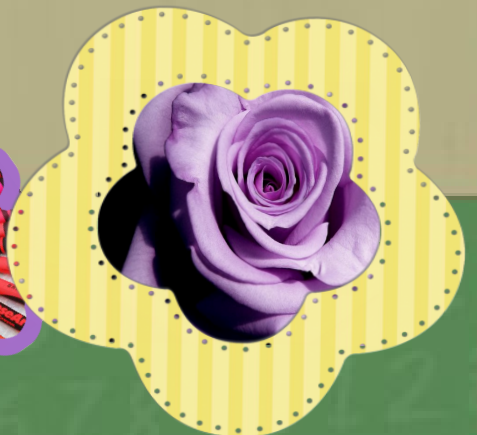


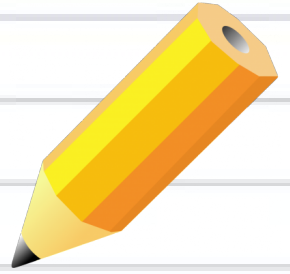
Wendy's Whimsical World



By Wendy Woods







Keep on keeping on.
Wendy Woods
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Keep on keeping on, is a personal motto I follow. This motto helps me keep striving to be a more positive person and to influence the world in a positive way. My goal is simple, help one person everyday. For example, I will hold a door for someone or let someone out in traffic. I feel doing little things for others will bring good fortune into my life. The intrinsic rewards from helping others is nice.

I read a quote the other day from a non-for-profit organization creator, he said "when you invest in your community, you invest in the future." His quote encompasses one reason I have chosen to become a teacher. One of my goals from becoming a teacher is to help children become greater thinkers. I will also strive to motivate students to change the world for the better.

My autobiography is being prepared for a Language Arts Class project. The project will be interesting to complete from a college senior point of view, it will be nice to reflect on my life. I hope you find my book interesting and creative.



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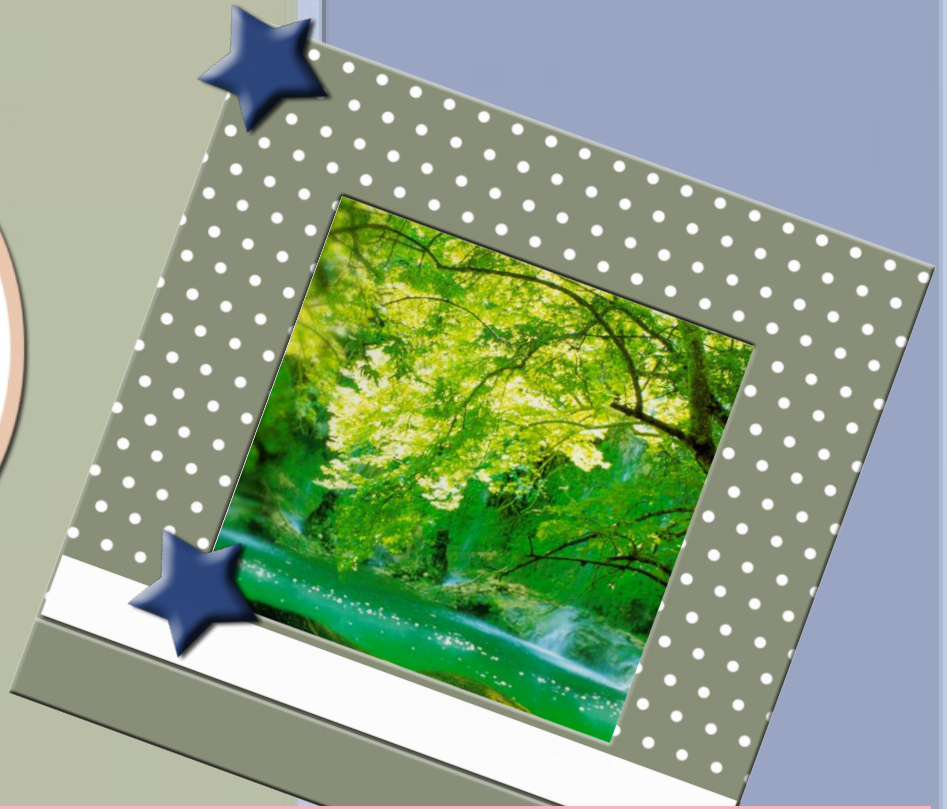
Her name suggested she spoke a lot
the truth is she was like the breeze.







What's in a name?



My name is Wendy Woods. I've always thought my name sounded like the plot of a children's story book. Ironically, my first name was invented by the creator of the children's book Peter Pan J.M. Barrie.

J.M. Barrie may have invented my name, but my father named me Wendy. After some thought my parents decided to name me with a 'W' name. A few days after my birth on a windy winter day, my father decided on Wendy. I am relieved for that windy day. Due to the special moment, I was not named Wilma. The name Wilma brings only one thing to my mind, *The Flintstones*.

I feel my name suits me and it is unique. During grade school I wasn't teased much about my name. Although, waiting for your name to be called at the end of role call was a bittersweet gift. It is often difficult to find personalized items, not many people are named Wendy. I would never choose to change my name, I am happy with it. With some consideration I have decided to keep my name when I decide to marry. My whole name is directly related to my identity and personality.

A- agreeable
 B- breezy
 C- clumsy
 D- dynamic
 E- eager
 F- female
 G- grateful
 H- helpful
 I- intelligent
 J- joyous
 K- kaput
 L- literate
 M- mature
 N- nostalgic
 O- old-fashioned
 P- poised
 Q- quiet
 R- real
 S- simple
 T- thankful
 U- unique
 V- valuable
 W- wacky
 X- Xyloid - resembling wood; woody.
 Y- youthful
 Z- zonked

Personal Alphabet

The group of
 adjectives to the right
 represent my
 personallity. Some of
 the words describe my
 best attributes. Other
 adjectives may be a
 favorite word or
 significant to me.



ABC

I Like

Purple
Nature
Dogs
Chocolate
Black and White Films
Crisp Fall Days
Scrabble
Yard Sales
Creating Art
Reading Fiction novels
All types of music
Spending time with family
Learning
Swimming
Quiet moments
Roses

I Dislike

Loud noises
Riddles
Tomatoes
Lemon-Lime green
Cleaning dishes
Rude people
Fast drivers
Rap music
Crying
Romance novels
Barking dogs
Valentines Day
Nightmares
Getting lost while I'm driving
Lies



Likes/Dislikes List

Wendy's Symbolic Recipe

2 heaping cups of patience
1 cup of adaptability
1/2 cups of kindness
1 1/2 cups of self-sufficiency
1 tablespoon of persistence
1 peel of Creativity
1/2 teaspoon of generosity
1 splash of old-fashioned ideas

Combine patience, adaptability, and persistence. Next, place mixture in college Classroom and let thinking begin. After some time the mixture will create a illuminating glow, this is normal. Set aside mixture and combine kindness, generosity, and old-fashioned ideas in a small bowl for a gentler texture. Last, combine the mixture inside an elementary Classroom. Then add self-sufficiency and Creativity for a surprising treat.





Today I am late for class because several reasons. On my way to school I had a flat tire. As I changed my tire on the side of the dark road I saw a flash of light. The light was very large and it scared me badly. The illuminating glow came from the back of the car so I went back to investigate. To my surprise my bumper was mangled and very hot to the touch. Upon further investigation I saw my bumper had been hit by a meteorite. I found the meteorite laying below the car and wrapped it in an old blanket. I then placed the meteorite in the back seat. I didn't know what to think this was a tremendous event. It took awhile to soak everything in so I stood on the side of the road for a few minutes dumbfounded.

Following the disoriented hour on the side of the road I saw two men coming toward the car. They looked friendly and I was hoping their intentions were honest. As they walked up they stated they were meteorite hunters. After seeing my bumper, they asked about the precious space rock. I was aware of the value of the extraterrestrial rarity and I replied I did not know. Following my morning I wasn't in a giving mood so I jumped in the car. I looked at the men for a split second with a glare and smashed on the gas I was late for class.



Ultimate All-Purpose Excuse

A Day in the Life of...



The student began her day similar to other students, drinking coffee. After enjoying her energetic elixir she put on her plush sky blue robe. She thinks of the day ahead as she walks to the bathroom to do her morning routine. Stepping out of the shower clean she continues getting ready and makes her way to the door. It was a crisp fall day outside. The sun was shining as she climbed into the car.

During her drive to school she listened to the news radio. She thought of how it was difficult to think of all of the chaos in the world. Then, the news announcer spoke of a new tribe of natives which were discovered. Intrigued she listened in amazement, something new in this millennium she pondered. The announcer later commented on the isolated life of the people. They were completely self-sufficient without the modern luxuries of our world. The story went on to say the tribes state of terror was high as the airplane passed overhead filming them.

Wendy's thoughts floated around for a few seconds. She had longed to slow down her life, similar to the natives in the news story. The thought made her smile as she pulled into the school parking lot.





Great men are not always wise. -The Bible

Lost time is never found again. - Benjamin Franklin

After the game, the king and pawn go into the same box. -Italian proverb.

Read my lips no new taxes. -George Bush

Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved. -D.H. Lawrence

There is a difference between imitating a good man and counterfeiting him. - Benjamin Franklin

Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen. -Mark Twain

Beauty to me is being comfortable in your own skin.- Gwyneth Paltrow

I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart.
- Anne Frank

Life consists in what a man is thinking all day.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson.



In Other Words





My bucket list includes three main goals. First, is observing polar bears in the wild. I plan to purchase a ticket from the polar bear adventure company in order to make this dream come true. The adventure includes a stay on the polar bear-proof Arctic bus. The bus has large windows for photography and sketching wild polar bears. Also included is a stay on the bus, meals on the bus, and a stay in Churchill, Manitoba. Seeing polar bears in the wild is important to me because I love polar bears. The great bears are endangered so their future is unclear.

My second item on the list is visiting the Grand Canyon with my whole family. Visiting the Grand Canyon is a goal of my family and I. Soon I plan to begin talking about our plans to visit. Hopefully we will be able to travel in a R.V. or a similar large vehicle. The significance of the Grand Canyon is a general need to explore a new terrain. There is also a plethora of historical sites to visit and learning opportunities from the trip. I feel a trip like this would be a memorable experience.

Last on the list is traveling. I would love to visit as many places as I can afford. Washington D.C., California, and Hawaii are just a few domestic places I'd like to visit.



My Bucket List



My List of Lists



Ideas that intrigue me...

- *The force which allows life.

- *Birds flying

- *People which refuse to take care of their children

- *Getting stopped at every red light when I'm in a hurry

- *Not stopping at every red light when I'm trying to kill time

- *Earth, space, and its origins

- *The building process of the World's Greatest Wonders

- *The creation processes of crystals, gems, diamonds, and pearls





My perfect present is happiness. More than any other wish I have continually wished or prayed for happiness. Normally, I am a very happy person, but sometimes I struggle keeping my happy mood last. Usually the reason behind my unhappiness is the little things. For example, crazy drivers or rude people really throw my day off.

My present of happiness must be stronger than the little bumps in the road. My happiness should guide me to be a calmer person. I also will use my happiness to achieve a better quality of life. An overall positive outlook effects every aspect of my life. Happiness will bring more opportunities for myself. Everyone is attracted to a genuine smiling face. It is known a happy girl is a smiling girl.

THE PERFECT PRESENT

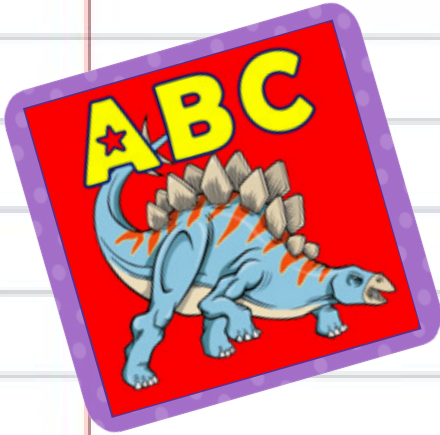
Are You Hungry?



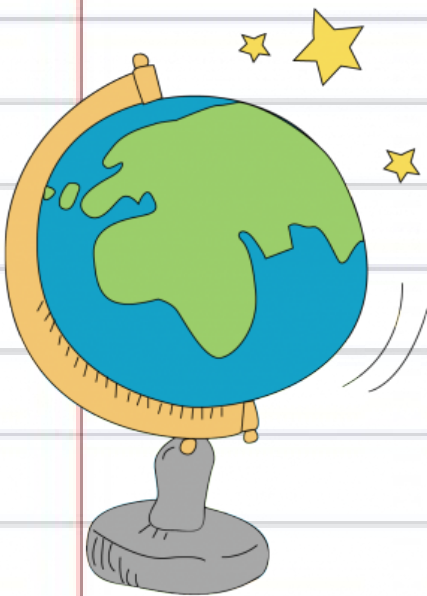
My favorite meal is a traditional East Tennessean dish, chicken-and-dumplings. My old-fashioned personality enjoys country cooking. There will also be pinto beans, rattle-snake green beans, and sweet corn bread served with the dumplings. The ideal chef of my meal is my mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. One the chef's has passed on so the meal will be prepared on a snowy Christmas Eve from long ago. While my chef's are hard at work the whole family is in the living room decorating the blue-themed Christmas tree. We are also enjoying hot-chocolate and snow cream.

Just before the meal is ready my mother sets out the red carnival glass punch bowl set. Then she fills it to the top with tropical punch. She also sets out the red carnival glass plates for the special holiday meal. After waiting to eat, my favorite part, we all line up and dive into the wonderful food. We eat until the table is bare. Then we move into the living room to open presents. Everyone is full, happy, and thankful for a wonderful meal with their family.

Visually Speaking about teaching



Inspire



Motivate

1) *I Can only imagine*

This song is a Christian pop song. Its lyrics are about the moment Jesus comes back for his people. The song is a moving song and it gives me a peaceful feeling. Somehow this song brings my faith into a sharper perspective.

2) *End of the Line* by the Traveling Wilbury's

End of the Line by the Traveling Wilbury's is a very good rock song. Two of my favorite musicians are singing in this song, Tom Petty and Roy Orbison. The lyrics are about the end of someones life and in insignificance of superficial things. For example, Tom Petty sings, "at the end of the line it doesn't matter what kind of car I drive, I'm satisfied." I am total agreement with this line, many people are caught in the materialistic things. The Traveling Wilbury's are summing up life with the message to enjoy your life and live simply.

3) *It's a long way to the top* by AC/DC

The classic rock band AC/DC is one of my favorite bands. My academic career had been a long journey similar to the journey which the song tells about. Yet, in order to make it to my goal I must push on for the the long haul.

4) *American Pie* by Don McLean

Don McLean has written a catchy American classic. One of my favorite lines in the song is about the marching band refusing to stop for the players. I often felt this way when I march, I never wanted the show to end.


5) *Coat of many colors* by Dolly Parton

Dolly Parton song about her family's troubles from poverty speaks to my soul. My family in the past had a similar experience with the lack of funds. My mother often sewed her own clothing and mended her younger brother's clothing to help out her mother.



Favorite Songs





The Paint the Town Street Painting Festival is an important event which I have attended. For the festival I signed up to paint a small piece of sidewalk. Other artists were present as well. It was fun to create a work of art to share with the town. Although it was raining we had several patrons viewing our artwork. Sharing my artwork with others is a rewarding. I also met other artists from La Follette and began a renowned interest in creating art.

In the future, I plan to sign up for the event. My research for my painting selection will be lengthy. I believe I will choose an artwork which gives hope to myself. I plan to pass on the feeling of hope to others.

Paint the Town Street Painting Festival





World's Longest Yard Sale

In 2010, my mother and I went on the World's Longest Yard sale. The yard sale begins in central Alabama and ends in Michigan. We decided to travel through Kentucky northward toward Ohio. The yard sale takes place on the 127 Corridor Highway running through some of the most remote areas of Kentucky. Everyday we would travel roughly 50 miles northward. With plenty of time to spend browsing we found many great deals.

It is amazing how much stuff American's can accumulate over time. The amount of stuff for sale is overwhelming for the senses. Everything and anything you can think of is for sale; toys, clothes, and a vast amount of salt shaker sets. My mother and I were mostly looking for McCoy cookie jars and vintage cameras. Along our way we search for clothing deals for our self and the family.

One of our big finds is a McCoy cookie jar in the shape of a dog which is worth two-hundred dollars, we picked it up for 50 dollars. I also found a set of NASA glasses from the sixties celebrating the Apollo missions.

