

# McGinnis Woods Buzz



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**McGINNIS WOODS**  
Country Day School

*Inspiring Students with  
the Passion to Excel*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

5/1	8th Washington DC Trip 5-7th Space Camp Trip 4th Atlanta History Center
5/2	3rd Tellus Museum
5/3	2nd Tellus Library Books Due Parents Night Out
5/6	3rd-8th Band Concert 6:00pm
5/7	Sports Banquet 6:30pm
5/8	PreK Art Barn
5/8- 5/9	1st Grade Zoo Overnight
5/9	4th-8th Chorus Concert 6pm
5/10	Volunteer Pep Rally Scene on the Green 6:30pm
5/14	Wildcat Society Reception 6:30pm
5/16	Kindergarten Gwinnett Environmental

## McGinnis Woods Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide  
superior academics  
through hands-on  
approaches, which foster  
self confidence and self  
esteem that inspire a life-  
long love of learning.*

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## A Message From Ms. Mary

These are busy days at McGinnis Woods. It seems like the stretch of school following spring break moves at a breakneck pace each year and this year is no exception. We returned from break for a week of review and learning before our annual Spring Carnival. The weather was glorious and the carnival goers had a wonderful time playing games, petting animals and enjoying the food and many activities.

Standardized testing for students in 1st –8th grades went very well. The students took the tests very seriously and gave them their best effort. The tests have been sent off for scoring and we will share the results as soon as we receive them. The Comprehensive Testing Program is a national test which is quite rigorous and will continue to guide us as we provide appropriate rigor for our students and identify our students areas of strengths and weaknesses.

On April 22 and 23, we hosted a 5 year Engagement Review Team from AdvancEd. The three person team observed in classrooms, met with groups of students, teachers and parents, and evaluated our school on 7 Quality School Factors and 30 specific Performance Standards. Our School Improvement Team worked tirelessly to prepare for their visit and closely with team while they were on campus. We all were very pleased with the outcome of their visit. The Engagement Team felt that McGinnis Woods is doing a fantastic job of creating a positive school climate which features high expectations for learners, using data to drive instruction, engaging our students and families in activities and learning, and using our resources to meet the needs of our students. Thanks to each of the you who made time in your busy schedules to speak with the team about your experience at the school. The Engagement Team was very impressed with your knowledge of the programs, investment in the school and wonderful feedback. We will receive a written report from the team within the next few weeks and will be formally accredited with AdvancEd for another 5 years. The evaluators said that this is a wonderful school and that we should be proud.

Please be sure to study the May calendar, as it is packed with many unique activities which you may wish to take part in. We are entering the home stretch of another great year at McGinnis Woods. We are happy to be partnering with you on this educational adventure.

# *Parent Association Update*

Hello Wildcats!



It is so hard to believe our school year is just a few weeks away from drawing to an end. What an amazing year this has been!

In March, we celebrated the incredible teachers and staff at McGinnis Woods with our annual Teacher Appreciation Week. Everyone enjoyed a camping themed week filled with fun gifts, delicious treats, yummy meals and heartfelt notes from their students. While we appreciate our teachers and staff all year long, it is one of the highlights of our year to spend an entire week making them feel as special as they make our students feel.

All of our students continue to enjoy the amazing purchases made possible by your generous contributions to the 1st Annual Wildcat Fund. We continue to make use of remaining funds and just recently invested in an alert notification system that will be rolled out at the beginning of next school year. This system allows for rapid notification to parents via phone, email and text in the event of inclement weather closings, tornado lockdowns or other situations where fast communication is necessary. These continued enhancements to our school wouldn't have been possible without you! If you haven't seen the donor plaque hanging in the hallway just past the front door, be sure to stop and check it out and take pride in all that you've accomplished.

With the school year coming to a close, we've already started planning our team for next year. If you're interested in becoming a part of the PA Board, please reach out and let us know! We hope all of you enjoy these last few weeks of school and we still have a few more fun activities to help close out the year!

## **Upcoming Events**

### *Scene on the Green - Friday, May 10th*

Our annual tradition of Scene on the Green continues this year with "Mary Poppins Returns" on Friday, May 10th. The festivities begin at 6:30pm where you can join us for friends, music and a few fun rounds of bingo! Bill's Grill on Wheels will be joining us again this year if you'd like to purchase food, and the Kona Ice truck will also be serving up some shaved ice treats! Mr. Josh will be our emcee again this year so you know it's bound to be a great time. When the sun sets, the movie will begin and we'll have free popcorn and bottled water along with candy available for purchase. We hope you can join us!



### *Last Day of School Water and Pizza Party - Wednesday, May 22nd*

Another beloved tradition is our water party held on the last day of school. Each grade has an opportunity to participate in an epic water battle that has been known to include teachers too! We're expanding the fun this year by also providing pizza for all grades. This fun day is a great way to celebrate a fantastic school year with friends.

## **Thank you 2018-2019 PA Board!**

We have had a great team of people serving on your PA Board this year! Are you interested in becoming a part of the PA Board for next year? We'd love to hear from you! Feel free to reach out to any of the Board members listed below to learn more.

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Wendy Haye - Treasurer  
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Jacki Freeman - Room Rep Coordinator  
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Mary Johnson - Principal  
Tonia Usher - Preschool Director

## ANNUAL WILDCAT FUND DONORS 2018-2019

Thank you to our generous donors for making the 2018-2019 Wildcat Fund a tremendous success! Your gifts have made amazing things possible for our school!

### Friends of McGinnis Woods

The Johnsons  
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Kershaw  
The Aber Family  
Anonymous  
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Anonymous  
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Tseng Family  
The Dunn Family  
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Sakina Shabbir  
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The Huber Family  
Guzowski Family  
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The Nuñez Family  
Joshua Moore & Family  
Anonymous  
The Horne Family  
The Gallivan Family

### Wildcat Pride Circle

The Bishop Family  
Dwayne & Lindsay  
Eavenson  
Michael Robinson  
Steven Robinson  
The Newberg Family  
The Lane Family  
The Haye Family  
Anonymous  
Phillips Family  
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Chahwala  
Anonymous  
Ed and Holly Flachbarth  
  
**Wildcat Society**  
The Harper Family  
In Honor of The Emel  
Family  
Laura and Derek  
Robinson  
Mehraban Family  
The Young Family  
Anonymous  
The Nagamohan Family  
The Peluso Family  
Koehnke Family



## *Preschool Corner*



April was an awesome month in the Preschool filled with wonderful activities and events. NAEYC celebrates the Week of the Young Child each year and this year it was the first week of April. Each day of the week had a special theme: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday. The children really enjoyed all the activities we planned for the week's themes.

The Annual Spring Carnival is always a highlight at McGinnis Woods and this year was no exception. We were happy to see so many families come out to enjoy the day with us. The beautiful weather added to the day and we felt like we were welcoming spring!

Each year, the preschoolers participate in an egg hunts. This tradition is a blast. This year the weather tried to put a damper on our fun, but it didn't work. The colorful goodie filled eggs kept the children's spirits high.

On Earth Day, our 3-year-old classes spent the morning gardening and enjoying their picnic lunches. We look forward to watching all the flowers and vegetables that they planted grow. Thank you to the many parents who donated to the preschool gardens and a special thank you to the teachers for planning such a wonderful event.

We ended the month learning about reptiles and amphibians with a very special visit from "The Reptile



Guy."

Keep a look out for all the exciting events to come as we wrap up the school year and jump into Summer fun.

## *Cooking Up a Swarm!*



During the annual Valentine's Dance our teachers auction off fun activities and experiences. One of the items auctioned off by our Spanish teacher, Ms. Monica, was a Cooking Class and the winner was Olesja Peluso from 8th grade. She invited her friend, Marian to attend the class. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the ladies made green chicken enchiladas and chocolate swarms from scratch. The girls shredded the chicken and Olesja fried the tortillas. Both made taquitos and arranged them in the aluminum saucepan. Olesja made the tomatillo sauce and emptied it into the saucepan then added the cheese. After that they prepared the chocolate swarms.

The girls and Ms. Monica spent a very nice time cooking together and the girls learned how to cook authentic Mexican food while Ms. Monica shared something that she loves to do: !Cook!





## Wildcat Chat



Last week we wrapped up our Track and Field and Golf seasons at our Metro Atlanta Athletic Conference championships and our athletes did a fantastic job! Part of our school's mission statement is to "inspire students with the passion to excel" and I have certainly seen that passion throughout our Track and Field and Golf seasons this year.

Our Track and Field season was a mixture of a bunch of fun and a lot of success, as well. The athletes really impressed me with the determination they had to go out and win these events. From the moment practice started each day, I constantly had kids asking me what our school records were for each event, so that they could do their best to try and set new ones. Needless to say, I have had the

pleasure of seeing records broken and re-written all season long.

I have also had the pleasure of seeing the team reap the rewards of their hard work and determination. We have had athletes place first, second, and third in events and even win multiple events at the same meet! I'd have to say our strongest performance of the year was at the championships last Wednesday (which is every coach's dream, by the way). We had so many people placing in their respective events that my phone died because of all the podium pictures I was taking.

All that being said, perhaps the most impressive thing I saw this season was the camaraderie and sportsmanship that the team demonstrated amongst one another. No matter who was racing or throwing or jumping all of the athletes that weren't competing were right there cheering on those who were. When someone didn't do as well as they hoped or thought they would, a friend was there lifting them up and encouraging them through the disappointment. The team truly became a little family at the meets and it was fun to be a part of!



Luckily that atmosphere didn't stop with Track and Field, it was the same with our Golf team. The boys surprised me in so many different ways throughout the season. They surprised me with some fantastic shots, with their encouragement on and off the golf course, and their enthusiasm for the game. They didn't see quite the success that our Track and Field team did, but they had just as much fun and for our first year of having a team they did well. I'd have to say our highlight for the season was a long putt that Gabe Fowler made at one of our matches. I told the boys that if Gabe made this 30 foot putt for par then I'd buy them all soda and snacks for the ride home and of course he drained it!



This whole year has been a blast. The athletes, the parents and the coaches have put a lot of effort into making our year great and I think we have all excelled! Next up we will have our Sports Banquet on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in our Gymnasium. I am look forward to the opportunity to brag on these kids for all they have done and to thank you for your continued support and participation in the athletic programs at McGinnis Woods.

## Go Wildcats!

## *The Scholastic Book Fair was "Dinomite"*

After Spring Break students were greeted with lots of amazing books in our school library! Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair rolled right in with tons of "dinomite" selections for every age and every reader.



Each class visited the book fair to create wish lists to take home to their parents. Our first visitors were students from the Pre-K 4A All Stars class! The students were extremely excited to have the first peek at the fair! One student, Will Belmore, said, "they were the best books ever!"

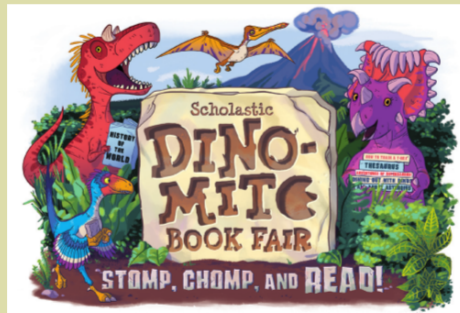
"There are many highlights of our school year but nothing compares to our Scholastic Book Fair", said Ms. Jacki, school librarian. One of the special book fair events was

the "Dinos and Donuts" morning treat. On that day, patrons were treated to donuts with every purchase. Needless to say, it was a busy morning. Students selected great titles and parents were able to peruse the Required Summer Reading titles for each grade.



Ms. Jacki says, "the best part of the book fair is seeing student's faces when they find the book they've been searching for. It puts a smile on everyone's face."

I hope that you were able to visit the book fair and check it all out! If not, you are still able to purchase books online via the Scholastic website. Thank you to every student, teacher and parent for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair! Your support is what makes our book fair possible!



## *Discovery Cooking Club Was a Hit!*



Our Cooking Discovery Club has had a lot of fun this semester! Led by Ms. Brittany, the students have made sweet treats such as cupcakes, donuts, and ice cream, and savory goodies like pizza and soft pretzels. And they haven't forgotten about health either with some fruit themed recipes such as yummy smoothies. It has been an exciting new experience for the students who have all learned a lot about the art of cooking. They have also gotten to explore the science of how ingredients work together and the math of how to measure different components of the recipe. It may be a messy art, but all of the final products certainly look like masterpieces! Every class always ends with full bellies and lots of smiles!



## Meet the Kindergarten Team



Kindergarten is called the CATS class! CATS stands for: Creative And Talented Students.

Wendy Hamann is the lead teacher, and this is her twelfth year of teaching at McGinnis Woods. Overall, she has 23 years of teaching experience with elementary and preschool students. She is from Virginia and has a B.A. from Virginia Tech (go Hokies!) and a masters from University of Richmond (go Spiders!). She loves spending time with her two children: Molly (17) and Benjamin (10) and her husband Mike. Her daughter is a junior this year and is in the marching band and concert band. Benny attends McGinnis Woods and is in the fifth grade. He also plays

in the band and enjoys Drama. Ms. Wendy enjoys gardening, playing with her cats and messy science experiments!

Rori Pope is the kindergarten assistant teacher. This is her first year at McGinnis Woods and she really enjoys working with our young students. She was born in Atlanta and grew up in Mableton, Georgia. She attended South Cobb High School and Valdosta State University. She studied music, psychology and sociology. She's an only child, and she loves spending time with her family. On the weekends you can catch her perusing every aisle of thrift stores searching for amazing deals on designer items.



## Art Happenings



In the art room we have been branching out into photography, along with some ready to fire ceramic projects. We are really enjoying our new kiln and are taking every opportunity to create beautiful items in it. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have created and are glazing cupcakes that will soon be ready to be fired in the kiln. We also have some clay turtles and cups to be fired as well. We will also be creating some pinch pots and mini-vases during the next month.

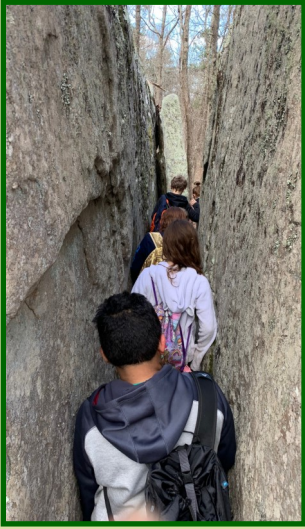
Our photography elective has been a wonderful way for students to get outside and enjoy the spring weather. We have tackled the art of shooting a picture from different points of view through composition, along with filling the frame of a picture with different depths. The school campus and the Outdoor Classroom and trail have provided an amazing canvas for some truly extraordinary pictures.





## *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight: Nature's Classroom*

From Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade llamas went to the beautiful Nature's Classroom in Alabama. This was their first overnight trip without parents, and they had a blast and grew even closer together as a group! While there, students learned everything from how to make natural skincare to surviving in the wilderness! They hiked challenging trails and shimmied up boulders; they created inventions to help the environment, took part in team-building activities, and even experienced challenges that people with disabilities might face. It was an amazing adventure, full of memories that will last a lifetime!





## *Science Olympiad Team Success!*



Congratulations to the McGinnis Woods Wildcat Science Olympiad Team who wrapped up the year by competing at the tournament held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We brought home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy and many blue and red ribbons! Of the 21 members, 19 were able to make it to the competition this year – even though it was held on the first day of our Spring Break. What amazing commitment! Thank you to all parents and students who worked so hard to earn this award!

Our first place blue ribbon winning teams are: No Bones About It (Benny Hamann and Dave Koduru), Starry Starry Night (Miraya Desai and Jenna Spilka), and Straw Egg Drop (Aarav Sheth and Violet

Reiter). Teams that earned second place ribbons are: Data Crunchers (Alex Jacowitz and Baptiste Jeol), Disease Detectives (Sardhak Boddu and Pranish Mandava), Weather or Not (Sardhak Boddu and Benny Hamann), and the 24 Game (Alex Jacowitz and Baptiste Jeol). Our teams who earned third place ribbons are: Bridge Building (Benny Hamann and Sardhak Boddu), Crime Busters (Aarav Sheth and Sanah Jain), Deep Blue Sea (Miraya Desai and Jenna Spilka), Grab a Gram (Alex Jacowitz and Ben Tseng), Rock Hound (Max Nunez and Aani

Dinesh), Which Way is North (Max Nunez and Vishnu Venkatagiri), and Water Rockets (Sanah Jain, Joey Musolino, Madhav Mallipeddi, Violet Reiter, Ben Reiter, and Aani Dinesh). Fourth place ribbons were brought home by Barge Building team (Sunay Konda and Ben Reiter), Mystery Architecture (Sunay Konda and Vishnu Venkatagiri), Paper Rockets (Pranish Mandava and Ben Reiter), and Backyard Biologists (Madhav Mallipeddi and Violet Reiter).

It was an exciting competition concluding a long season, and although we did not bring home the top prize, our students learned valuable lessons and are more confident learners. They were good sports and practiced working together as part of a team. Ms. Anne, Science Olympiad Sponsor said, “It has been my great pleasure to work with these dedicated students (and parents) and I look forward to next year!”



## *Auction Fun Leads to Teacher Grants*



The staff and Parent Association Board are so thankful for all the families who attend the Valentine Dance each year and participate in the PA's Silent Auction. This year the proceeds from the auction are being used to fund Teacher Grants, so we are super excited to see what new gadgets and teaching tools we will be able to use to spark curiosity and innovation in the classrooms due to the generous donations of our McGinnis Woods families.

This year Christian won a trip to McDonalds for dinner, dessert and fun with two friends which was donated and hosted by Ms. Kim, Ms. Lisa and Ms. Jenn. Ben and Evan joined Christian in the fun. The teachers and students walked over to McDonalds and enjoyed an array of nuggets and fries and then had plenty of time to play in the play area. They also enjoyed ice cream treats and even McFlurries to satisfy their sweet tooth. After a bit, the parents came to pick up their students and

joined in the fun while the children recapped their adventure. It was a super fun afternoon and the teachers and staff look forward to treating some new friends to a new adventure next year!

## *Student Council Building Community*



Student Council has had a very busy spring. We ended March with a representative meeting during which we used our time to show our appreciation for the amazing teachers here at "The Woods" by making treat bags with handmade notes.

As we moved into April, we had a couple of projects we worked on. First, we planned a Chick fil-A order in day for Friday, May 19th to celebrate the end of our Standardized Testing week. Students pre-ordered and enjoyed a chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie. Also, on Friday, May 19th we held our annual Staff vs. Student Game. This year the middle school students took on the

teachers in basketball. It was a well matched game and the teachers almost pulled off a win, but the middle schoolers won at the last minute.

With this school year beginning to wrap up, the Student Council wants you to save the date for our annual Talent Show. We will celebrate the many talents of our students on Tuesday, May 21st at 1:30pm. More details are being sent home on May 1st, so plan on joining us at the Talent Show.

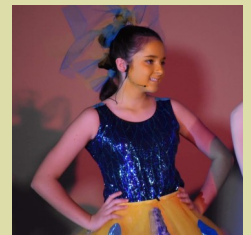
## *McGinnis Woods Presents... The Little Mermaid*



This marks the 15th year of Musical Theater with Ms. Xylina at the helm. During those years we have visited the Serengeti, Oz, Neverland and many other exotic destinations, but this year we went "under the sea" along with Ariel, Flounder, King Triton, Eric, Ursula, Floatsam and Jetsom, and a host of other fantastic characters.

The production of the Little Mermaid featured two casts with great chemistry and talent. The performers worked so well together and their enthusiasm jumped off the stage during each of their four performances. Thirty students participated in the production and they knew their cues as they transported the audience to a magical land under the sea.

Katie Burkett was cast as Ariel. Her beautiful voice and convincing acting created a performance that will not be soon forgotten. There were so many special moments during the show including both Sebastian's (Mikayla Stuart and Lola Hazard) renditions of Kiss the Girl, Chef Louis's (Lane Fowler) Les Loissons, and Ursula's (Bridget Gallivan) Poor Unfortunate Souls. Prince Eric (Logan Bishop) and King Triton (Joseph Gallivan) kept the show moving with their comedic timing and strong performances. The colorful merfolk, sea chorus, Skuttles, Flounders and Floatsam and Jetsam stole the show with their cute dancing and great vocals.



The beautiful scenery, costumes, make up, and lighting made the show come to life. Special thanks to the many parents and staff who donated their time and talents to this wonderful show. Our annual musicals create wonderful bonds of friendship and amazing memories, as well as poise, confidence and opportunities to shine.





# STEM Family Fun Night 2019



Creating with gears, making straw boats and launching them in water, making marshmallow catapults and balloon cars were some of the projects families participated in at our STEM Family Fun Night. There were two sessions of a tricky Break-Out room to try out along with a Rocket Challenge. Students created rockets of all shapes and sizes at home which they then brought to school to compete. The end of STEM Family Fun Night ended with the results of the Science Fair. It was a great night of hands-on activities and community fellowship!

Here is the list of winners for the Science Fair:

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jackson Anderson is first, CJ Myco is second. Honorable mentions are Harris Allyn and Kiernan Dunn.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Joey Musolino is first, Miraya Desai is second. Honorable mentions are Max Nunez and Ava Mathur.

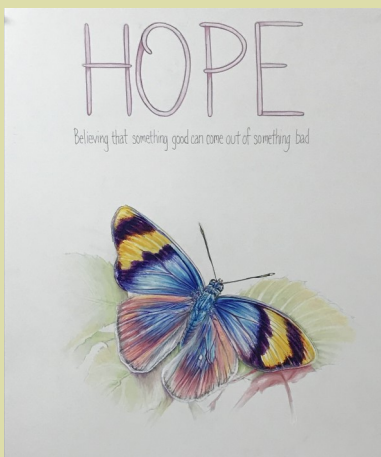
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Naqash Gajwani is first. Tie for second place is Anjali Chahwala and Kale Usher. Honorable mention is Joseph Gallivan.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Avery Anderson is first, Sanah Jain is second. Honorable mentions are Leon Schultz, Ben Tseng, Lexi Kuligowski

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Anthony Musolino is first, Matthew Gioia is second. Honorable mentions are Marian Freeman, Drew Evangelista, Carson Phillips, Octavia Pagliotti.



## Hope and Perseverance



The Core Essentials Word of the Month for April was Hope. Hope is defined as "*Believing something good can come out of something bad.*"

Students have been learning and practicing the meaning and the importance of hope throughout April on the morning announcements and also in counseling classes with Ms. Jenn.

The Students of the Month were honored on Friday, April 26. They enjoyed a celebratory lunch at Cheeseburger Bobby's along with their friends and family.

The final Word of the Month for the 2018-19 school year is Perseverance. The definition we will focus on is "refusing to give up when life gets hard".

## *Middle Schoolers Enjoy Spending Time Together*



Each semester the middle schoolers elect a team of middle school students who then work together to plan and implement fun monthly activities for their peers. Last month the Middle School students “Marched” in early for a Donut Social. Students were treated to donuts and juice and had some early morning time to listen to music and socialize with their friends. They really enjoyed kicking off their day that way.

On Friday, March 19, students attended one of the most popular socials of the year, the fourth annual campfire social. This event is the fun of a good ol’ fashion campfire with the bonus of indoor plumbing! Students participated in campfire songs and skits, and even listened to a ghost story or two. They also cooked hot dogs and s’mores over a campfire for dinner. It was the perfect way to end the week of standardized testing.



## *8th Graders Visit Washington, DC*



On Sunday, April 29, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students travelled to Washington DC for their annual overnight trip led by the Close Up Foundation. Close Up’s mission is to inform, inspire, and empower youth to exercise their rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Their Programs are designed to give students hands-on opportunities to interact with government and history in Washington, DC.

Our students and Ms. Nicole, the middle school Social Studies teacher, are spending four days participating in a fast-paced, fun-filled, educational experience in one of the world’s most dynamic cities. Students are visiting key institutions and historic sites as interactive classrooms. They are exploring history, as well as the rights and responsibilities of all citizens today.

We look forward to participating in this unique partnership each year, as we know that it provides our students with memories to last a life time and stresses the role that each of them play in our democracy.





## Summer Camp at the Woods



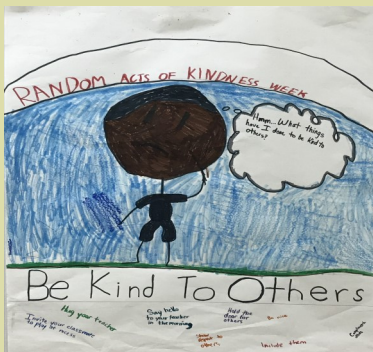
Summer is less than a month away. Have you registered your child to be part of camp at the Woods? This year's camp, **Sunsational Summer**, features exciting weekly field trips including **Art Barn, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Launch, Treetop Quest, tubing** and many more. We are also dedicating a week of camp to giving back and expressing our appreciation to local police officers and firefighters by delivering homemade treats that our campers prepare. This is such a great opportunity to teach campers about the importance of giving and showing appreciation for our local heroes.

Each week will feature a new and exciting theme. This summer you won't want to miss **Summer Safari, Spies and CSI, Shipwrecked and Harry Potter Academy** among many others. As always, our camp will be staffed by nurturing teachers who love to have fun.

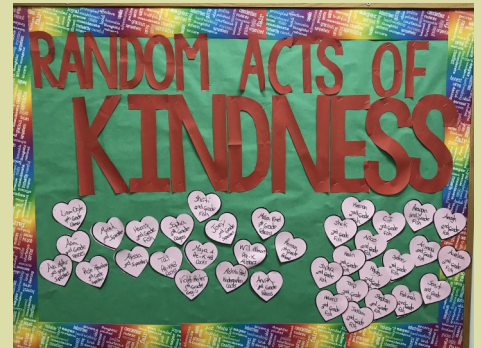
You'll want to take a look at the **Specialty Camps** that will be offered this summer as well. These camps are designed to give children an opportunity to learn a new skill or to continue developing their passions. **Academic Camps** are available to the student who wants to keep their mind sharp over the summer.

Registration is happening now! Camp is open to children ages 4 – 13. **Sunsational Summer** runs 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, with before and/or after care available at an additional cost. So plan to come for a week or the whole summer! We hope to see you there.

## Junior Beta Club Spreads Kindness



Junior Beta Club helped promote Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) in the Month of February. Junior Beta Students made posters which were hung around the school and they went on morning announcements each morning to promote RAK week. Teachers were then asked to be on the lookout for students doing Random Acts of Kindness during the school day. If they caught someone in the act, Jr. Beta gave a shout out to those students on morning announcements and their name was placed on a heart on the Random Acts of Kindness board on the first floor. It was great to see the kindness which was spread with so many of our McGinnis Woods Friends!





## *Pictures from Around the School*

