

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 October 30, 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
3, 5, 9, 11, 13	4, 6, 10, 12

Upcoming Events

- 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 – 1pm - Cafetorium
PTSA Meeting – 7-9pm - Guest Speaker, Dr. Lynn Friedman
- 11/13 PTSA Dance – 7-9pm – Cafetorium
- 11/16-20 American Education Week
- 11/17 Parents can visit 6th grade classes
Yearbook Meeting – 3-4pm – Room 202
- 11/18 Parents can visit 7th grade classes
- 11/19 Parents can visit 8th grade classes
- 11/20 Career & Technology Center visits with 8th grade students – Mod 2

Message from the Principal: Dear parents and students,

It's hard to believe that Term 1 is over; it seems as if we just started school! November 16 – 20 is American Education Week. We invite you to visit classes according to the following schedule: Tuesday, November 17: 6TH grade; Wednesday, November 18: 7th grade, Thursday, November 19: 8th grade. You may be an observer or an active participant, buy or pack lunch. Please remember to sign in at the front office and get a visitor's badge. We ask that you fill out the slip included in this letter so that we know how many parents will be visiting.

On another note, please make sure that your child has a "buddy" at the bus stop, walking to and from the bus stop or school. This is to ensure the safety of your child. I would also ask that you remind your child of proper bus behavior. The new policy implemented this year was "no electronic devices are to be used on the school bus." But, unfortunately, we have had a lot of reports from bus drivers of students out of their seats, throwing paper and other objects, talking disrespectfully to peers, and or using electronic devices. Please explain to your child the importance of bus rules so that the bus driver is not distracted and students are transported safely.

National Education Week – Parent Sign Up Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone Contact: _____

I plan to attend school : Mod 1 Mod 2 Mod 3 Lunch CCA Mod 4

I will buy lunch from the cafeteria. Yes No (Please no outside food from restaurants)

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.

Gazette Newspaper Has Informed Us.... that one or more teachers at our school has been selected as a finalist in The Gazette's My Favorite Teacher contest. Visit the Gazette's My Favorite Teacher website at www.gazette.net/teacher and cast your vote for our very own **6th grade math teacher, Mr. Barnette** who was nominated by Jake Galloway.

The site is accepting votes and will continue to do so for approximately two weeks – so vote now! Teachers were nominated by a current or former student and selected from more than 500 nominations. Voting runs for approximately two weeks. *(WKMS or our staff was not involved in the nomination process. We were informed of this nomination by email on October 28).*

Veterans Day: In honor of Veteran's Day, Windsor Knolls Middle School will be having an assembly, Tuesday, November 10th at 1 pm in the cafeteria. Please join us in saluting our Veteran's by attending this simple ceremony. **Students** - Show your American pride for those who have served and currently are serving their country by **wearing red, white and blue or camouflage on Tuesday, November 10th.**

If you know anyone currently serving who needs or would like to receive a care package for the holidays please contact Mrs. Runfola by email or phone with the service member's name and address at Kimberley.Runfola@fcps.org or 240-236-5029. We would like to have all names by November 20th.

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.

Celebration of Excellence: The Celebration of Excellence will be held on Tuesday, November 24th. Students qualify to attend the Celebration of Excellence each term by meeting the following criteria:

1. earning a 3.5 GPA
2. having zero unexcused absences
3. having served zero detentions

Keep up the good work students!

Attention all 8th grade Spanish I and II students! Sorry for the short notice, but the Spanish teacher at Monocacy Middle has put together a trip to Costa Rica for this coming June 2010. At the last moment, she has extended the opportunity for 8th grade Spanish students here to join her tour group, if interested. The decision must be made quickly though as Sra. Mason will be submitting the registrations by November 9. Anyone interested can stop by to see Mrs. Gaeta for details or ask questions. **All final decisions and the registration fee must be made by next Friday, November 6.**

A brief summary of the trip's cost: The price for airfare, meals, transportation and hotel is \$1,901 for students and \$2,236 for adults. Students and adults would only need to bring spending money and pay for a passport (if they don't already have on). Each participant needs \$95 to register and may choose their payment schedule.

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.

FREE Washington Wizard Tickets: If your child makes the Honor Roll for Term 1, we are rewarding them with a free ticket to a Washington Wizards game. Ticket vouchers are available in the Guidance Office. Remember Term 1 report cards will be sent home on November 13th.

PTSA News and Information

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 at 7:30 pm – 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:

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

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!

2009-2010 PTA Reflections Program: "Beauty is...." Students may create artwork in any of the following categories: literature, visual arts, photography, dance choreography, musical composition, and film/video. Just be sure to relate artwork to the theme. Entry form and guidelines can be found in the PTSA area on the WKMS website. Entries will be accepted in the front office on Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th. The top four entries in each category will advance to the Council PTA of Frederick County, and those students will have the honor of seeing their artwork displayed at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Frederick on November 30th at a special reception. For further information 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. The directories will be sent off to the printer this 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:

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.

Urbana High Indoor/Outdoor Field Hockey Drop-Ins:

Where: Urbana Middle School Gym

When: Thursdays

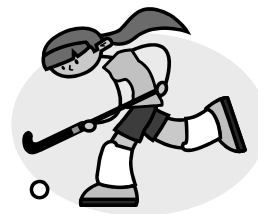
3:00-4:00 pm middle school

4:00-5:00 pm high school

Who: Those who love the greatest game of all time!

Cost: \$36.00 (checks payable to UHS Athletic Boosters)

Bring: **Indoor/Outdoor** Field Hockey Stick with a sock on the end,
Shin guards and mouth guard



Indoor Hockey Dates:

November 12, 19 / December 3, 10 / January 7, 14, 21, 28 / February 4, 11, 18, 25

*space is limited, first come, first serve! Contact: AJ Stuart- andrea.stuart@fcps.org
Registration form:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #'s (home): _____ (cell): _____

Parent/Guardians Names: _____

Email: _____

By signing below I agree that in the event of an accident involving my child, which may involve risk or injury, I release FCPS and the Urbana High School Coaches from any and all liability. I understand that this league does not provide medical insurance and that I will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Register by Mail: Urbana High School: Attention: AJ Stuart
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