

Windsor Knolls Middle School
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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 October 23, 2009

(The Back Pocket is subsidized by the PTSA)

<http://schools.fcps.org/wkms/backpock/backpocket.htm>

Is it an "A" day or a "B" day	
"A" Days	"B" Days
27, 29, 3, 5	26, 28, 30, 4, 6

Upcoming Events

10/27 Yearbook Meeting – 3-4pm – Room 202
10/30 Custom Cover Challenge Contest deadline
End of Term 1
11/2 Teacher Work Day – No Students
11/3 Term 2 Begins
Yearbook Meeting – 3-4pm – Room 202
11/3-6 Yearbook Sales
11/5 Picture Retakes
11/10 Veterans Day Program
PTSA Meeting – Guest Speaker, Dr. Lynn Friedman
11/13 PTSA Dance – 7-9pm - Cafetorium

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thank you to all the parents and STUDENTS who attended conferences with classroom teachers last week. We are pleased that students and parents came together to talk about their academics with the teachers. We hope you found it helpful as well.

Say Cheese Again! Picture re-takes will be done on November 5 starting at 8am. You must bring your original package and a note explaining what changes are to be made. If you were absent on picture day, come to the office to get an order form.

Yearbook Sales: The 2009-2010 WKMS yearbook order forms have been sent home. The yearbook is on sale from October 27th to November 6th. 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.

Make checks payable to Windsor Knolls Middle School.

Yearbooks can also be sold online and over the phone.

- Place your order online through the Herff Jones Order Center at www.yearbookordercenter.com (school order number: 14732)
- Place your order via credit card or electronic check over the phone by calling the Herff Jones Order Center toll-free (1-866-287-3096; Monday-Friday, 9AM-6PM) (school order number: 14732) **PLEASE**

NOTE: all orders placed through the Herff Jones Order Center are subject to a \$3.50 convenience fee.

After this pre-sale, the price of the yearbook will increase and all yearbook add-on options will no longer be available. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. J. Main.

Custom Cover Challenge: Do you want to design the 2010 Windsor Knolls Middle School yearbook cover? Then enter the Custom Cover Challenge! The contest is open to all staff and students. You can work individually or with one other person. The winner of the contest will receive a free yearbook and recognition for the design.

Draw an original design with a theme of one of the following:

- "CHANGE"
- "NEVER"
- "TO BE DETERMINED" (how crazy/hectic/last minute school has become or you just haven't decided)

The cover needs to have:

- a theme
- a vertical design (7.75"x10.50")
- the school name (Windsor Knolls Middle School)
- the school year (2010)
- the original hand drawn design in black ink

All entries must be submitted to Mrs. Main (Room 202) by Friday, October 30th.

Guidance Department News and Information:

Prudential Spirit of Community Award: If you would like for your child to be a candidate for this community service award, please fill out the online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Once completed, students should print out the application, sign it, have a parent sign it, fax the signature page to 615-627-9685, and submit the entire printed application to Ms. Geisbert in the Guidance Office by November 2nd. State-level winners will be announced in February.

Mrs. Furajter's Having a Baby! Mrs. Furajter will be out on maternity leave until Jan. 4th. During that time, parents with 7th grade children whose last names begin with A-L may contact Mrs. Travis at 240-236-4973 or ruth.travis@fcps.org about any concerns or questions that you may have. If your child's last name begins with M-Z, please contact Ms. Geisbert at carrie.geisbert@fcps.org or 240-236-5048.

PTSA News and Information

Fundraising: IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR PTSA FUNDRAISING PACKET IN YET AND STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SEND IT IN ASAP. MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH IS THE EXTENDED DROP-DEAD DEADLINE. QUESTIONS--> Debbie Hall, (301) 865-4454 or DVHall@aol.com

Reflections Theme Search: National PTA is looking for a theme for the 2011-2012 Reflections Program. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100 and his or her theme will be presented at the 2010 PTA National Convention. The entry form can be found in the Reflections document on our website (page 17), but hurry... deadline for entries is November 6th!

Next Meeting: The next PTSA meeting is on Tuesday, November 10th beginning at 7:00 PM and is a General meeting. We will have a very brief PTSA meeting followed by a Guest Speaker – Dr. Lynn Friedman, who is a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst in full-time private practice in Chevy Chase, MD, with a subspecialty in middle school schoolers, adolescents and young adults and their families. She is on the faculty at Johns Hopkins University. The topic will be "Not for Mothers only: The Essential role of both parents in raising Middle Schoolers with Healthy Self-esteem". *Pizza will be provided!*

Redemption Programs Are Back:

Box Tops: We are back to collecting Box Tops for Education. Please clip these out and send them in with your student. There is a collection box in the lobby. This is a great way for our school to earn money at little effort. We receive 10 cents per box top, which doesn't seem like much, but it can add up quickly.

SIGN UP YOUR CARDS! By simply registering your cards with their own stores, you can earn funds for our school just by spending the money you do every day. It is simple, and takes only a few moments of your time, but the results are amazing! Simply sign up the following cards by going to their respective website and using our school id numbers provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Dimitriadis on 301-363-8608.

- **Giant A+ Bonus Bucks:** Our school ID number is **02953**. www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/ Click on register your card under Join the Program. It will request your first three initials of your last name and your grocery card number (12 numbers on the back). You may designate up to three schools.

- **Safeway:** Our school ID number is **6588561**.
- **Sign up NOW...you only have to the end of this month!!** www.escrip.com
- You can also add your credit/debit cards to this registration and a portion of the money spent is sent to our school.
- **Target:** Our school ID number is **57905**. www.target.com/tcoe

2009-2010 Reflections Program: The PTA Reflections Program ("Beauty is...") is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in preschool through grade 12, encouraging them to create works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. Interested students may access an entry form and guidelines for each category from our PTSA website. Entries will be collected on Monday and Tuesday, November 16th and 17th. The top 4 entries in each category will advance to the Council PTA of Frederick County for further judging. These students will also have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed or presented at a county wide reception at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Frederick on November 30th. For questions or further information, please contact Tina Flynn at 301-865-4548 or dan-tina.flynn@comcast.net.

Memberships: We strongly encourage parents, teachers and students to join the PTSA and this can continue to occur but for those who want to be included in the WKMS directory the time has passed. Heidi Holley is constructing the directories which will be sent off to the printer in the next week. Remember you need to be a member to receive or purchase additional copies. Contact Heidi Holley with questions at (301) 829-6779 or psufan1982@comcast.net

Other School and Community News and Information:

Life After Middle School Program-For Parents of Eighth Graders: On Monday, October 26, 7-9pm, Frederick Community College, will host an evening for parents of eighth grade students. Learn about high school requirements, high school assessments, career and technology options, linking high school and college courses and post high school opportunities. Talk with representatives from high schools, colleges and other post-secondary institutions about career and college options. The event will be held in FCC's Jack B. Kussmaul Theater. Please RSVP to: 301-624-2716

Looking for Student Volunteers: The Kemptown Elementary School Fall Festival is Saturday November 7th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with games, crafts and activities for the day. If you have a student that is interested in helping, please contact Robin Yaure at r2y@psu.edu or call Robin at (301)865-9256.

International Baccalaureate Information Meeting: A meeting for the International Baccalaureate will be held on November 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Urbana High School in the Media Center. If you have questions, please contact Helen Golibart, IB Coordinator at 240-236-7748.

Student Needs Your Help! Hi! I am Robert Fox. Please help me collect toiletries (any size) like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, soap, shampoo and 40 shoe boxes for the 40 men who live at the Frederick Rescue Mission. A laundry basket will be placed right outside the front office and in the cafeteria. I will be collecting these items until Friday, November 20. Thank you for your support.