February 21, 2020

School News

"Protect the Ocean, Save the Planet" T-Shirt Sale
Our 2nd grade GT seminar group, Planet Protectors, needs your help! They are selling t-shirts to raise funds to purchase a drinking fountain with a water bottle attachment to reduce our use of single-use plastics. Let’s show our commitment to the environment by helping the Planet Protectors meet their fundraising goal. The t-shirts are personalized with our school's name on the sleeve. T-shirts are premium quality 100% pre-shrunk cotton.
Price: $13.00
Payment: Cash, Check made out to WFES, or Online at: http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/
If you pay online, please complete the bottom section and return for sizing information.
Due date: March 2, 2020
Colors: Jade Green for Youth and Galapagos Blue for Adult
Logo on Front: Sea Turtle with "Protect the Ocean, Save the Planet"

Please complete and return to Mrs. Mitchell

Student Name: ______________________ Teacher: ______________

Payment type:  Cash _____  Check _____  Online Payment _____

Youth S (sizes 6-8):  _____  Adult S:  _____  Adult 2X:  _____
Youth M (sizes 10-12):  _____  Adult M:  _____  Adult 3X:  _____
Youth L (sizes 14-16):  _____  Adult L:  _____  Adult 4X:  _____
Adult 1X:  _____  Adult 5X:  _____

2020-2021 Kindergarten and New Family Registration (Not Current Students)
Please make certain you are on the screen for 2020-2021 if registering for the next school year. Please read this message in its entirety.
Registration for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2020 will begin on Monday, March 9th and runs through Friday, March 13th from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at West Friendship Elementary. Kindergarten is mandatory in the state of Maryland. If your child turns 5 by September 1, 2020, you must register your child for the 2020-21 school year. Parents/Guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator, http://hcpssgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=06528401636a4a48b1ef681c66a61a07 or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.
Step 1: Register Online Here: https://sispensarents.hcpss.org/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx
Step 2: Complete registration in person by providing the documents listed below. *The registration process is easier if you bring copies of the documents for us to keep or upload them during online registration.*

The following documents are needed for registration:
- Child’s evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Please visit [https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/](https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/) to view important information about registering your student. You can also find a complete list of documents required for registration. If you have any questions about Kindergarten Registration, please Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512

**If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS Pre-K program, there is no need to re-register your student for Kindergarten. Also, if your child is a current HCPSS student at WFES or any other HCPSS school, please DO NOT re-register your student.**

**HCPSS 1st Grade Showcase**

The following students have work on display at the Department of Education Art Gallery:
- Elias Cartwright
- Elina Cartwright
- Hamilton Phelps
- Olivia Sampson

The artist's reception was held this past Wednesday. The exhibit will be on display until April 14th. Congratulations to our featured artists!

**Kindness Supply Drive Update**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our sincerest thanks to everyone who was able to support our Kindness Supply Drive for the students at our sibling school, Thunder Hill Elementary. We were able to collect 9 boxes of tissues, hand sanitizer, hats, gloves, and school supplies!!! Your kindness and generosity are amazing!! As promised, the grade who collected the most won an extra recess so..... Congratulations to Grade 4!!!

**Notes from the Nurse**

As we enter into flu season, this is a reminder that frequent handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer is the best way to prevent the spread of disease. Many people catch the flu from infected people who are coughing and sneezing. Please teach your child to use a tissue or a sleeve when they have these symptoms.

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• **Fever policy**: Keep your child home if she/he **has a fever over 100.0**. If your child has a fever at school, they must be picked up. **Students may not return to school until their temperature is less than 100.0 for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.** A fever indicates that your child has a contagious infection.

• Please notify your child’s teacher and/or the school nurse if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as strep throat or the flu.

• If the doctor prescribes medication for your child, please make sure he/she takes it as directed—which means the right amount at the right time and without missing doses.

• Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. 9-11 hours of sleep is recommended for school age children.

• We encourage you to send in a refillable water bottle labeled with your child’s name every day. Please remind your child not to share.

• You may send in cough drops with a parent note. They will be kept in the health room.

• Students may keep lip balm in their backpacks for use during the school day. Please remind your child not to share.

Please contact the Health Room with any questions or concerns.

Phone: 410-313-5515 or Email: elizabeth_collora@hcpss.org

### Outdoor Recess

As we head into our winter months, now is the perfect time to share our school system’s policy regarding outdoor recess. As you are aware, we take students outside each day for recess. This is a great opportunity for students to get some exercise and a much needed break from their academics. With that being said, we want to make sure that we keep students healthy so that they can be in school each day. If the wind chill (AKA "Feels Like") temperature is 20ºF or above and no falling precipitation (no more than a sprinkle or mist) we will go outside for recess.

As the temperatures drop, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for the bus stop, as well as for recess. Please make sure students have winter coats with them for recess. We want to keep students safe and healthy. Please be sure all clothing (coats, sweaters, hats, gloves) are labeled with your child’s name.

### “A Story Called Kindness” Poster Contest - Entries Due April 1, 2020

All HCPSS students in grades K–12 are encouraged to enter the countywide poster contest, A Story Called Kindness. Students may enter as individuals or as part of a group.

Design a poster illustrating acts of kindness. Use your imagination, creativity, and artistic talent to illustrate a scene from your life story where you’ve shown someone kindness or offered a helping hand. Students are encouraged to limit the use of text, and instead tell their story with images and artwork.

All entries are due by Wednesday, April 1 in person or by mail to: Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045, Attn: Monica Herber.

Entry criteria:

• **Size**: 10” x 17” (horizontal or vertical). Include partner logos, student’s name, grade and school across the bottom; finished size 11” x 17”

• Do not sign or initial your entry. Each poster submission should include the student’s name, address, email, phone number, school, and grade level on the reverse side of the artwork

• **Media**: Marker, colored pencil, paint, computer, photography, or mixed media

• Avoid fluorescent or neon markers. For crayons and colored pencils, make sure the colors are filled in and solid

• Do not use metallic colors, glitter, or mediums or materials that create a raised surface of more than ¼ inch

Entries will be on exhibit May 4-17 at the Columbia Art Center. There will be a reception and awards ceremony May 6.
- Grand Prize: $50 gift card and poster reproduced for countywide distribution
- Category Prizes: $25 gift card to winner in each category of K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

Questions may be directed to Monica Herber at monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org or 410-730-0075. **Presented in partnership with HCPSS, the Columbia Association Art Center and the Howard County Library System.**

## Save the Date!

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<td>Schools Close 3-Hours Early – Professional Work Day – End of 3rd Marking Period</td>
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## PTA News

**WFES PTA Cultural Night**

WFES PTA is proud to present our FIRST Cultural Night celebrating each other with our different and unique backgrounds. This will be a fun filled night of crafts, performances, food and displays. **Cultural Night will take place on Wednesday February 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in participating in the event, please use the following Sign-up Genius link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AA22AB9-wfes](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AA22AB9-wfes). If you do not have Internet access please use the following paper form:

For additional questions, please contact Puluna Thakkar-Shelat at tpuluna@hotmail.com or Glenda H. Tittle at glendatittle@gmail.com.

## Community News

Visit the Community News and Programs web-page for all announcements of events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. [https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/](https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/)

**Learning Together Program – Pre-school and Prekindergarten**
The Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) pre-school and prekindergarten programs are making preparations for classes for the 2020-2021 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program’s focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. **Parents of children who will be 3-years old by September 1st or 4-years old by September 1st may obtain an application packet by contacting Ginny Price in the school office beginning (the last Monday in January).**

All applications must be returned by (**the last Friday in February**). A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form, completion of the “Ages and Stages Questionnaires,” and observations of the child’s participation in a playgroup.

If you have questions, please contact Katie Hereth at 410-442-2448.

**Free Eye Exams and Glasses**
The Beyond 20/20 Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) outreach program will provide FREE Eye Exams and Glasses to participating Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students in February and March. Click here for full details!

**Mustang Flea Market**
Saturday, February 29th 8am – 1pm  
Donations are needed and accepted on Sunday, February 23rd, 2pm -4pm  
See flyer for complete details!

**HC DrugFree Updates**
1. **Free Parenting Classes** - HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office are offering another series of evidence-based, interactive parenting classes. Provides the **parents of children age 9-14** with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Oakland Mills Middle School in Columbia. Parents are expected to attend all 4 classes. For more information, contact HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040. To register, visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms)

2. **Drive-Thru Medication and Sharps (Needles, Syringes & EpiPens) Collection** - HC DrugFree's next drive-thru medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Bring all unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medication. Free. Open to the public. No need to get out of your vehicle. Student and adult volunteers welcome. Community service hours available. Medication guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration.
Address
12500 Frederick Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

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410-313-5512

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