

Windsor Knolls Middle School  
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(Select 1 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 3 for 8<sup>th</sup> 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 October 2, 2009

(The Back Pocket is subsidized by the PTSA)

THIS IS THE ONLY HARD COPY WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THIS YEAR.  
THE BACKPOCKET WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:  
<http://schools.fcps.org/wkms/backpock/backpocket.htm>

IF YOU REQUIRE A HARD COPY OF THE WEEKLY BACKPOCKET,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE AT 240-236-5000.  
THANK YOU.

| Is it an "A" day or a "B" day |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| "A" Days                      | "B" Days        |
| 6, 8, 12, 14                  | 5, 7, 9, 13, 15 |

### Upcoming Events

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,

September was a fast month and with all the activities planned for October, it will be here and gone in no time. Please help us go green by accessing the Backpocket online. If you need a hard copy (this is the only one we will print for all), please call the main office and we will make sure your child gets one.

We had a wonderful turn out for conference sign-ups. I remind you that you can schedule a conference with a teacher any time during the school year.

Fall is a wonderful time of year that requires an extra layer of clothing. Please make sure your child's name is in his/her outer garments so that we can return them if they are left in PE, the cafeteria, in the classrooms, or on the playground. Sincerely, Nancy Doll

**Classrooms Need Tissues!** With the cold and flu season upon us, it would be most helpful to receive tissues for teachers' classrooms. If you would like to send in a box with your student, it would be most appreciated!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Be There Campaign:** The *Be There* is a campaign supported and launched by FCPS to support Family School Partnerships. When families stay connected, academic achievement improves, children want to go to school, self confidence improves, children often attend post high school education and many more merits follow. Today you can be there by:

1. While eating dinner, ask your teen a question to stretch his/her imagination, such as "If you were the smartest person on earth, what would you use your intelligence to do?"
2. While shooting hoops or playing cards, ask a caring question, such as: "How did recess go today?" Or, "How was your science test?"

For more ideas access the Be There website <http://bethere.org/index.php/parents-family/parent-tips>

**Parent-Teacher Conferences Survey:** Parents: What do you think about our parent-teacher conferences schedule? The FCPS Family-School Partnership Committee has launched a survey to gather your feedback about the conferences, held in the fall and early spring of each school year.

FCPS will compile responses to the quick 10-question survey with information supplied by the local PTA County Council and FCPS teachers. The committee will present findings to the Board of Education later this fall. Parents are our most important partners in education. It's important for FCPS to hear what you think of the current schedule and also learn more about other ways parents typically communicate with their children's teacher(s).

Thank you to all who go to this link and tell FCPS what you think: <http://tinyurl.com/PTConferences>. The survey closes October 16. Parents wishing to complete the survey via paper/pencil may email [Paula.Oden@fcps.org](mailto:Paula.Oden@fcps.org) or call her at 301-696-6912. She will mail the survey to them and provide a stamped return envelope.

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and helping them transition to Windsor Knolls. She can be contacted at [ruth.travis@fcps.org](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, and Carrie Geisbert will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. Mrs. Furajter can be contacted at [amanda.furajter@fcps.org](mailto:amanda.furajter@fcps.org) or 240-236-4960 while Ms. Geisbert may be reached at [carrie.geisbert@fcps.org](mailto:carrie.geisbert@fcps.org) or 240-236-5048.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and the sweats will be in by Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Attached is an order form, and if you have any questions, please contact your physical education teacher.

**2009 Bernard Pappy Lorenzen Cross Country Meet:** Attached you will find the permission form for the 2009 Bernard Pappy Lorenzen Cross Country Meet. If your child is interested in this please return the signed permission form to their Physical Education teacher. If you have any question about this please feel free to call. Thank you. Jennifer Wood, Physical Education and Health Teacher, 240.236.5000

### **PTSA News and Information**

**Website:** The PTSA web site is updated. The link is <http://schools.fcps.org/wkms/ptsa/ptsa.htm>

This is where you can find:

- this year's officers' and committee chairs' contact information
- the PTSA membership form
- the volunteer opportunities form
- the PTSA meeting schedule and general meeting guest speakers
- the approved PTSA meeting minutes

**Memberships:** The PTSA membership drive is coming to a close. If you want to join and be included in the WKMS directory, please turn your forms in by Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Heidi Holley with questions at (301) 829-6779 or [psufan1982@comcast.net](mailto:psufan1982@comcast.net)

**Open Positions:** We have only one PTSA opening left as several positions were recently filled. The current status is:

- 2nd County Council Representative - Open
- Redemption Program – filled by Paula Dimitriadis (thanks Paula!).
- Reflections – filled by Tina Flynn (thanks Tina!), Tina could use some assistance so if you have an interest please contact her at 301-865-4548 or [Dan-tina.flynn@comcast.net](mailto:Dan-tina.flynn@comcast.net)

If you have an interest in the 2<sup>nd</sup> County Council Representative position, please contact Greg Hall at [gregmhall@aol.com](mailto:gregmhall@aol.com) or 301-865-4454.

**Fundraising:** Please continue sending in your orders for the current PTSA fundraising campaign. Ordering citrus online is easy at: [https://www.fruitorder.com/orderFundraising\\_pre3.asp?orgId=752103](https://www.fruitorder.com/orderFundraising_pre3.asp?orgId=752103) Ordering deadline is Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please return your fundraising packets so that unused materials can be returned and the rest recycled. Contact Debbie Hall at (301) 865-4454 or [DVHall@aol.com](mailto:DVHall@aol.com) with questions or to receive a fundraising packet.

**Next Meeting:** The next PTSA meeting is Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM and is a Board meeting.

### **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.

**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

**Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics:** This year there will be two vaccines: one for regular seasonal flu and one for pandemic H1N1 flu.

The following clinics are currently planned to give seasonal flu vaccine only. Please note this may change after we receive pandemic H1N1 vaccine. Any changes will be announced.

#### **Clinic Dates and Times**

- **September 29, 2009 - 12 noon - 4:00 pm** - Frederick Towne Mall, 1301 West Patrick Street
- **October 16, 2009 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm** –  
Brunswick High School, 101 Cummings Drive, Brunswick, MD  
Governor Thomas Johnson High School, 1501 North Market Street, Frederick, MD  
Urbana High School, 3471 Campus Drive, Ijamsville, MD
- **October 22, 2009 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm** - Guardian Hose Company Activities Building, 123 East Main Street, Thurmont, MD
- **October 23, 2009 - 1:00pm – 6:00pm** - Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD
- **October 27, 2009 - 2:00pm – 6:00pm** - Brunswick Park Building, 600 Block of East Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD

Additional flu clinics are being planned and will be held throughout Frederick County. No appointments are necessary. Flu shots and FluMist® will be available at all clinics.

Payment can be made with cash or check; credit or debit cards are not accepted. Those with Medicare Part B are reminded to bring their card. This has been made possible by a State grant.

- Vaccine costs: Flu shots- \$20.00; FluMist®- \$25.00
- Children ages 5-11 years can receive either injectable or intranasal vaccine FREE of charge.

- **Who can get the flu shot?**

People 6 months of age or older, including pregnant women and those with chronic medical conditions.

- **Who can get FluMist®?**

Healthy people 2-49 years of age who are not pregnant.

**Important:** Clinic dates are subject to change.

Please check the Health Department's Flu Clinic Information Line (301-600-3035 in English or Spanish) or the Health Department's website ([www.frederickcountymd.gov/fluclinics](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/fluclinics)) for the most current information.

**2009**  
**Bernard "Pappy" Lorenzen Memorial Cross Country County Meet**  
**For Elementary and Middle Schools**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2009**  
**Middletown High School Stadium**

**RACE SCHEDULE:**

**8:30 1 Mile Course Walk for Grades 4, 5 and 6**  
**9:00 4<sup>th</sup> grade Boys**  
**9:15 4<sup>th</sup> grade Girls**  
**9:30 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys**  
**9:45 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls**  
**10:00 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys**  
**10:15 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls**  
**10:30 1 ¼ Mile Course Walk for Grades 7 and 8**  
**11:00 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys and Girls**  
**11:15 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys and Girls**

**Please have all students report for the course walk for their grade level.**

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**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be at Middletown High School for the County Cross Country Meet on October 24, 2009.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_