ones
- Some newer buses do have seat belts, but not certain of availability for Woodlin. Advocacy may have to be directed to Department of Transportation.
- Learning loss data specific to Woodlin available?
 - Early MAP data is not published for community access, but parents can reach out to teachers for more information if interested/concerned
- COVID testing consent percentage at Woodlin?
 - List of consent forms were provided, and about 62% had consented last time checked. Not the same 125 students being tested every week.
- Ideas of celebrating the old Woodlin building?
 - Mr. Jackson envisioned a gala, but plan has become dependent on health conditions. Would still love to have committee of interested members put together to document/celebrate Woodlin's history.
 - PTA will explore this.

Parent Discussion

- Tutoring possibility for students with learning loss?
 - Woodlin has considered this before, but most vendors were not willing to undergo the arduous process required to be approved.
 - Tutoring should be coming online through MCPS over next couple months. Was called 'Cares tutoring' last year.
 - Summer school opportunities expected.
 - idea: seek after school tutoring club as an option
- Is there a cafeteria at Grosvenor?
 - There is a multi-purpose room/cafeteria
- School bus concern around seatbelts
 - Control of buses is on Department of Transportation. Can email Todd Watkins, Director of Transportation: Todd_Watkins@mcpsmd.org
- Is the rebuild approved?
 - Shouldn't be delayed from now on.
- Rapid test protocols?
 - PCR tests are not required as follow-up. If child has symptoms at school, they will have to go home and get rapid test.
 - PCR testing is still preferable as precautionary measure, ensure safety at Woodlin.
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N-GR2Qu_g-v9DDt-DBZYpWqmylbu08sf/view

Next PTA Meeting

- 12/7