

# Woodland Park Academy Newsletter

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## Administration Notes

Dear WPA families,

February is shaping up to be a busy month. We have several spellers attending the GISD competition during the next two weeks, field trips for K-4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a middle school dance, President's Day, the beginning of new after-school classes, and most importantly, celebrating cultural diversity by honoring Black History Month.

The forms for after-school activity sign up will be attached to your classroom e-mail. Please print them out, read carefully, and sign. Each session we have issues with siblings who do not have an after school activity remaining in school without a place to be. If students are staying after school, they must be in an activity. Thank you for your cooperation; it is the only way we can keep providing after-school activities.

Please remember to drive slowly on school property, watching for cars and children. We have had some parents upset at close calls due to speed, and/or inattention. We work hard to keep our kids safe at school and need your help to make it happen.

Thanks to all who voted for Mrs. Duhon for the Golden Apple Award. Although she did not win the contest, she is the winner to us for all her hard work and dedication to her classroom and WPA.

Mrs. Baskin and Mrs. Shemes



### Parent Blog

Please check out our new parent blog. It can be accessed through our website or at [woodland-parkacademy.blogspot.com](http://woodland-parkacademy.blogspot.com). Feel free to make comments, post ideas, or start a conversation by posting a question. We are hoping this will be a valuable resource for our families.

### Road Commission Contact

County Road Commission  
Attn: John Daly  
211 W Oakley,  
Flint, MI 48503-3995  
[jdaly@gcrc.org](mailto:jdaly@gcrc.org)

### School Closing Information

#### Radio

Regent: FM: 108,101.5,93.7; AM:1470  
Cumulus: FM: 92.7,105.5,103.9; AM: 1570  
Citadel: FM: 95.1,96.1,102.5; AM: 1330

#### T.V.

WEYI - TV 25  
WJRT - TV 12  
WNEM - TV5  
WSMH - Fox 66

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## Work Hard Be Nice

### Upcoming Events

- *Wednesday, February 10th - Count Day*
- *Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th - NO SCHOOL*

### Count Day

Wednesday, February 10th is count day. It is very important that your child is here on that day!

### Shoes - Gym Class

Students are not allowed to wear boots in gym class. It is not only dangerous for the student, but destructive to the gym floor. Please send tennis shoes on gym days if boots are worn to school. If not, they will not be allowed to participate in class.



## Sports Corner

### Boys Basketball

#### Practice

JV: 3:45 - 4:50

Varsity: 4:55 - 6:00

#### GAMES

JV: 2/9 - 4:30 WPA (w) @ Cedar Crest

2/11 - 4:30 St. Stephens @ WPA (m)

V: 2/11 - 5:30 St. Stephens @ WPA

Parents: Please turn in current physicals and \$20 sports fee ASAP!

### Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out one day a week for two hours. Please call the office with your name, phone number, and day you are available.



### Tae Kwon Do

Payment was due on January 19th. The next payment is due on Tuesday, February 9th.

### Donations

Mrs. Duhon is asking for donations of new or used (all pieces) puzzles for next semester's after school activities. Puzzles can be for any age group.

### Carpooling

Mrs. Pam Martin has offered carpooling. She lives in the Linden/Hill area. Ms. Bonk is interested in carpooling. She lives in the Hill/Center road area. If interested in either of these, please call the office and let us know.

### Information

Please use this link <http://focus.wp-academy.org/focus/> to check on your child's progress in school. If you do not have a username and password, please contact the office. If you did not sign up to have email updates and would like to, please let the office or your child's teacher know.



### Hearts for Haiti

The K and 1st grade classes are coordinating a fundraiser for the Haitian relief efforts. There are thousands still in need of food, water, and shelter. For each dollar donated, students will receive a heart to write their name on and hang in the hall. Donations will be collected during the month of February.

### Fine Arts Booster Meeting

All parents are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00pm.

### May Band Concert

If there are any former students who would like to play during one of the pieces in the May concert, please email Mrs. Storm at [nstorm@wp-academy.org](mailto:nstorm@wp-academy.org).

Mrs. Cummings would like to congratulate her 3rd grade spelling champions:

- 1st: Chelsea Perry
- 2nd: Annalisa Lowe
- 3rd: Caleb Hoover

### CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones are not allowed to be on during school (no phone calls, no texting) from 8:00 to 3:30 NOR can they be out of the students backpack or purse. If it is necessary to talk to your child, please call the office and we will arrange for that to happen. If a teacher or para-pro sees a student with their phone out, they will turn it in to the office. At the end of the day, they can come and claim it and they will call to let you know that they have violated the school rule. The second time they are caught with it out, they will have to turn their phone into the office everyday and pick it up at the end of the day. If they do not turn their phone in, they will be assigned to spend a day in The Bridge.

### Tutoring Meeting

For those interested in volunteering for the Homework Help / Tutoring After School program, there will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 3:35pm. Please contact Mrs. Martin before the meeting by calling 695-4710 or emailing her at [amartin@wp-academy.org](mailto:amartin@wp-academy.org) if interested.

### After School - Tutoring

Mrs. Martin would like to set up an after-school "Moms and Dads Tutoring" class for K-8th grade students. This after school activity will run from February 22 thru May 13. Parent volunteers will meet with Mrs. Martin before the session begins in order to view the materials available and plan for the class. Students will sign up as an after school class with a teacher recommendation.

Students and parents can sign up for reading or math tutoring. Please call 695-4710 or email Mrs. Martin at [amartin@wp-academy.org](mailto:amartin@wp-academy.org) if you are interested.

The teachers that do dismissal would like to say Thank You to Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Stillman for bringing them hot chocolate when it has been freezing outside!

Mrs. Freel would like to thank Vanessa Ingerson for donating books to the class library!