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From Our Administrators

Dear Families,

It is with gratitude that we write to you this afternoon with our final newsletter of the 2021-22 school year. This summer, we want to wish our families rest, time for fun, a break from computer screens, and well-deserved relaxation!

We want to take this opportunity to thank our PTA Staff Appreciation Committee for a wonderful end of year Chick-Fil-A lunch. It was very much enjoyed by our staff yesterday. In addition, our entire staff is very grateful for the Gift of Thanks Amazon Gift Cards they have received from students and parents. We are fortunate to work in such a caring and giving community. Thank you to everyone who participated in the program.

Below you will find the lunch and related arts schedule we will follow next Monday and Tuesday. WFES dismissal time will be 12:50pm on both, June 14 and 15.

	Lunch – June 14 & 15	Related Arts
Kindergarten	10:40-11:10	11:40-12:10
1st Grade	9:40-10:10	11:10-11:40
2nd Grade	10:10-10:40	12:10-12:40
3rd Grade	11:10-11:40	10:10-10:40
4th Grade	11:40-12:10	10:40-11:10
5th Grade	12:10-12:40	9:40-10:10

While this will be our last weekly newsletter this year, we will continue to communicate timely information to you as needed throughout the summer, while being mindful of not overwhelming your email inbox. Please continue to visit our website, wfes.hcpss.org, as we will be updating the website with information about summer and fall dates. We also welcome you to reach out to us this summer with any questions you may have.

Wishing all of you a health and safe summer! We can't wait to welcome our students back to in-person learning on August 30th!

Sincerely,

Kaye Breon, Principal

Brian Vanisko, Assistant Principal

2021-2022 School Start Times

As HCPSS looks to normalize operations for Fall 2021, start and end times for each school will return to the original, pre-COVID schedule. **West Friendship's student hours will be 9:15am-3:45pm.**

West Friendship Yearbook

The 2020-2021 WFES Yearbook is now on sale for \$20! Capture your memories in this full-color yearbook. Please order your copy now, as copies will not be available for purchase during distribution. Place your order by visiting the following link:

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/cart/01F2M5JPCNZE7CNNP1WYPZBM0Q/catalog>

Final Spirit Day of the School Year!

Show your school spirit and join in the fun! Here is information for our **final** Spirit Day of the school year!

- **June 14th**: Flag Day! - Wear red, white, and blue to commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States that took place in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

We encourage families to email pictures so we can tweet them out. Please email photos to [Kathleen Donegan@hcpss.org](mailto:Kathleen_Donegan@hcpss.org), then look for all the awesome WFES School Spirit on Twitter! In addition, please email photos to [Penny Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Penny_Smith@hcpss.org) for possible publication in the WFES Yearbook!

Did you move? Are you moving?

According to **HCPSS Policy 9000** - Student Residency, Eligibility, Enrollment, and Assignment, "*A student attending a public school in Howard County will attend the designated school serving the school attendance area in which the parents have bona fide residence unless reassignment is granted or administrative placement occurs.*"

If you have moved or are moving soon, please notify us as soon as possible. Please do not wait for us to find out through other means. We are available to assist you with transitioning to your child's new school. Whether it be another HCPSS school, a private school, or a school out of the HCPSS district, we are here to help. If you are transferring to another HCPSS school, our registrars will partner to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Please fill out a [Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form](#) and submit it to the front office staff as soon as possible. Feel free to email the completed form to [Colleen Green@hcpss.org](mailto:Colleen_Green@hcpss.org). **** Please fill out one form for each student. ** You will also need to return the county issued Chromebook if you are moving out of county or out of state.**

If you have an address change, please fill out the attached fillable **Address Change Form** below and email it back to us with your new deed or lease. This way we can electronically verify your school district and update your new address on file. If you have any questions, contact our registration secretary, Colleen Green at [Colleen Green@hcpss.org](mailto:Colleen_Green@hcpss.org). It is very important for us to have the most accurate information about your residency. [Fillable Change of Address Form](#)

Free Summer Meals

Free Grab-and-Go meals will be provided at no cost to HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under throughout the summer. Meals may be received only on Mondays and Thursdays, June 21-August 13. (No meal service Monday, July 5) Free meals will also be provided to all students participating in HCPSS summer programs. Since March 17, 2020, when schools closed for COVID-19, HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service has served more than 6 million meals. ****Please note that WFES is not a meal site. [Click here](#) to learn more.**

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, June 14 School Spirit "Flag Day" – Wear Red, White & Blue
Mon. & Tues., June 14 & 15 3-Hour Early Dismissal – WFES Dismissal Time 12:50pm

Tuesday, June 15	Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 16	Reports Cards Issued via Synergy (after 12:00pm)
Friday, August 27	Open House/New Student Orientation – More Details to Come

Family and Student Support

Summer Reading 2021 Howard County Public Library System

Summer Reading will run from June 1 - August 31, 2021 for children Ages birth - 4; Ages 5-10; Ages 11-17; and adults 18+.

Each summer the Howard County Library System's (HCLS) Summer Reading Club provides an educational bridge between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate in Summer Reading. Register and participate online at hcls.readsquared.com (Links to an external site.) or download and print a paper copy at hclibrary.org/summer (Links to an external site.) Check back throughout the summer for updates and printable pdfs in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish!

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Resources:

- Summer Reading Overview Promotion Video (captioned), 6 min 45 seconds <https://youtu.be/Upprna-igTQ> (Links to an external site.)
- [\(Links to an external site.\) Individual Title Video Book Talks \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
 - Pre-recorded captioned book promotions from the 2021 Summer Reading Book lists that will motivate children and teens to keep reading and learning over the summer.
 - New videos are being added to the spreadsheet daily through the end of May
 - Each title will include a 1 minute video and a 3-5 minute video. You may choose how to mix and match.
 - Notes will include which grade levels the video is appropriate for
 - The videos will also appear on the [playlist HCLS Summer Reading Challenge \(Links to an external site.\)](#) (currently on the 'Home' of their YouTube

Child Immunization Clinics at Howard County Health Department

Have a student that needs Tdap, MCV4, Varicella, MenB or HPV?

When: Every Thursday afternoon in June from 1:00-3:30pm

Location: Howard County Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia MD 21045

How: Call 410-313-7500 to make an appointment. Bring your immunization record!

Community News

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs page](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

High Quality, Affordable Dental Hygiene Care at HCC

[Click Here](#)

Howard County Recreational Licensed Child Care at West Friendship

All programs and staff are licensed through the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care and participate in the Maryland EXCELS program. For more information please call: 410-313-3706 or visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/recreational-licensed-child-care>