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From Our Administrators

Dear Families,

Students leaving HCPSS after the current 2020-2021 school year-including those withdrawing or graduating, must return their assigned HCPSS technology devices, including laptops, Chromebooks, etc. Students who will remain in HCPSS schools for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year may continue to borrow HCPSS technology devices over the summer. Please note: It is extremely important that your child takes care of the Chromebooks and cord. HCPSS will be issuing bills for Chromebooks that are broken and for missing cords.

Families returning HCPSS technology devices can log in to HCPSS Connect to ensure they are returning the correct device.

1. Log in to HCPSS Connect Synergy using parent/guardian credentials
2. Select More Options from the left navigation.
3. Select Student Technology from the list displayed in the center of the screen.
4. Compare the asset tag number that appears on a sticker on the device with the words "Property of HCPSS Inventory" to the one displayed on the Inventory List table.
    a. Check all devices in the household and ensure the correct devices are returned to the appropriate school locations.
    b. If the asset tag number listed in HCPSS Connect does not match any of the devices in the household, let staff know when the device is being returned so that the data can be updated appropriately and the device can be unassigned.

Please note, schools will communicate with families who have students withdrawing, the procedures for the return of HCPSS property, including technology devices.

Families who do not wish to keep possession of HCPSS technology device(s) may return them to their school or Technology Support Center. The devices need to be unassigned. The appropriate technology will be reassigned to the student in the fall.

Families that are enrolling new students for the 2021-2022 school year will receive information regarding device distribution in August before the start of the school year. Only newly enrolled students participating in summer school will receive devices before the start of the school year.

As the weather gets warmer, please help your child remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school. Please write your child's name on it and encourage him/her to bring it with them outside to recess.

Have a safe, restful, wonderful Memorial Day weekend! We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday!

Sincerely,
Kaye Breon, Principal
Brian Vanisko, Assistant Principal

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

Fifth Grade Celebrations!

Mark your calendars and we hope you can join us for these two occasions.

Fifth Grade Promotion Celebration

June 9th at 1:30pm

Please join us for a virtual "watch party" to honor and celebrate our fifth graders! Each student will be represented in the presentation as we wish them good luck moving on to middle school.

Fifth Grade Drive thru Celebration

June 10th at 2:00pm

We welcome each family to decorate their vehicle and drive thru our school parking lot to receive the promotion certificate and more. We would love the opportunity to give our fifth graders a big send off! More specifics to come about each event as we get closer.

Upcoming Spirit Days!

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, then look for all the awesome WFES School Spirit on Twitter! In addition, please email photos to Penny_Smith@hcpss.org for possible publication in the WFES Yearbook!

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.**

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. **** 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. It is very important for us to have the most accurate information about your residency. **Fillable Change of Address Form**

When should my child stay home? What health checks should families conduct?

To ensure students are healthy enough to attend in-person instruction, parents/guardians should keep their children home if they are experiencing symptom(s) associated with any communicable disease. In addition, parents/guardians are to perform the following COVID-19 health check every day before the student leaves home.

Any ONE of the following:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- sore throat
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or
- new loss of taste or smell

For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline. Children exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may not attend school. These students need to be evaluated for COVID-19 or an alternate medical diagnosis. They may not return to school until medically cleared. In addition, students with symptoms of any communicable disease may not attend school until evaluated and medically treated.

Staff and students who travel out of state should review and follow the most recent travel advisories in Maryland.

Beth Collora, BSN, RN, NCSN
School Nurse
Phone: 410-313-5515 ** Fax: 443-973-5518

Absence Email Reminder

Please do not send your child's absent note through Canvas. All absent notes must be emailed to WFESabsence@hcpss.org and **include student name, date of the absence, and the reason for the absence**. If this information is not included, the note will not be accepted. This email goes directly to our Attendance Secretary. You may cc: your child's teacher in the same email. Thank you in advance for adhering to our absence reporting procedures.

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Online Registration for students entering Kindergarten in fall continues. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. **There will be no in-person registration appointments at this time.**

Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland, so if your child turns 5-years old by September 1, 2021, you must register your child for the 2021-22 school year. Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator https://hcpss-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b1d3153921514fbead0abb0f92090217 on the school system web site or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.

Step 1: Register Online Here: https://sisparents.hcpss.org/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Step 2: Complete registration online by providing the documents listed below. ***The registration process is easier if you upload them during online registration. Otherwise, you will be asked to submit them via email as pdfs. I-phone users can scan documents through your notes app. (Images must be clear.)***

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth (i.e.: birth certificate, baptismal certificate)
- 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 feel free to contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or colleen_green@hcpss.org.

Food Services - Student Meals

Students returning in-person may choose to receive meals any day they are in school. For all other families, meals will be available for pickup from 7:45-8:45 a.m. at elementary school locations and 9-10 a.m. at middle and high school locations on the following:

- Mondays – Students in Group V and/or non-HCPSS students age 18 and under
- Wednesdays – Students in Groups E, A or B
- Thursdays – Students in Group V and/or non-HCPSS students age 18 and under

Full details on student meals can be found on the HCPSS website.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, June 7	WFES End of Year Assembly – 1:55 to 2:55pm Google Meet joining info: https://meet.google.com/exk-btug-bqt
Wednesday, June 9	Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony Virtual "Watch Party" – 1:30pm
June 10, 11, 14 & 15	3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
Thursday, June 10	Fifth Grade Drive-Thru Celebration – 2:00pm
Monday, June 14	School Spirit "Flag Day" – Wear Red, White & Blue
Tuesday, June 15	Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 16	Reports Cards Issued via Synergy (after 12:00pm)

PTA News

PTA Meeting

Please join us for our next PTA Meeting, Wednesday, **June 9th at 6:00pm.**
Join Online by clicking below:
https://zoom.us/j/93619395613...
Meeting ID: 936 1939 5613
Passcode: 193080
Dial by phone - 1 301 715 8592
https://fb.me/e/1DzBhv534

PTA Board Nominations for 2021-2022

Do you want to get involved in the WFES community, meet people and make a difference? The PTA Nomination committee is looking for volunteers to serve a variety of positions on our 2021-2022 PTA Board. For more information please contact Courtney Douglass at courtneyt702@gmail.com, Penny Smith at Penny_Smith@hcpss.org, or Stacy Perrier at sta1434@yahoo.com.

Amazon Smile

Help support West Friendship Elementary Schools PTA by shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile. You get the same great deals and benefits offered by Amazon while supporting our school! Just go to smile.amazon.com, and login to Amazon using your regular username and password. Search for and select West Friendship Elementary School PTA under charitable organizations, and you are ready to shop! And yes, we know it is spelled wrong on Amazon's page. Unfortunately, we can't change it.

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!
*Sponsored by Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System
Resources:

- Summer Reading Overview Promotion Video (captioned), 6 min 45 seconds https://youtu.be/Upprna-iqTQ (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.

Marriotts Ridge HS Girls' Lacrosse Camp

Camp Flyer

Marriotts Ridge HS Softball Camp

The MRHS Softball program is very happy to announce that we will be running two weeks of Booster Camps this summer:
Week 1 June 7th -10th 5:00-8:30PM
Week 2 July 12th -16th 8:00-11:00AM

The camp will focus on improving each player's softball fundamentals and knowledge of the game and is open to 3rd -8th graders and drills and skills will be demonstrated by current and former MRHS Softball players.
Sign up for the Softball or other MRHS Booster Camps here http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps

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COVID Vaccine Clinics

Get your vaccine today. Vaccines available for ages 12+ at The Mall in Columbia. Mall Vaccine Flyer
The Health Ministry Team of Ellicott City Church will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on June 10th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at 3291 St. John's Lane Ellicott City MD 21042. The Moderna vaccine, will be administered by Giant Pharmacy.
Ellicott City Church Vaccine Flier
Sign Up 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

Howard County Arts Council's Camps

Register today for Howard County Arts Council's Visual & Performing Arts camps. From June 28-August 27, camps will be offered in one-week, full-day sessions for students entering Grades K-7.

We've developed rigorous COVID-19 health and safety protocols for this year's program, enabling us to offer fun and engaging arts camps while minimizing risk for our campers and staff. Individual camps will be structured as learning pods consisting of one instructor, one counselor, and up to 8 campers. The use of face masks, physical distancing, and health screenings are among the other safety precautions that will also be in place.

With limited enrollment, our summer arts camps are filling up fast with several camps already at full enrollment. Please don't miss out – register now and get ready for a summer filled with art adventures!
Visit hocoarts.org/camp for more information and to register.
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