

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

November 4, 2021



OUR VISION

“All staff, students, parents and community of New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary School collaborate to foster lifelong learning and honorable character in the 21st century. We nurture diverse learners in a safe, happy and engaging environment which promotes academic excellence and encourages students to be their best and nothing less.”

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11 marks the day where we honor our veterans and remember their sacrifices to protect our freedoms. On behalf of New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary’s staff and student body, we would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of the men and women who have and continue to honorably serve this great nation. Please join us in wearing **red**, **white** and **blue** in recognition of Veterans Day.

Employment Opportunities

We are looking for a lunch monitor to support our daily lunch shifts from 11:05am-1:05pm at our New Midway campus. This is a paid position with an hourly rate of \$13.70. Responsibilities include assisting students with obtaining a school lunch from the cafeteria serving line, finding their assigned seats, opening packages, and monitoring behavior. The best part of the role is interacting with students and knowing you are a bright spot in their day! Please contact Kim Clifford at kimberly.clifford@fcps.org or 240-236-3687 if you are interested in this position.

Turkey Trot

All schools part of FCPS have a physical activity goal included in their School Improvement Plan. One way our school plans to accomplish this goal is by hosting a Turkey Trot for our students throughout the day on Friday, November 19 during school hours. Grade levels will run/walk around a predetermined destination on school campus for twenty minutes (in addition to their recess and regularly scheduled physical education classes that day/week). Students will also be served light refreshments after they complete their fun run. We hope the Turkey Trot becomes a tradition for our school as a way to promote gratitude, community and healthy bodies. Look for additional information and opportunities to support this fun event for our students. Dressing like a turkey is highly encouraged!



Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation

Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation is not tolerated and it is important that these behaviors are addressed. Please review our school system’s regulation linked here on this topic: [Regulation 400-48](#). It explains steps that will be taken if these behaviors occur, in addition to the process for making a formal report. Please don’t hesitate to contact our School Counselor, Mrs. Susan Cox at 240-236-1436 or susan.cox@fcps.org, for additional information.

Security

“See Something, Say Something™” and “Don’t repost it. Report it™”. Parents and students are encouraged to report security concerns to a trusted adult (parent, school staff member, school administrator, SRO, or a local law enforcement agency). Students may also anonymously report concerns using the Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line at 833-MD-B-SAFE or <https://www.safeschoolsmd.org/>. In an emergency, call 911. Additional resources can be found on our school’s website and the FCPS website.

Quarantine or Isolation Instruction Reminder

If your child is required to quarantine or isolate, don’t forget to have your child access 1) lessons, assignments and resources on Schoology 2) access live instruction and support via our [Tutoring/Synchronous Instruction Schedule](#).

3) in addition we will begin printing a paper packet of assignments for your child to complete ready if you need to pick him/her up from school or for you to arrange a time to pick up from the front office 4) spend 15 minutes on LEXIA daily (for ELA support) and 5) spend 15 minutes on iReady (for math support) daily. These supports will help minimize disruptions to learning and help our students remain connected to their classroom while quarantining or isolating at home. Never hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher for support and/or to help prioritize assignments.

Dates to Remember

Please note that any dates scheduled for the year will be released with each Principal Newsletter for your planning purposes. Additional dates will be added to the calendar on a regular basis by staff members, thus we will update the list of dates with each newsletter. It is important to note that all dates are tentative and subject to change.

Date	Event
NOVEMBER	
Thursday, 11/11	Veteran's Day, Wear Red, White & Blue
Friday, 11/12	PTA Community Event, Woodsboro Park, 4-7PM
Friday, 11/19	Turkey Trot Rain Date for: PTA Community Event, Woodsboro Park, 4-7PM
Tuesday, 11/23	Rain Date for: Turkey Trot
Wednesday, 11/24	Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, 11/25	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, 11/26	Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER	
Wednesday, 12/1	Make-Up Pictures
Thursday 12/23 - Friday 12/31	Winter Break