

# Wildcat

(Delivered Monthly)



# Weekly

## *Principal's Corner*

Welcome back Wildcats! What a great start to the school year! It's been great visiting classrooms and seeing smiles, hearing laughter, and watching learning happen from day 1.

At the start of every year there is a lot of "house-keeping" to do to ensure a great school year.

Here's a checklist of some of those must-do's this school year:

- [Complete the Student Information Card](#)
- [Create and add money to your child's MySchoolBucks Breakfast/Lunch Account](#)
- [Apply for Free and Reduced Meals](#)
- [Join the PTO](#)

On Thursday, September 8th is Back-to-School Night. The PTO will host a meeting to kick off the night, including a presentation by school administration. At 7pm parents will meet with the child's teacher in a class-specific presentation. Back-to-School Night is virtual this year.

Let's have a great year, Wildcats!



## *Staff Highlight - Marie Gorman (Music Teacher)*

I have been teaching music for 39 years. I have lived in NW Ohio, Germany, and most recently, northern New York (30 miles south of Canada). I have two master's degrees - one in music and the other in education. I recently moved home to Bowie and am so excited to be teaching at Woodmore Elementary School! Go, Wildcats!

## Important Dates

**September 5 - Labor Day (No School)**

**September 8 - Back-to-School Night @ 6-8pm**

**September 30 - Teacher In-Service Day (No School)**

**October 11 - Read-A-Thon Kick Off**

## PTO Meeting & Back-to-School Night

September 8th, 2022 - Virtual

**PTO Meeting @ 6pm**

**Classroom Programs @ 7pm**

## Grade Level News

Pre-K

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

# Wandering Wildcats

FROM ANDREW ZANGHI

In addition to recommending some of our favorite books this year, we will also recommend some great destinations for a day or weekend trip with the family.

## Shenandoah National Park

My family LOVES visiting national parks. We've been to parks in Alaska, Florida, and just about everywhere else in between! The closest National Park to the DMV is Shenandoah National Park. Shenandoah encompasses over 200,000 acres along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia, just about 80 miles from Prince George's County. While it is best known for its hiking, camping, and wildlife, there is a ton to do at Shenandoah, including youth focused ranger programs. There is also a ton to do around the park. Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, and tubing on the Potomac are all close by.



## Mr. Zanghi's 5 Favorite National Parks

1. Bryce Canon National Park
2. Glacier National Park
3. Big Bend National Park
4. Zion National Park
5. Shenandoah National Park

## My School Bucks

Make an account to pay for student breakfasts and lunches by clicking [here.](#)

## Math Minute

Woodmore Math Whiz Kids

To become a Math Whiz Kid, students will be given weekly grade appropriate Math Facts Quizzes. They become a Math Whiz kid when they complete the quiz within the time limit and with 100% accuracy. Math Whiz Kids will be given a shout out here and on the afternoon announcements, a certificate with a coupon for a free meal from Texas Roadhouse, a \$5 Woodmore Buck and their name will be posted on our hallway bulletin board.

Adapted from rocketmath.com

Why is memorization of math facts critical:

1. Children who don't have a quick grasp of the facts do not generate correct estimates or make good guesses in complex math problems. Their problem solving ability is hurt because they cannot tell if an answer "makes sense."
2. Lack of fluency with math facts limits the number of more advanced math problems students can and will do on a daily basis. Because doing math problems are so slow and difficult, students resist doing their math assignments and thereby learn less.
3. Students who are being distracted because their fact knowledge is not automatic find it difficult to learn complex math algorithms. Students who are automatic with their math facts find it much easier and are much more successful at higher level math.