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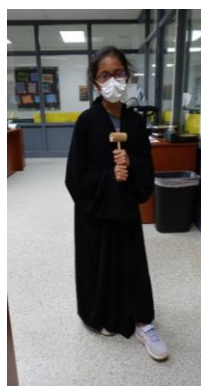
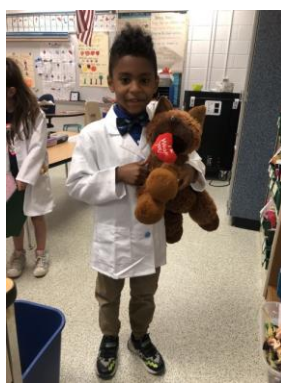
June 3, 2022

From our Administrators

Dear Parents/Guardians,

West Friendship Elementary students have enjoyed a wonderful College & Career Spirit Week! Tuesday, we kicked off with "Hats Off to College & Career Week" by wearing our favorite hats or caps. We dressed in bright colors and wore sunglasses for "Your Future Looks Bright" on Wednesday. "Your Future Starts Now" was the theme on Thursday and we dressed in school spirit wear or wore our school colors. Today we ended this busy week with "My Future Self" by dressing like our future career. WFES was filled with future doctors, nurses, sports players, veterinarians, lawyers, artists, chefs, zoo keepers, scientists, pilots, a YouTuber, and even an astronaut!

Our students were very fortunate to have the many Career Day presentations. We thank each and every one of our parents and community members who gave of their time and supported this fun and informative day. Last but certainly not least, we thank our School Counselor, Leslie Schnebly for organizing this wonderful week!



As part of our WFES school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. **Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by next Wednesday, June 8th.** To date, **only 78 WFES parents/guardians have completed this important survey.** We need your assistance, as we are hoping for 100% participation.

We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year. The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. **In the area that asks "What is your role", please indicate FAMILY.**

[English Survey](#)

[Spanish Survey](#)

[Chinese Survey](#)

[Chin Survey](#)

[Korean Survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kaye Breon at Kaye_Breon@hcpss.org.

These last two weeks of school will be very busy and filled with many special end of year activities. Please be sure to check your email frequently and refer to the following list of "Upcoming Dates".

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Kaye Breon, Principal

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Upcoming Dates

Monday, June 6	Move Up Day
Wednesday, June 8	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm) – Professional Work Day
Wednesday, June 8	Incoming Kindergarten Students Meet & Greet – 1:30pm
Thursday, June 9	Grade 3 STEM Presentations – 9:30 to 10:30am
Thursday, June 9	Grade 3 End of Year Celebration – 12:30pm
Thursday, June 9	Band Spring Concert at MRHS – 5:30pm
June 9 & 10	Kindergarten STEM Presentations – 12:05 to 12:35pm
June 9 & 10	Grade 2 STEM Presentations – 3:00 to 3:35pm
Friday, June 10	Kindergarten End of Year Program – 2:30 to 3:10pm
Friday, June 10	WFES PTA Sponsored Family Fun Night – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
June 10 & 13	Grade 1 STEM Presentations – 1:50 to 2:30pm
Monday, June 13	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 9:30am
Monday, June 13	Grade 2 End of Year Celebration – 11:30am to 1:30pm
Tuesday, June 14	Grade 5 STEM Presentations – 12:30 to 1:30pm
Tuesday, June 14	Grade 4 End of Year Celebration – 12:30 to 3:30pm
June 15, 16 and 17	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm)
Wednesday, June 15	Grade 5 End of Year Program – 9:30 to 12:00am
Thursday, June 16	Grade 1 End of Year Celebration – 9:45am
Thursday, June 16	Grade 5 Celebration – 11:00am to 12:10pm
Friday, June 17	Grade 5 Students vs. WFES Staff Volleyball Game
Friday, June 17	Last Student Day

School News

Student Technology Incident Invoices

Soon families who have unpaid invoices for lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks will receive reminder emails from MySchoolBucks [do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com]. Families can pay electronically by logging in to their [MySchoolBucks](#) account or create an account by selecting **Log in** and then choosing **Sign up today!** Originally, families would have also received an email from [hcpss_notifications@hcpss.org] with additional information concerning the incident. Questions regarding the student technology incident questions can be directed to DeviceDeployment@hcpss.org and invoicing and/or payment procedure questions can be directed to Finance@hcpss.org.

MAP Reports Available

Home report PDFs for the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) spring testing are now available in HCPSS Connect. The assessment was given to students in grades 1-8 in reading and mathematics. Reports can be

accessed by following the [directions on the main website](#). For more information on how to interpret the report and how the results are used, please visit the [MAP area of the HCPSS website](#).

Media Center Needs Help With Book Inventory

Mrs. Petrilla is looking for volunteers to help with **book inventory the week of June 5th**. If you have availability that week, please contact [Amy Petrilla@hcpss.org](mailto:Amy_Petrilla@hcpss.org).

WFES Upcoming School Spirit Day

Show your school spirit and join in the fun!

- **Tuesday, May 31** – Hats off to College & Career Week! **Wear Your Favorite Hat or Cap**
- **Wednesday, June 1** – Your Future Looks Bright! **Wear Sunglasses and Bright Colors**
- **Thursday, June 2** – Your Future Starts Now! **Wear WFES Spirit Wear or School Colors**
- **Friday, June 3** – My Future Self! Career Dress-Up Day! **Dress Like Your Future Career**

Summer Curriculum Resources

The elementary curriculum offices have compiled several activities and strategies for students to enhance their learning during the summer. The resource can be found on the Canvas [Parent Pages](#) and can be viewed by grade level and subject. Additional resources and suggestions can also be found on the Parent Pages. These resources include games, strategy instruction tips, field trip suggestions and much more.

- [Prekindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)

2022 Academic Calendar Modifications

The last day for *half-day* pre-K/RECC students is currently Tuesday, June 14. **The last day for *full-day* pre-K and K-12 students is scheduled for Friday, June 17.** Full [details on the calendar](#) are available online.

Early Dismissal Procedures

If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment that is close to the end of the school day, **please do so before 3:30pm**. After 3:30 pm, it is very difficult for our front office staff to get students while assisting with dismissal procedures. We appreciate your assistance with this! Thank you!

2022 Summer Programs Preview Available Online

Parents/guardians and students can now view/download the [2022 Summer Programs Preview](#), which includes descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information. Online enrollment requests for current HCPSS students is now open.

Kindergarten and New HCPSS Student Registration

Registration for 2022-2023 Kindergarten continues. Parents/Guardians of children who will be five years old as of September 1, 2022, must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. Please be sure to tell your family, friends, and neighbors!! Registering for school is an online process.

- [Road to Kindergarten Workshop Slideshow](#)
- [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
- [Gather Documentation](#)

- [Begin Registration](#)

Parents/Guardians without access to a computer should contact Teachers' Secretary, Mrs. Colleen Green at Colleen_Green@hcpss.org 410-313-5512 for assistance in completing the registration process.

Volunteer Requirements

All volunteers (field trip chaperones, picnic volunteers, etc.) must complete both, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Training and Confidentiality Training prior to volunteering at any Howard County Public School. Please review the trainings, print the certificate for each training, and send to school (Attention: Penny Smith) prior to first scheduled volunteer session, or email to Penny Smith at penny_smith@hcpss.org.

- [Child Abuse Training](#)
- [Child Abuse Certificate](#)
- [Confidentiality Training](#)
- [Confidentiality Certificate](#)

From our Health Room - Daily COVID-19 Self-Screenings

All parents/guardians are to perform a [COVID-19 health check](#) every day before your student leaves home. Students are not to come to school if they are experiencing any [symptom\(s\) associated with COVID-19 or other communicable disease](#). We thank you for keeping your children home when they are experiencing various illnesses. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the health room, by calling 410-313-5515 or email school nurse at Elizabeth_Collora@hcpss.org. If you want to test your child, please don't go to the ER unless the child is having difficulty breathing. [mobile covid testing sites](#)

Absence Reporting Updated

Please report ANY absence to WFESAbsence@hcpss.org and your child's homeroom teacher. We are asking that the following information be provided:

- Student's full name and grade
- Date of absence(s)
- Reason for absence:
 - **COVID like symptoms: please be specific with symptoms
 - Positive for COVID
 - Non-COVID related illness: please be specific
 - Other (injury, travel, etc.): please be specific

**If your child is experiencing COVID-like symptoms, one of the following options is required prior to return:

- Proof of a negative rapid test (a photo of the card with name, date of birth and date of test)
- Note from a healthcare provider with an alternate diagnosis
- Quarantine period of 5 days

Please contact the Health Room at 410-313-5515 with any questions.

HCPSS Emergency Closing Notifications

In times of emergency/weather closings or delays, information is shared through our website, email, and text, Twitter and the HCPSS weather hotline. The school system's operating status can always be found on the [HCPSS Status website](#). [More information about Emergency closings and information sources](#) is provided online.

Free Summer Meals

HCPSS will continue providing free meals to all HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under, weekdays from June 27-August 12, with the exception of July 4 and 19. [Full details](#), including site locations, can be found online.

HCPSS Pride Week

HCPSS is proud to announce the upcoming HCPSS Pride Week, June 6-12, 2022. Throughout the week, there will be multiple activities and events for students, families, and staff to show support for HCPSS Pride, including events at Busboys and Poets, book reading/discussion at Shake Shack, family hikes at Howard County Conservancy, Centennial Park clean-up, and a fundraiser at the Main Event at The Mall in Columbia. Friday evening, June 10, there will be movies at Long Reach High and Oakland Mills High Schools...popcorn provided! Many events require prior registration. Please [click here](#) for additional event information.

PTA News

WFES PTA Family Fun Night * * Next Friday, June 10 * * 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Community News

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Public Library Summer Reading Program

[Information about Summer Reading promotion](#) with the Howard County Library System is now available. All school Media Specialists have received this information.