

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

February 3, 2022



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.”

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Anisa Jagoz, our first place spelling bee champion! She will represent New Midway/Woodsboro at the County Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Jamie Fisher as well who is our alternate. We are so proud of Anisa, Jamie and all of the students that participated.

Teacher of the Year

We are also proud to share that Ms. Leanne Kitsko has been nominated as New Midway/Woodsboro's Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year! Below is an excerpt of what Ms. Kitsko's colleagues shared with the nominating committee:

Leanne exhibits the qualities of an outstanding teacher. She consistently puts her students' needs, both academic and emotional, first. She quickly builds a classroom that is a true community. Upon entering her classroom, it is evident that she leads a respectful, thoughtful, humorous, and rigorous classroom. She meets all of her students' needs and pushes them to meet personal growth targets. She is constantly reflecting on her teaching and instructional practices. Her excellence as a teacher is reflected in her students. Her students have great relationships with her and always grow when a part of her classroom community. Congratulations Mrs. Kitsko!

Manhattan Pizza

Our PTA will hold a fundraiser at Manhattan Pizza this Friday, February 4th, from 4-9 p.m. Manhattan Pizza will donate 20% of each order to our PTA. Be sure to mention your order is for the New Midway/Woodsboro PTA. We hope to see you there to enjoy great food for a great cause!

Virtual Coffee Chat

If you are available, please join us for another virtual coffee chat on Thursday, February 17 at 9:30 AM. We will share information regarding the revisions to quarantine and isolation protocols and timelines that were put into practice after winter break.

To join the Google Meet video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 815-900-2290 and enter this PIN: 909 742 771#

Are you interested in another topic for a Coffee Chat? Please let

kimberly.clifford@fcps.org know what topic you would like for us to cover in March!



Coca-Cola School Rewards Reminder

Don't forget to send in Coke product caps from plastic bottles and/or the product code on the inside of boxes from canned products. Every cap/product code results in a donation to our school.

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) teachers may also prepare a paper packet to supplement online resources 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 |
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| FEBRUARY | |
| Friday, 2/4 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13) Manhattan Pizza, 4:00-9:00 |
| Monday, 2/14 | Valentine's Day Classroom Parties |
| Friday, 2/18 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal |
| Thursday, 2/17 | Coffee Chat |
| Monday, 2/21 | Schools and Offices Closed |
| Tuesday, 2/22 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 11/23) |
| Friday, 2/25 | PTA Reflections Gala, 5:00-6:30 PM at New Midway (Snow Date: 3/4) This event will be postponed. |
| MARCH | |
| Friday, 3/4 | PTA Reflections Gala, 5:00-6:30 PM at New Midway (Snow Date) This event will be postponed. |
| Friday, 3/18 | 2 Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13) |
| Saturday, March 19 | Frederick County Spelling Bee @ Frederick Community College's JBK Theater (Snow Date: 3/26) |
| Friday, 3/25 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 11/23) |
| Saturday, March 26 | Frederick County Spelling Bee @ Frederick Community College's JBK Theater (Snow Date) |
| Monday, 3/28 | Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Work Day |
| APRIL | |
| Tuesday, 4/12 | Spring Pictures |
| Friday, 4/15-Friday 4/22 | Schools Closed/Spring Break |
| Wednesday, 4/27 | Administrative Professionals Day |

| MAY | |
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| May 2-6 | National Teacher Appreciation Week |
| Friday, 5/6 | 2 Hour Early Dismissal |
| Tuesday, 5/17 | Grade 1 Field Trip, ESSL |
| Friday, May 20 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13) |
| Monday, 5/30 | Schools and Offices Closed |
| JUNE | |
| Wednesday, 6/1 | Last Day of School for Students 2 Hour Early Dismissal Report Cards Issued |