



# WILDCAT MESSAGES

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE.....

Hello, Woodland Wildcat Parents,

I want to devote this message to the word "care." As we begin Black History Month, we are all aware that Haiti is in desperate need of help. We will set up office-size water bottles in grade level chairpersons' classrooms for students and staff to make daily donations to "Coins for CARE." Parents can drop donations into the big bottle at the front desk.

The theme for Black History Month is "care," too, and our Annual Peace Walk at 8:00 a.m. Monday will feature posters about special persons. Bulletin boards will be designed around African Americans who have impacted humanity. They will be judged by our friends from the North Springs United Methodist Church. We will have classroom readers coming from our Sandy Springs Kiwanis partners.

We are asking staff, parents and partners now to consider making special dishes for our culminating event, the *Taste of Soul* on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This year, we move from a luncheon to a dinner in order to attract more parents. Look for an invitational flier soon.

Let me also extend "care" to our hard-working staff members. It has been my motto to "Spoil the Staff," and PTA is always outstanding in saluting staff throughout the year. Most recently, teachers received classroom supply money. But we also received news that we are in for three additional furlough days, making a total of at least six days' less pay for every staff member this year. It promises to be worse next year. **Staff Appreciation Week is March 15-19**, so I appeal to you and all of our partners now to begin collecting gift cards, gift baskets, any tangible things to delight staff who would win them through daily raffles. I am hoping to have something for all 150 staff members, beyond our normal, generous giving that week.

Finally, another "care" idea that came from yesterday's "Second Cup of Coffee" participants is to have parents standing by to help teachers pack up everything in May, since we are having major renovations done this summer. Then, when we return for just two pre-planning days in late August, parents might help teachers to unpack everything and get rooms ready for Open House. Staff will be donating a significant amount of personal time to insure a smooth opening of school, at the same time facing more furlough days. They will need all the "care" that they can get from all Woodland resources.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Ruth L. Baskerville, Principal

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGINS AT WOODLAND FEBRUARY 1

The Black History Committee is busy putting together a month long calendar of events to celebrate Black History in our community. We will begin with our Peace Walk on Monday, February 1 at 8:00 a.m; our theme is CARE. Our students will walk for our special causes that are important to them. Our school bulletin boards will be decorated with tributes to famous African American humanitarians who have contributed to history throughout the years; in addition to special readers visiting the classrooms, a Quiz Bowl for all grades; collecting Coins for CARE (to donate to Haiti) and culminating with a Taste of Soul dinner featuring cultural foods of African American cuisine vendors, music and talent. A flyer will be sent home with more information on the Taste of Soul dinner. Hope to see you all there!

Venita Heaven and Sharon Bryant



## Go With The Flow! Traffic Flow That Is.....

Thanks to the efforts of the County office, we have been notified that Officers Joyce Myrick and Terrence Floyd will now be sharing the morning traffic detail at Woodland. Both of these officers have worked this traffic detail in the past and we are confident in their reliability and skill. We are looking forward to a much smoother process very little problems in the morning flow of traffic. Just a reminder that your child will be marked tardy after the 7:45 a.m. bell unless there is no officer at the entrance. Parents are encouraged to send their children to school on the bus, in which case they will never be tardy!

## What's Going On At WECS

### Friday, Jan. 29

Brain Power Day, 4th grade

Student of the Month Reception, 8:00 a.m.

Fidelity Little Lions Deposits

### Saturday, Jan. 30

District Technology Competition

### Monday, Feb. 1

Black History Month begins

Peace Walk, 8:00 a.m.,

Theme—CARE (Haiti relief)

### Thursday, Feb. 4

Domino's Dough Night

### Feb. 8—11

Cake Auction—proceeds go to CARE (Haiti relief)

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

Read to Succeed Forms to Media Specialist

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

Daddy Daughter Dance, 2nd & 3rd grade  
6-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 11

Daddy Daughter Dance, 4th & 5th grade  
6-8:00 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 12

President's Day—NO SCHOOL

### Monday, Feb. 15

NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday, Feb. 16

Julie Bernath's Community Mtg., 9:30 a.m.  
Ison Springs Elementary

### Wednesday, Feb. 17

Quiz Bowl - 5th

### Thursday, Feb. 18

Quiz Bowl - Kindergarten

Chick-fil-A Night, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Highway

### Friday, Feb. 19

Quiz Bowl - 2nd

### Monday, Feb. 22

Coins for CARE Collection Begins

Quiz Bowl - 4th

### Wednesday, Feb. 24

Principal's Second Cup of Coffee, 8:00 a.m.

Early Release Day - dismissal at 11:15 a.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 25

Quiz Bowl - 3rd grade

### Friday, Feb. 26

Taste of Soul Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

More info to follow

## HELP THE WOODLAND LIBRARY GROW



Did you know that if you contribute \$20 to our Library Gift Book Fund, you can select a book from The Library Gift Book Selection List and honor a person of your choice? The book will be purchased for the library and a special book plate will be placed inside with the name of the person you chose to honor. You will receive a letter to thank you for your contribution and the book will be checked out first to your Woodland student. The Library Gift Book Selection List and additional information can be found on the Woodland website and forms for donations were sent home in Thursday folders.

## PENNIES FOR PATIENTS FINAL UPDATE



Once again, Woodland exceeds in generosity! Mr. Hinson/and Ms. Thibadeau have earned a free dress day for raising over \$300. They have also earned the pizza party for raising the most money. In total, the school raised \$4,131! Thank you so much for all your efforts!!! Over the past 3 years, we have raised \$10,000.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade raised the most among the grade levels, we will all dress up like Hannah Montana!

## WOODLAND SPELLING BEE



**G-R-E-A-T  
J-O-B!**

Congratulations to the following 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the 2009-10 Woodland Elementary Spelling Bee: Alexis Hitchmon, Kayla Washington, Bashiri Bobo, David Polster, Frances Kitt, Jacobi Cline-Gates, Kaelan Ward, Nicole Adkison, Bailey Post, N'yeshia George, Caleb Sharper, Erika Bartolanzo, Gianna Scerbo, Letherio Zeigler, Shauna Burke, Rachael Stowell, Keilen Sheppard and Thomas Walker.

The winner will be announced in the next newsletter!

## YOUNG CHEF'S ACADEMY of Sandy Springs

Young Chefs Academy of Sandy Springs is gearing up for a 5th jam-packed summer of learning, fun, eating, and everything that's good during summer camp sessions in the kitchen. Registration is taking place now for our Camp Can-I-Cook 2010. Please contact Young Chefs at 404-255-9263 or visit [youngchefsacademy.com/sandy-springs](http://youngchefsacademy.com/sandy-springs) for registration.



## GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

If you are interested in your daughter meeting new friends, having great adventures and experiences, then Girl Scouts are for you. We are interested in starting a troop in your neighborhood and it will be held at Woodland, meeting bi-weekly beginning February 4. Look for the flyers that are coming home today. Contact Lisa Martin at 404-862-6180, or email [lmartin@gsgatl.org](mailto:lmartin@gsgatl.org).



## SANDY SPRINGS RECREATION DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

So, you think your dad can dance? The city of Sandy Springs is excited to announce the 1st Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. Don't miss the fun!

What: Daddy Daughter Dance for Valentine's Day  
Where: Woodland Elementary  
When: Wednesday, February 10 for 2nd/3rd grade girls  
Thursday, February 11 for 4th/5th grade girls  
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$30 for father/daughter



Come have an evening of fun, snacks, a live DJ, dance contests, door prizes and a goodie bag for each girl! Pre-registration is required and must be received by February 5. Visit [www.activenet.active.com/sandyspringsga](http://www.activenet.active.com/sandyspringsga) to register.

## REFLECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to our students below who are now proceeding to the State Level of competition. Students who received an honorable mention will not proceed but instead will receive a certificate and ribbon. In addition, PTA won the Blue Star Award—highest participation in the Special Artists Program, Silver Star Award—100% or more improvement in participation over last year, and the Bronze Star Award—most entries to advance to State.

VA-Visual Arts  
VA-S Visual Arts Special Needs  
DC- Dance Choreography  
LI - Literature  
FV - Film and Video Production  
MU-Music Composition

DC	Pre-K	Kaitlyn Botts	Winner
LI	Pre-K	Luke Miller	Winner
PH	Pre-K	Kaitlyn Botts	Winner
VA	Pre-K	Luke Miller	Honorable Mention
VA-S	Pre-K	Amare Lewis	Winner
VA-S	Pre-K	Eli Bacigalupo	Winner
VA-S	Pre-K	Ivan Sosa	Winner
VA-S	Pre-K	Joseph Rogers	Winner
VA-S	Pre-K	Rachel Oliveira	Winner
VA-S	K	Beckam Carmen	Winner
VA-S	K	Marlowe Sumlin Jr.	Winner
VA-S	K	Miles Gray	Winner
VA-S	K	Salah Abdul-Razacq	Winner
VA-S	K	Simone Diaconescu	Winner
FV	1	Bradley Jones	Winner
VA-S	1	Alan Cervantes	Winner
VA-S	1	Devyon Geter	Winner
VA-S	1	Dewandis Holden	Winner
VA-S	1	Xavier Van Alstyne	Winner
VA-S	2	Grant Tillman	Winner
VA-S	2	Lily Seidel	Winner
VA-S	2	Mille Romero	Winner
FV	3	Troy Norton	Honorable Mention
MU	3	Lena Scott	Honorable Mention
VA-S	3	Jonathan Pierantozzi	Winner
VA-S	3	Shuntae Foreman	Winner
VA-S	4	Brandon Selby-Hagler	Winner
VA-S	4	Darrion Chatman	Winner
VA-S	4	Diana Romero	Winner
VA-S	4	Jaredt J. Lara Velez	Winner
VA-S	4	Robert McFadden	Winner
VA-S	4	Roxane DuGois	Winner
VA-S	4	Samira Wilkerson	Winner
VA-S	4	Zamir Johnson	Winner
FV	5	David Reid	Winner
LI	5	Nicholas Wright	Honorable Mention

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