




WOODLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA 
HOME OF THE WIZARDS

PTA Meeting

March 7, 2023



Upcoming Sligo MS Events

Sligo PTSA Meeting - *Tuesday March 14th, 2023*

- Topic: mental health issues for middle schoolers with guest speaker Elise Resnick (of Everymind, and also a Sligo parent and former Woodlin parent!)
- Zoom link will be circulated soon.

Thank you to Sligo Middle School PTSA!
Jill Desjean, President

Community Connections with Mr. Jackson

WES Staffing and Enrollment 23-24

Enrollment Updates

- **Enrollment, August 2022** 535 (all)
- **Current Enrollment** 580 (all)
- **Enrollment Projections August 2023** 595 (all)

Staffing Updates

- **We do not anticipate losing any current staff positions.**
- **We expect increase in classroom teacher, specials (Art, Music, P.E.)**
- **We expect increases in SPED teacher and paraeducator support**

Community Connections Topic Carousel

Take 3 minutes with your group members to rotate to each of the following topic categories posters around the room. What information would you like to learn more about during our series of meetings?

Categories for Future Topics

1. Teaching and Learning
2. Safety and Security
3. Curriculum
4. Social Emotional
5. Category for Future Discussion

As you rotate, record your ideas. When you hear the signal rotate to the next highest numbered poster. Repeat until your group has brainstormed future topics for each category.

Fundraising

Annual Online Auction *April 15th-29th, 2023 - CALL FOR DONATIONS*

Please consider supporting our school by donating an item or service! The most popular auction items are usually those donated by our Woodlin families, friends and neighbors and are unique to our community. We welcome all kinds of donations - no item or service is too small! The auction is a great way to showcase your business or service while supporting the Woodlin community. Your contribution will be seen by hundreds of Silver Spring and Montgomery County residents and their friends and family members.

Email woodlinPTA.fundraising@gmail.com with any questions.

Snider's Receipts

Thank you to all who submitted for 2022! We collected over \$150,000 worth of receipts for Woodlin! A huge thank you to our volunteers who tallied all of those: Allison White, Joel Iams and his family, Kyle McNally, and Sandra Amorim.

Woodlin Spirit Gear! *Coming Soon*

Tie-dye t-shirts, water bottles, car magnets and more will be sold this spring. Be on the lookout for ways to order. Volunteers are also needed to help with distribution. Please email woodlinPTA.fundraising@gmail.com to help out!

Enrichment

Geography Bee *Ongoing*

Students in grades 3-5 have all received Geography study packets in preparation for the preliminary Geo Bee to be held the last week of March right before Spring Break. The finals will be held after Spring Break on April 13th and 14th. A huge thank you to our amazing Geo Bee Team: Joel Iams, Steven Kania and Laura Blinkhorn! Also big thanks to Ms. Ott who is our faculty liaison for this event.

Earth Day *Saturday, April 22nd, 2023*



Woodlin PTA STEM Fair @ KID Museum, Bethesda Metro Center

STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Participate in hands-on projects!

Take home creations!

Explore the KID Museum for FREE!



When: Sunday March 26 - PTA event 1-3pm, Museum open 10am-4pm

Where: KID Museum @ Bethesda Metro Center
3 Bethesda Metro Center Suite 140, Bethesda, MD 20814

What: Find our private event right outside the museum.
Participate in hands-on activities and take materials home!



How: Explore the museum before or after the event for **FREE**!
[Pre-register in advance](#) (QR code) and use code **WOODES23** at checkout



Discounts

If you have a discount code, please enter it

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How to get there?

Public Transit

Metrobus J2 line travels along East West Highway directly to Bethesda Metro Center.

Fairs are \$2. Plan your trip at www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/

Free Parking

Check out "Parking and Transportation" on KID Museum website. **FREE** on Sundays!
<https://kid-museum.org/visit/>

*** Bethesda Metro Center ***

Additional vendors

 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
 Department of Environmental Protection

 **Children's National**



STEM DAY @ KID Museum

Sunday, March 26th - PTA event from 1-3pm, Museum open 10am-4pm

Hands-on projects to inspire kids to explore and pursue interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

FREE admission to KID Museum with pre-registration!

Volunteers needed - contact Joanna.Synder77@gmail.com to help out!

Outreach

Expanding Access through WhatsApp

- Pilot program coming soon!
- WhatsApp usage is highest among many of the communities our PTA struggles to reach.
- Many ad-hoc WhatsApp groups for classes and bus stops exist already.
- WhatsApp's new "Communities" functionality would enable us to have a central school-wide PTA group for announcements.
- WhatsApp "Communities" will also allow us to coordinate with individual groups for each class, and communities like Spanish speakers or parents of Black students.
- Moderation will be needed, as well as guidelines for engagement.

Join our PTA WhatsApp Community!



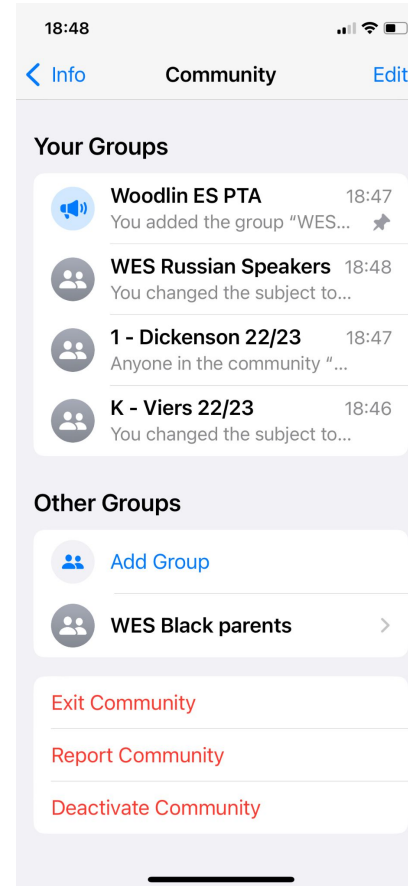
Woodlin PTA WhatsApp en Español



Expanded Access & Outreach

If you have thoughts or suggestions about using WhatsApp for our school, or about other ways to expand our outreach:

mikeyfranklin22@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Yearbook *volunteers needed to help coordinate the 2022-2023 yearbook*

Join the PTA Board for next year! *We are looking for people to fill the following vacancies for next school year:*

Treasurer

Communications Chair

Membership Chair

Fundraising Chair

Anyone interested in serving may run for any of the elected offices. Not sure but curious?

Contact president@woodlinpta.org with questions!

Upcoming Events

GEO Bee *ongoing, with finals in April 2023*

STEM Day *Sunday March 26th at KID Museum in Bethesda*

Annual Online Auction *Saturday April 15th - April 29th*

Earth Day *Saturday April 22 at Grosvenor*

PTA Elections and Meeting *Tuesday May 2nd at Sligo MS*

International Spring Fair *Saturday May 6 at Grosvenor*

Enjoy games, activities, and performances at Grosvenor!

****The PTA plans to sponsor buses to all PTA activities held at Grosvenor to ensure all families have the opportunity to attend****

International Spring Fair

Saturday, May 6 at Grosvenor



- **Rock Wall & Inflatables**
- **Cake Walk, Food Trucks**
- **Petting Zoo, Color Fest, and More!**





Q&A

And thank you for joining us!