

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

May 5, 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.”

Staff Appreciation

This week we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Week, which is typically referred to as Staff Appreciation Week as all of our staff members teach students in one way or another. The NMWES faculty would like to extend a heartfelt message of thanks and gratitude to our supportive PTA, families and community. It was humbling to see how much we are supported by the New Midway/Woodsboro community. Staff members enjoyed lunch, snacks, gift cards and notes of appreciation all throughout the week. We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful expressions of gratitude. We feel so fortunate to teach your children each day!

Field Day

Plans for field day are underway. Field day will be a half day this year for New Midway on Tuesday, May 24 (rain date May 31) from 9:00-11:00 and at Woodsboro on Thursday, May 26 (rain date June 2) from 1:00-3:00. Be sure students wear sunscreen, bring a water bottle and perhaps sunglasses, a hat and towel to dry off after any water activities they may encounter. Mr. Shoemaker is planning a memorable day for our students. More information is forthcoming; in the meantime, please contact Mr. Shoemaker at zachary.shoemaker@fcps.org if you are interested in volunteering on Field Day to run a station.

Spring Sprint

Students enjoyed our Spring Sprint the final day before spring break. This event was planned because all schools are required to have wellness goals for school improvement plans to ensure we address needs of the whole child; not just academics. This event was an opportunity to provide physical activity to students during the school day in addition to physical education and classroom physical activity. Providing physical activity can improve strength and endurance; help build healthy bones and muscles; help control weight; reduce anxiety, stress, and depression; and increase self esteem for children and adolescence which ultimately improves academic achievement.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the NMWES Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for providing water and snacks for students to enjoy after the event. Our PTA also provided eggs that were ‘hidden’ outside filled with candy and a special PAWs ticket for students to use at our school store.

Jump Rope for the Heart/Kids Heart Challenge

The Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for the Heart) planned by Mr. Shoemaker was a tremendous success! Mr. Shoemaker held true to a promise he made with students; the two students that raised the most money for the American Heart Association would get to ‘pie’ Mr. Shoemaker. Both buildings had the opportunity to watch as Sydney and Jackson Boyer (and a few other students assisting) pied Mr. Shoemaker.

The Kids Heart Challenge helps honor those in the community who have been affected by heart disease and stroke. It also teaches students the importance of physical activity and healthy eating while introducing them how to jump rope. Since 1978, over \$1.3 billion dollars has been raised for the purpose of research and educational programs to fight heart disease. NMWES students and families raised a little more than \$8,300! This demonstrates the tremendous generosity and care of our community. Thank you for your support!

Grade 5 Celebrations

1. Grade 5 Panoramic Picture, Friday, May 13

2. We are excited to share that we plan to hold an in person Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony on Friday, June 3 at 2:00. Grade 5 parents are invited to join us in the cafeteria at New Midway on this date. We kindly request that each family limit their guests to two adults. If a family has an *extenuating* circumstance, you may request additional adult guests by contacting kimberly.clifford@fcps.org. Such requests should be made in advance by May 20.

Assembly

We would like to thank our PTA for providing an assembly for our students on May 3. Students at Woodsboro enjoyed meeting author, Miranda Mittleman, and her rescue dog, Weaver. Miranda is the author of the Children's Book Series, PAWS and THINK!®, which has been named among the best in family-friendly products by the Mom's Choice Awards®! Her four books titled I Am Important, We Are All Different, Be Thankful For What You Have and Be A Good Sport teach valuable life lessons through the eyes of her rescue dog.

Students at New Midway enjoyed a Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) assembly by Alex Mankevich, the President of the NARHAMS Model Rocket Club. Students learned about space exploration and were able to take part in a model rocket launch. Our students enjoyed their enrichment opportunities provided by the PTA!

MSDE Special Education Parent Survey

The MSDE Special Education Parent Survey has opened for families of students with disabilities. The responses to the survey can build efforts to improve services and results for children and youth, kindergarten to age 21, and improve efforts to increase family involvement. See the attached flyer and the link to the [Maryland Special Education Parental Involvement Survey](#), open March 21 - May 27, 2022.

Hugh B. Nolan Track and Field Meet

On May 17, the Hugh B. Nolan Track and Field Meet will take place at Frederick High School for grade 4 and 5 elementary students. Mr. Shoemaker will share information with students to canvas their interest. More information is forthcoming, but in the meantime, feel free to reach out to our P.E. teacher at zachary.shoemaker@fcps.org.

Archery

Mr. Shoemaker shared this message regarding archery participation:

"As we wind the school year down, I wanted to take a moment and thank our 2021-22 Archery Club and Archery Tournament Team for an incredible experience. We are extremely proud of this group, as from day one of our Archery Unit in class, to club practice before school, our students took all safety precautions seriously, and honed their craft over the course of several months. We had a very diverse group of archers also; some that are avid archers while others had never picked up a bow. The one commonplace was that none of our students had experienced archery in the school setting prior to this year, due to the previous two years being out of our control. This being my first year, I want to extend a huge thank you to our students, administration team, parents, and Coach Cox and Coach Norris for making this such an amazing experience! Our Tournament Team also excelled during our participation in the NASP Maryland State Bullseye and 3D Tournaments. We were able to take 3rd Place in the Elementary Division in the State Bullseye Tournament, and we will send one archer to Louisville, Kentucky in May for the National 3D Tournament! We are so proud of all of our archers and all of their hard work!"



Virtual Coffee Chats

- 1) Is your child currently enrolled in grade 4? Would your child benefit from an accelerated math pathway? If you answered yes to both questions, please join us for a virtual coffee chat on Monday, May 9 at 9:00 AM to learn more about an opportunity for students to receive instruction on grade 6 priority mathematics standards next year as fifth grade students.
- 2) Perceptual survey results are in! Would you like to know more about how we respond as a school to survey results? Would you like to know the preliminary plans we have developed? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please join us for another virtual coffee chat on Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 AM.



To join either 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#

If you are interested in another topic for a Coffee Chat in the future, please let kimberly.clifford@fcps.org know what topic you would like for us to cover!

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrollment

Online enrollment is now open for students NEW to Frederick County Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year! Parents may enroll their child in FCPS by clicking [here](#) in English or [here](#) in Spanish. You will be prompted to create an account prior to beginning the enrollment process. **If you are not able to enroll your incoming Pre-kindergarten or kindergarten student online, please call the front office to make an appointment to meet with our registrar at 240-236-3700.**

Isolation Instruction Reminder

If your child is required to 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](#) (please email the teacher a day in advance if you intend to have your son/daughter access live tutoring) 3) teachers may also prepare a paper packet to supplement (not replace) 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
MAY	
May2-6	National Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, 5/6	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Monday, 5/9	Virtual Coffee Chat, 9:00 AM, Google Meet
Tuesday, 5/10	PTA Restaurant Night at California Tortilla
Friday, May 13	Grade 5 Panoramic Picture
Tuesday, 5/17	Grade 1 Field Trip, ESSL Hugh B. Nolan Track and Field Meet, Frederick High School (grade 4 and 5 elementary participants)

Friday, 5/20	2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13)
Tuesday, 5/24	New Midway Field Day, 9:00-11:00 (rain date May 31) 9:00-11:00 and at Woodsboro on Thursday, May 26 (rain date June 2) from 1:00-3:00
Thursday, May 26	Virtual Coffee Chat, 9:30 AM, Google Meet Woodsboro Field Day, 1:00-3:00, (rain date June 2)
Monday, 5/30	Schools and Offices Closed
Tuesday, 5/31	New Midway Field Day Rain Date, 9:00-11:00
JUNE	
Wednesday, 6/1	Grade 1 Author's Tea, 1:00-1:45 PM, Woodsboro Cafeteria
Thursday, 6/2	Woodsboro Field Day Rain Date, 1:00-3:00
Friday, 6/3	2:00 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony
Tuesday, 6/7	Last Day of School for Students (subject to change due if there are additional inclement weather closures) 2 Hour Early Dismissal Report Cards Issued