

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

October 4, 2018



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.”

Warm Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Brooke Shadle who is joining our school as a Special Education Instructional Assistant, and Paige McIntosh who will join our custodial team at Woodsboro Elementary upon Mark Brown’s retirement.

Safe Schools Act

Governor Hogan signed into effect the Safe Schools Act of 2018. The law, among other things, encourages close cooperation between school systems and law enforcement. In Frederick County, our law enforcement partners have dedicated resources to schools by requiring officers to make checks at schools during their shifts. They will stop into schools and walk through them after notifying staff at the front office. Their intent is to be a proactive/positive presence. We appreciate this partnership in keeping all students and staff safe.

Frederick County Public Library Partnership

FCPS and the Frederick County Public Libraries system are great partners, and Library Card Sign-Up Month is a perfect time to let you know about a new fine-free access program local libraries offer our students. Now, using their FCPS student ID number and an FCPL prefix (119829), students can create a Student Success Card that lets them:

- Borrow 3 print items (books or magazines) without any late fees
- Access eBooks at fcpl.org/download
- Use learning resources such as encyclopedias, journal articles and test prep at fcpl.org/learn

Students who already have a FCPL card can keep that card, too. It allows them to borrow up to 75 items and access additional materials such as DVDs and video games.

See more about the Student Success Card:

[For middle/high school students](#)

[For elementary school students](#)

Visit <http://fcpl.org/studentssuccess> for complete details.

See the recent news release about the FCPS and FCPL partnership:

<https://www.fcps.org/about/news/1644593/fcps-and-libraries-renew-partnership>

Glossary

One of our parents recommended that we provide a glossary for some of the acronyms and other terminology that is widely used in education. Please refer to the attached document if you are interested! [Click here to access the glossary.](#)

Substitute Teaching

Have you considered substitute teaching for FCPS? We are in need of substitute teachers and our parents make the best subs!

You will love substitute teaching for these reasons:

- Flexibility: teach when, where, and how often you want.
- Money: you earn a fair hourly salary doing something you love.
- Recognition: you get honored for a job well done.
- Professionalism: you work with the FCPS teaching pros.
- Students: you change lives and make a daily difference.
- Great hours: an ideal job while your kids are in school.

You must love working with kids and have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED. Visit <https://www.applitrack.com/fcps/OnlineApp/default.aspx?Category=Substitute> to see all of the requirements and to apply online. If you have additional questions, call the Sub Help Desk at 301-644-5120.

Conference Days

We look forward to parent-teacher conferences scheduled for next month! Conferences are generally scheduled for 10-15 minutes per student. Please refer to conference registration forms that will be sent home by your child’s classroom teacher in Thursday folders.

November 7, 2018 (evening conferences)	November 8, 2018 (evening conferences)	November 9, 2018 (afternoon conferences)
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Bus Reminder

Children will always ride the bus to which they have been assigned. New Midway-Woodsboro recognizes and enforces the following FCPS rule as stated in the Calendar Handbook under the **Bus Riders** title. It states that students may ride only the school bus to which they are assigned. Inviting friends home via the school bus makes it difficult for schools and bus drivers to account for students and can **cause bus capacity** problems. IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ONLY, school principals may approve a parental request allowing a child to ride another bus. Bus drivers can honor the request only if they receive a parent note from both students that is signed/approved by school administration.

Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
Friday, October 5	2 hour early dismissal
Wednesday, October 10	Chorus (Group A: 8:00-8:45, Group B: 3:45-4:30)
Wednesday, October 17	Chorus (Group A: 8:00-8:45, Group B: 3:45-4:30)
Friday, October 19	PTA fall festival Grade 1 field trip to Woodsboro Park
Wednesday, October 24	Chorus (Group A: 8:00-8:45, Group B: 3:45-4:30)

Friday, October 26	Kindergarten field trip to Winterbrook Pumpkin Farm (9:30 - 12:45)
Wednesday, October 31	Fall festival classroom parties (look for party details from your child's classroom teacher) Chorus (Group A: 8:00-8:45, Group B: 3:45-4:30)