

Windsor Knolls Middle School
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(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 25, 2009

(The Back Pocket is subsidized by the PTSA)

Is it an "A" day or a "B" day	
"A" Days	"B" Days
30, 2, 6, 8	29, 1, 5, 7, 9

Upcoming Events

9/28 School closed – Yom Kippur
10/5 Walking School Bus Program – registration required – Hayward Road – 11am-3pm
10/6 Yearbook meeting – 3-4pm – Room 202
10/9 Read-A-Thon
10/7-15 Book Fair – Media Center
10/9 Read-A-Thon
10/13-14 Parent/Teacher Conferences – School opens 4 hours late – NO lunch served
10/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences – School closes 3 ½ hours early – Lunch IS served
10/16 School closed
10/23 SGA Dance – 3-5pm

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Volunteer Training. If you were not able to, we still need you to volunteer! Look for opportunities right here in the BackPocket.

It's hard to believe that Tuesday, September 29, is MIDTERM! We asked students to organize their binders, check their grades, do their homework and READ over the next four days.

Conference Time is fast approaching! As communicated in the last BackPocket, sign-ups will be September 30 and October 1, 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Please do not block bus lanes in front of the school. All parents must come in and sign up for conferences; I know this is a change for 6th grade parents. If you miss the walk-ins, you may call in to sign-up for conferences on October 2, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This year we are encouraging parents AND students attend conferences. We believe the three-way communication will be a positive tool in discussing student progress.

This is not the only time you can conference with teachers. If you can't make it during Conference Week, you may schedule conferences with individual teachers. If you would like to meet with all teachers at the same time, please call your child's guidance counselor to coordinate the conference.

Please encourage your child to wash his/her hands frequently, use our hand sanitizers, not share materials, food, or drinks. If your child is sick, please keep him/her home so others do not become sick.

Is your child missing his/her lunch bag? We are getting quite a collection. Please check our lost and found.
Sincerely, Nancy Doll

Yearbook Sales: In the near future, the 2009-2010 WKMS yearbook order forms will be sent home. The yearbook will go on sale from October 27th to November 6th. Checks are to be made payable to WKMS. Parent volunteers

will be collecting order forms and money during the lunch shifts. If you wait until the spring to order, it will be a first come first serve basis on a limited supply of yearbooks. Yearbooks can also be sold online and over the phone. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. J. Main.

Donation Request: The 8th grade Make-a-Difference club is making pillows for dogs and cats in local rescue. We are in need of material to stuff the pillows. In addition to traditional pillow stuffing, we can use old socks and other clothing too ragged to wear or donate. Any fleece or soft cotton material can be used for the pillow coverings or stuffing. Please send donations to Mrs. Church's room 117. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Church at Theresa.Church@fcps.org. Thank you for your help.

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.

PE Department News:

Sweatshirts & Sweatpants Sales: The Physical Education dept will be selling Sweatshirts and Sweatpants for the next month. We will be taking orders through October 16th and the sweats will be in by Oct 30th. Attached is an order form, and if you have any questions please contact your physical education teacher.

PTSA News and Information

Membership: WE ARE COMING TO A CLOSE ON ACCEPTING PTSA MEMBERSHIPS THAT WILL HAVE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE PTSA DIRECTORY. We need to publish the directory so if you want to be included please turn in your memberships right away. We encourage each WKMS parent, teacher, and student to join the PTSA. PTSA Membership forms are available on the school's website (within the PTSA section) and in the school's mailroom (in the PTSA box).

Open Positions: Several open positions were recently filled and the current status of openings is as follows:

- 2nd County Council Representative - Open
- Reflections - Open
- Redemption Program - Open
- Volunteer Coordinator – filled by Lisa Abunassar (thanks Lisa!)
- PTSA Liaison with Green Valley Elementary – filled by Jeannie Pellicier and Tina Flynn (thanks Jeannie and Tina!).

If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact Greg Hall at gregmhall@aol.com or 301-865-4454.

PTSA Meeting: Our next PTSA meeting will be a PTSA Board Meeting and is scheduled for October 13th, 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 (gaifm@verizon.net and 301-829-3287) if you have questions or are interested chairing this worthwhile creative artistic contest.

Fundraising: WKMS PTSA fundraising 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 (don't forget to put the student's name in the 'comment' box on the checkout screen). 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!

Other School and Community Information:

Girls' Basketball Try-Outs: Try outs for the LUYAA/Mid-Maryland WKMS Girls Basketball Team will be held on Tuesday, October 6, and Thursday, October 8. JV tryouts will run from 5pm to 7pm and varsity will run from 7pm to 9pm. Girls should register through LUYAA travel basketball before October 6. The coaches will be holding open gym time on Monday, September 21, and Thursday, October 1, from 6:30pm to 8pm for any girls wishing to shoot around and get some extra practice time. Please call the girls coordinator, Beth Lohr at 301-865-9562 with any questions.

Boys JV Basketball Try-Outs: Try-outs for the boys JV basketball team will be held on Monday 10/5 from 5:30 to 8, Wednesday 10/7 from 6 to 8 and Friday 10/9 from 6 to 7:30. Varsity try-outs will be announced later. Please register through LUYAA Middle School Travel by 10/5/09 and monitor the website for any changes in try-out times or dates.

LUYAA Winter Registration: Register now for Basketball- Middle School Travel and Intramural, Cheerleading for Basketball, Indoor Lacrosse and Wrestling!! Late fees go into effect on October 1st! Go to www.luyaa.org for more information and to register!

ORDER FORM FOR BOTH SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRT: 40.00

Sweatshirt only: \$25.00

Sweatpants only: \$20.00

Sweatshirt AND sweatpants: \$40.00

STUDENTS NAME: _____

STUDENTS GRADE: _____

STUDENTS P.E. TEACHER _____

STUDENTS P.E. DAY _____ (A,B,C,D)

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

COLOR OF WRITING ON BOTH: PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

TEAL OR BLACK

SIZE OF SWEATSHIRT: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

YOUTH LARGE

ADULT SMALL

ADULT MEDIUM

ADULT LARGE

ADULT X-LARGE

SIZE OF SWEATPANTS: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

YOUTH LARGE

ADULT SMALL

ADULT MEDIUM

ADULT LARGE

ADULT X-LARGE

PAID: CASH OR CHECK