

Windsor Knolls Middle School
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Principal - Nancy Doll
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Homework Hotline: 240-236-5000 - Option 4 -
(Select 1 for 6th grade, 2 for 7th grade, 3 for 8th grade)

Check your child's grades by visiting:

<https://fcsd.gradebook.net/Pinnacle/PIV/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fpinnacle%2fpiv%2fDefault.aspx>

Windsor Knolls Middle School The Back Pocket September 11, 2009

(The Back Pocket is subsidized by the PTSA)

Is it an "A" day or a "B" day	
"A" Days	"B" Days
14, 16, 18, 22, 24	15, 17, 21, 23

Upcoming Events

9/16-18 Dance Tickets on sale during lunch shifts
9/18 Band Boosters Dance - 3-5pm
9/22 PTSA Meeting – 7-9pm
9/24 2-hour early dismissal for students (Dismissal at 1pm)
9/25 Teacher Work Day – No School for students

Note from the Principal:

Dear Students and Parents,

Fall is quickly approaching! It would be a great help if you would put your child's name in his/her jackets/sweatshirts, etc. so we can get the items back to them. You would be amazed how many articles of clothing we accumulate through the course of the year!

Each month we select two students from each team for our Students of the Month. There are many who deserve the recognition and it is difficult for the teams to narrow their choices. Continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in school and demonstrate good citizenship. On that note, I need to compliment the parents for raising GREAT kids and students for being GREAT kids. Students are engaged in their learning and have done a great job recycling and cleaning up after themselves in the cafeteria. Thank you!

If your child is planning to go home with another child, we need notes from both parents.

Our first dance is Friday, September 18, 3-5 and is sponsored by our Band Boosters. This is a wonderful social activity for the students.

We will have a Volunteer Training/Meet and Greet Breakfast on September 21, 9:00. All are welcome!

Sincerely, Nancy Doll

We Need Your Help! CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS! - Did you know that volunteers are one of the most valuable resources we have in Frederick County? Did you know that volunteering helps to improve, enhance and expand the educational achievement of students? You can volunteer in many ways from coming in to WKMS to helping with tasks from home. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Debbie Hall at DVHall@aol.com by September 15 to attend a brief meet and greet training. Thank you!

Guidance Department News and Information: Welcome to the 09/10 school year! Please remember that your school counselor can be a wonderful resource for you if you have any questions or concerns during the school year. This year, Ruth Travis will be working with the 6th grade students and helping them transition to Windsor Knolls. She can be contacted at ruth.travis@fcps.org or 240-236-4973. Amanda Furajter and Carrie Geisbert will continue to work with the same group of students as they did last year. Therefore, Amanda Furajter will be the 7th grade counselor, and Carrie Geisbert will be the 8th grade counselor. Mrs. Furajter can be contacted at

amanda.furajter@fcps.org or 240-236-4960 while Ms. Geisbert may be reached at carrie.geisbert@fcps.org or 240-236-5048.

Organizational Assistance: If your child is having difficulty keeping track of all his/her assignments due to a lack of an organizational system, we are offering assistance during the school day. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, there is an organizational group that meets during CCA time. The Guidance department runs the group on Tuesdays, and Ms. Baughman and Ms. Runfola facilitate a group on Wednesdays. Essentially, students are assigned to one of these groups that meet on a weekly basis for a minimum of four weeks. Each week, the students are assessed on a scale of 1 to 10 by the staff members who are facilitating the group. Students must maintain a score of 8 or better consistently for 4 weeks before returning to their originally assigned CCA. Once he/she have achieved the 8 or better for four weeks, then the staff members who are arranging the organizational groups will check with the child's teachers and parents for feedback before they are able to graduate from the organizational group. If you are interested in signing your child up for this assistance, please contact your child's counselor.

Study Hall: If you are finding that your child may need more time to complete his/her homework, you can refer your child to Study Hall. Study Hall is offered during CCA time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Your child can attend one, two, or three of these sessions. This is a fluid program; therefore your child may need to come one week but not the next. Please remember that this is intended to be extra time for your child to work on homework, long-term projects, or missing assignments. This is not the same thing as tutoring. If you are interested in placing your child in Study Hall or would like more information, then please contact your child's counselor.

PTSA News and Information

Membership: We encourage each WKMS parent, teacher, and student to join the PTSA this year. There are PTSA Membership forms available on the school's website within the PTSA section, and forms can be found in the school's mailroom in the PTSA box.

Open Positions: There are still open positions on the PTSA including a second County Council Representative along with Committee Chair positions for Volunteer Coordinator, Reflections, and PTSA Liaison with Green Valley Elementary. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact Greg Hall at gregmhall@aol.com or 301-865-4454.

PTSA Mtg.: Our next PTSA meeting will be a Board Meeting scheduled for September 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Reflections: WKMS Students: The National PTA Reflections Contest has begun and this year's theme is "**Beauty is...**" Please visit www.pta.org Programs-Reflections for more information and contest rules. Parents please contact Joey Punturiero of the PTSA (gajfm@verizon.net and 301-829-3287) if you have questions or are interested chairing this worthwhile creative artistic contest.

Fundraising: WKMS PTSA fundraising has begun and every student received a fundraising packet. The packet included an instruction sheet along with order forms for each fundraiser. The selling period runs thru Oct 19th. Payment should be collected at the time of the orders (checks payable to WKMS PTSA). Citrus orders can also be placed online: https://www.fruitorder.com/orderFundraising_pre3.asp?orgId=752103 If placing citrus on-line orders please ask your customers to put the student's name in the 'comment' box on the checkout screen. Students are encouraged to keep all fundraising material and money in their envelope, including direct donations. Orders can be turned in to the Advisory teacher indicated on their envelope or to the front office. Prizes will be awarded to the overall top seller, top seller in each of the three fundraisers as well as the top selling class in each grade!

**WINDSOR KNOLLS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORY
WKMS PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)**

Use this form to join the WKMS PTSA and/or sign up for the WKMS Family Directory. The WKMS Family Directory is the student/family directory, with names, addresses, and other contact information for all who wish to be included. You must check **ONE** of the following categories below for your form to be processed:

_____ **\$5 BEST DEAL = MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY:** Join the WKMS PTSA, include information in WKMS Family Directory, and receive a complimentary copy of directory.

_____ **\$3 ADDITIONAL DIRECTORIES**

_____ **\$5 = MEMBERSHIP ONLY:** Join PTSA only, not listed in directory, not receive copy of directory.

_____ **FREE = LISTING ONLY:** Listed in directory ONLY, not join WKMS PTSA, not receive copy of directory.

Only include information that you want to be listed in the directory:

Parent Name #1 _____ Member?

Parent Name #2 _____ Member?

Address: _____

Home Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

Home Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

Home Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

Email #1: _____ Email #2: _____

Email #3: _____

Student name(s) _____ Grade _____

1. _____ Member? _____

2. _____ Member? _____

3. _____ Member? _____

Total # of memberships _____ X \$5.00 per member = total \$ _____

Total # of additional directories _____ X \$3.00 = total \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

I want to be on the email distribution list for the WKMS PTSA e-newsletter.

Make checks payable to: **WKMS PTSA.**

Please return to school in envelope labeled: **PTSA Membership / Family Directory.**

*Only one WKMS Family Directory will be distributed per household for those who either join the PTSA or purchase a directory.

Pesticide/Herbicide Information:

Pesticide/Herbicide Request List Form
(Note: this procedure applies only to Secondary Schools)

House Bill #286, enacted in the 1998 session of the Maryland Legislature, requires that secondary schools maintain a list of parents, guardians and staff who desire notification of pesticide/herbicide application in their child's school. All individuals that request placement on the list will be notified 24 hours prior to a regular application and within 24 hours following an emergency application.

Windsor Knolls Middle School will maintain such a list for the 2009-2010 school year and will make notifications as requested. If you wish to be placed on the notification list, provide the information requested below and return to the school by September 30, 2009.

PARENT / GUARDIAN / STAFF MEMBER INFORMATION:

(Circle one above)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (DAY) _____

PHONE (EVENING) _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Parents/guardians: In order to assist us in keeping your child's health information card current, please provide us with the specific information below:

1. Does the student have allergies or reaction to a specific pesticide/herbicide? _____(Yes or No)

If yes, what pesticide/herbicide(s)? _____

2. Did you list this information on your student's health card? _____(Yes or No)

Parent/Guardian/Staff Member Signature: _____

Date _____

PERMISSION SLIP FOR THE WKMS BAND BOOSTERS BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE - GRADES 6-8

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Windsor Knolls Middle School Band Boosters cordially invites your son/daughter to attend our Back to School Dance scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

To attend our dance your child must bring this permission slip, along with \$3.00, to the sales table at lunch Wednesday, September 16th, through Friday, September 18, 2009.

No tickets will be sold without signed permission slip. No tickets will be sold at the door. Food and Drink will be on sale at the dance.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DANCE RULES BELOW. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES
THAT YOU HAVE READ THESE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM**

WKMS DANCE RULES

1. Any student having 10 discipline points or more will not be allowed to attend the dance. This is a WKMS discipline code as noted in your child's planner.
2. Students not entering the dance by 3:15 will not be admitted.
3. Students who leave the dance will not be permitted to reenter. A student may NOT leave before 5:00 unless this has been noted on the permission slip and/or a parent guardian comes to get him/her in person.
4. Students must go to their lockers before the dance. No one will be readmitted to the hallways after the dance.
5. All students must be off WKMS property by 5:15 PM. Any student still here after this time will not be permitted to attend the next WKMS dance.
6. Only **CURRENT** WKMS students will be allowed into the dance.
7. Students acting inappropriately will be asked to leave the dance by a teacher or administrator. This may result in suspension of future dance privileges.

My son/daughter _____, has my permission to attend the WKMS Band Boosters Back to School Dance on Friday, September 18, 2009. I agree to support the school in enforcing the dance rules.

I understand that WKMS is NOT responsible for transportation home from the dance.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

I have read the dance rules and agree to abide by them.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Alternate Emergency Phone Number: _____