

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

June 9, 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.”

Congratulations

Congratulations to each and every student for their accomplishments this year. There is so much to celebrate at New Midway/Woodsboro; students that persevere, supportive parents and an exemplary staff.

We want to wish a special farewell to our fifth grade students that will transition to middle school and those that may not return to New Midway/Woodsboro in the fall. You have left our school a better place because of your presence here. We wish you the best in future endeavors and we encourage you to continue developing into a person of exemplary character!

STEM Grant

Mrs. Aitcheson and Mrs. Bickford were surprised by the Battelle National Biodefense Institute with the good news that a grant they wrote and submitted for our school, in the amount of \$14,012.40, will be FULLY funded! In fact, their grant proposal was the largest grant funded by Battelle for the 2022-2023 school year. The grant is titled “Lion Labs Learning Tubs: Creating Opportunities to Engage Minds and Connect Our Community”. Mrs. Aitcheson and Mrs. Bickford will create makerspaces for both buildings to engage students in innovative hands-on learning opportunities that emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, risk-taking and exploration across disciplines/subject areas. Materials will be housed in portable ‘tubs’ that staff members can sign out and use in their classroom to support standards they are teaching. Congratulations to our teachers for their innovative thinking and investment of time for the benefit of all staff and students.



2022-2023 Staffing

Staffing allocations for New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary were reduced by 1.5 teaching positions. There will be one classroom consisting of all 4th grade students, one classroom consisting of all 5th grade students and one split classroom assignment next year which will include a combination of grade 4 and grade 5 students. In grades K-3 we have two classroom assignments for these grade levels and we will continue to have one full time PreK teacher/program.

Personal Items Left Behind

We will hold any students’ supplies or personal items in the office until June 28. After that date all items will be donated to a local charity.

2021-2022 Teacher Assignments

We had hoped to record teacher assignments for the upcoming school year on each student's final report card. At this time, we anticipate a few changes in staffing so we will need to wait until all positions are filled before making classroom assignments final. We will keep you posted as decisions are made.

2022-2023 Open House

Open House will be held on Monday, August 15.

Woodsboro- 2:00-2:45 PM

New Midway- 2:45-3:30 PM

Open House will be a time for us to welcome **students and families** back to school giving you the opportunity to meet your teachers, explore your classroom/school and bring school supplies. We want to ensure every student has a positive transition to the new school year! **Doors will remain locked until 2:00 at Woodsboro and until 2:45 at New Midway to ensure appropriate planning time for staff.**

2022-2023 Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will be held virtually using Google Meet on Wednesday, August 10 at 2:00.

To join orientation click on this link: <https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi>

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

Kindergarten Orientation is intended for **parents** of kindergarten students to provide an opportunity to hear about kindergarten curriculum, routines, expectations and initiatives. We know this is an exciting time for families but also, at times, a little scary! It is our intent to help address any concerns you may have as your child begins their school career.

2022-2023 Guided Tours

Guided tours will be held by our School Counselor, Mrs. Cox, to help acclimate **students and families** to their school/new building. These tours are offered for students entering kindergarten, grade 3 and any families that will be new to our school this upcoming school year.

Kindergarten and students **new** to Woodsboro (grades PreK to 2) can plan to drop in for a guided tour at Woodsboro on Tuesday, July 19 or Tuesday, July 26 from 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30.

Third grade and students **new** to New Midway can plan to drop in for a guided tour at New Midway on Wednesday, July 20 or Wednesday, July 27 from 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45.

Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Congratulations to the GOTR team that is the largest team in Frederick County! Our team completed a 5K on May 21st at Monocacy Village Park. The GOTR coaches loved watching these students apply skills taught over 10 weeks to accomplish such a difficult task in the 'sweltering' heat! All of our students worked so hard and they enjoyed every minute! A special thanks to our coaches: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ehlis, Mr. Shoemaker and Mrs. Cox. We appreciate their commitment to our students!



Community Soccer Camp

Please refer to the following link if you are interested in a soccer camp for your student(s):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16d5slr0cM53WksinIPrvhpxxO8v80lgW/view?usp=sharing>

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrollment Reminder

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.

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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| JULY | |
| Tuesday, July 19 | Guided tour for kindergarten or students new to Woodsboro, 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30 |
| Wednesday, July 20 | Guided tour for grade 3 or students new to New Midway, 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45 |
| Tuesday, July 26 | Guided tour for kindergarten or students new to Woodsboro, 11:45-12:00 or 12:15-12:30 |
| Wednesday, July 27 | Guided tour for grade 3 or students new to New Midway, 12:00-12:15 or 12:30-12:45 |
| AUGUST | |
| Wednesday, 8/10 | Virtual Kindergarten Orientation for Parents, 2:00 PM https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi or join by phone, dial +1 815-900-2290 and enter this PIN: 909 742 771# |
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