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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.

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

Parent Consideration Form 2020/21 School Year

We are in the process of determining student homeroom placement for the 2021/22 school year. As partners in your child's education, we would like to provide you the opportunity to share information that you would like considered as we make classroom placements for next year. Your input is optional and remains confidential as it is submitted directly to Ms. Breon, Principal.

Please click on the following link to provide input: <https://forms.gle/Lnu9V4oyMB9Daxb27>

Classes are made based on a number of factors, with the foundational goal of ensuring students' instructional needs are appropriately met, and suited for maximum learning. This thoughtful process also takes into account the need to create classes that support a collaborative community of learners.

All consideration forms are due by **Friday, June 4th**. Thank you for your continued support and input.

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 4th:** Hawaiian Day! - Wear your Hawaiian/beach themed attire (**no swim suits**). (Ex: Flowers, leis, beach colors, water scenes, beach names, surfboards, sunsets, etc.)

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!

WFES Supports Grassroots!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To everyone for supporting our drive for Grassroots. We were able to collect 127 packs of baby wipes, 181 rolls of paper towels, 162 pieces of toothpaste & dental floss, 250 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 132 canned goods, 91 jars of jelly, 65 jars of peanut butter and 898 packages of oatmeal. The Grassroots organization was so appreciative of all our donations! The WFES community is amazing!!!!

As promised, the grade level with the most donations will receive a certificate for 1 hour of free game play at [The Main Event](#) at Columbia Mall! **Congratulations to Fifth Grade!** You will receive your passes next week. While the Fifth Grade had the most donations, it is important to remember that the real winners are the Grassroots organization and the people who need these items.

WFES would like to thank [The Main Event](#) for providing our school with these incredible incentives for our students! Thank you again for your support! *"Helping others is the way we help ourselves."* –Oprah Winfrey

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 chrome book 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 and 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=b1d3153921514f92090217> 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

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| Monday, May 31 | Schools & Offices Closed – Memorial Day |
| Friday, June 4 | School Spirit “Hawaiian Day” – Wear Hawaiian/Beach Themed Attire |
| Wednesday, June 9 | Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony Virtual “Watch Party” – 1:30pm |
| Thursday, June 10 | Fifth Grade Drive Thru Celebration – 2:00pm |
| June 10, 11, 14 & 15 | 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students |
| Tuesday, June 15 | Last Day of School |
| Wednesday, June 16 | Reports Cards Issued via Synergy |

County Information

Early Admission for First Grade

Applications for early admission to [first grade](#) are now being accepted. Applicants must submit all application materials for early admission to first grade by May 31, 2021.

PTA News

Staff Appreciation Committee

Hello WFES Community!

On June 2nd we will be celebrating our WFES Cafeteria and Custodial Staff. While this year has increased demands for all staff, the COVID protocols added additional responsibilities to our cafeteria and custodial personnel. Mr. Custis, Mrs. Hamby, and Ms. Frimpong ensured that the school remained a safe place for the students and staff, and Ms. Allnutt and Mrs. Schafer prepared students' meals-- both for pick up and for in-school service. We would like to ask you to join us in celebrating them by sending thank you cards/emails/notes, etc. You can either email notes/cards directly to them or drop it off in the designated box placed in the vestibule at the school. Our custodial and cafeteria staff include:

- Mr. Stewart Custis, Day Building Supervisor
- Mrs. Terry Hamby, Evening Building Supervisor
- Ms. Florence Frimpong, Evening Custodian
- Mrs. Claudia Allnutt, Cafeteria Manager
- Mrs. Vivian Schafer, Cafeteria Worker

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Glenda Hernandez Tittle at glendahtittle@gmail.com or Dara Morgan at darakernmorgan@gmail.com

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>

WE HAVE MASKS!!!

We have adult and child-sized masks IN STOCK and ready for pickup! Adult \$6 and Child \$4. Please visit <https://westfriendship.memberhub.store/store> to place your order. Stay safe while supporting the PTA!

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

HC DrugFree Updates for Parents/Guardians

Free Parenting Classes:

HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with HCPSS and the Health Department, will once again provide evidence-based classes for families to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will engage in risky behaviors including using drugs. **The remaining sessions of this 4-class series for parents will be held on Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 1 and 8.** Parents/guardians must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCDrugFreeSpring2021>. If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org.

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](#)

High Quality, Affordable Dental Hygiene Care at HCC

[Click Here](#)

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 Arts Council's Camps

Spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, and it's time to start planning for summer which means - camp! 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.

Howard County Arts Council

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