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May 13, 2022

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 14 ~~PTA Spring Festival!!~~ POSTPONED – **NEW DATE is MAY 21st!** [Volunteers Needed!](#)

May 16 – 20 Support Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary (More Info Below)

Wednesday, May 18 Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm)

Friday, May 20 WFES Field Day (Rain Date is May 26)

Saturday, May 21 PTA Spring Fest!!! 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25 Grade 5 Simulated Congressional Hearings

Friday, May 27 Spirit Day – Wear Red, White & Blue to Gear Up for Memorial Day

Monday, May 30 Schools & Offices Closed – Memorial Day

May 31 – June 3 College & Career Spirit Week

Wednesday, June 1 Virtual Meeting for Parents of Rising Grade 4 GT Math Students

Friday, June 3 Career Day – School-wide Activity (Please Refer to Spirit Day Information)

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 End of Year Celebration – 12:30pm

Thursday, June 9 Band Spring Concert at MRHS – 5:30pm

Friday, June 10 Kindergarten End of Year Program – 2:30pm

Friday, June 10 PTA Sponsored End of Year Family Fun Night

Monday, June 13 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 9:30am

Monday, June 13 Grade 2 End of Year Celebration

Tuesday, June 14 Grade 4 End of Year Celebration – 12:30pm

June 15, 16 and 17 Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm)

Wednesday, June 15 Grade 5 End of Year Program – 9:45am

Thursday, June 16 Grade 1 End of Year Celebration – 9:45am

Friday, June 17 Grade 5 Students vs. WFES Staff Volleyball Game

Friday, June 17 Last Student Day

WFES PTA Read-a-thon Finale!



WFES Tiger Readers were challenged to read 75,000 minutes during the WFES Read-a-thon that was held in March. WFES School Principal, Ms. Breon challenged the students by promising to kiss a pig if the students met the challenge. Our participating readers surpassed that challenge by reading more than 89,000 minutes!

This morning Ms. Breon made good on her promise. Every classroom was able to login to a Google Meet and witness our amazing school principal, Ms. Breon visit [Ritter Farm, LLC](#). **Ms. Breon actually kissed ALL THREE PIGS on this rainy, muddy morning at the farm!** Visit [WFES PTA FB page](#) for more pics!

School News

Career Day is coming to West Friendship on June 3rd!!!

It is never too early to be exposed to different career opportunities. On Friday, June 3rd, all WFES students will participate in Career Day. On this day, students will hear about a wide range of professions.

We would like to extend an invitation to all of our WFES families to come participate in Career Day. Having a diverse group of presenters allows students to see themselves represented in different career paths. We need parent volunteers in order to make this event successful. If you are interested in sharing your career/job/trade with our students, please complete this [Career Day Registration Form](#) by May 18th. As with all volunteers, you must complete all of the required volunteer trainings in order to be a Career Day presenter.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schnebly, WFES School Counselor: Leslie_Schnebly@hcpss.org

WFES Supports Frisky's: May 16th - May 20th

This year, WFES will be collecting donations to support Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary. Frisky's is a non-profit organization that takes in injured, orphaned, abandoned or displaced wildlife. Additionally, Frisky's is also a rescue center and home to Primates and other small exotics who have been kept as pets and are no longer able to live with their owners. For more information, please visit: [WFES Supports Frisky's](#) and [Amazon List for Frisky's Items](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? Each day this month, try to do something to support your mental health. Our mental health affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. See the calendar below for child friendly suggestions. We will be practicing positive self-affirmations each morning at school. Affirmations are short, encouraging statements that you can use to create a more positive frame of mind.

Some of the many benefits of Positive Self Affirmations:

- To relieve stress
- Release you from negativity, fear, worry, and anxiety
- Have been linked positively to academic achievements
- Motivate you to act on your goals
- Changes negative thought patterns into positive ones
- Help you feel positive about yourself and boost your self confidence

[WFES Mental Health Awareness Ideas Calendar 2022](#)
[Affirmations Calendar](#)

For additional resources to support children's mental health at: www.ChildrensMentalHealthMatters.org

Field Day is set for Friday, May 20th!!!

Here are a few reminders/hints:

- Get plenty of rest the night before!
- Try to wear a shirt that matches or closely matches your team color, if not no worries.
- Bring a water bottle filled and ready to go! Make sure your name is on it.
- Apply sunscreen at home in the morning! You may bring sunscreen to school, but keep it in your backpack. (No aerosols allowed). Only the student, or the nurse can re-apply the sunscreen. Do not share your sunscreen with others. Lunch/break is a great time to re-apply.
- Please dress for movement: No dresses, skirts or jewelry.
- Please and wear your tennis shoes.

Remember our motto: Fitness, Fun and Friendships at West Friendship's Field Day!

WFES Upcoming School Spirit Day

Show your school spirit and join in the fun!

- **Friday, May 27** – Memorial Day Celebration; **Wear Red, White, and Blue for Memorial Day**
- **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**

Early Admission for First Grade

Applications for early admission to [first grade](#) is now being accepted. Applicants must submit all application materials for early admission to first grade by May 31, 2022.

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) - Spring Assessments

The Maryland State Department of Education is conducting a spring student assessment as one of several strategies to identify how students are performing academically. The results will help educators better understand student needs. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance.

MCAP is the overarching term used for all state assessments. MSDE will administer assessments in the spring for English Language Arts/Literacy & Mathematics. Here are the [dates for WFES Students](#):

4th Grade MCAP Dates:

- ELA - 5/23, 5/24, 5/25, 5/26 (in the morning)
- Math - 5/17, 5/19 (in the afternoon)

For more information on MCAP, please visit the [HCPSS Website MCAP Page](#).

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

In order to provide school-based staff with additional time to address their increased workload and to support employee well-being, the Board of Education approved updates to the current [academic year calendar](#). Three-hour early dismissals now will take place on the following dates:

- May 18, 2022

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.

Your Input is Requested - Educational Equity Survey

This is the time in the school year where we reflect on our school improvement goals, celebrate successes, and look ahead to areas of growth. We need your input to successfully develop a School Climate School Improvement Plan for the 2022-23 school year.

Please take a few minutes to complete the [Indicators of Educational Equity Survey \(IEES\)](#). We know you are thinking, ugh another survey, but truly, your voice is so important to helping craft our School Climate School Improvement Plan that will be the guiding document for our work next year as a school.

Each school in HCPSS is being asked to send this survey to their families.

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.

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

Volunteers must complete both trainings (print certificate for each and send to school 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](#)

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete a Maryland State Department of Education survey, which will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services. Complete and return a hard copy recently mailed from MSDE to parents, or complete the survey online at www.mdparentsurvey.com no later than May 27.

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.

PTA News

WFES PTA Sponsored Spring Festival Postponed 'Til Next Saturday, May 21st!!!

The WFES PTA made the difficult decision to postpone this weekend's Spring Festival due to the still-uncertain weather forecast. The good news is that our rain date -- **May 21** -- is just one week away! The time, 2 - 5 PM, is the same. We hope to see you and your family there for carnival games, inflatables, Bmore Mochichi, silent auction, raffles and more!

Interested in volunteering? Sign up here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AAFAA29ABFB6-wfes>

What about the tickets I ordered? They are still good for the rain date! If you pre-paid for tickets and cannot make the event May 21, please contact jaime.lennon@yahoo.com for a refund.

There will be something for everyone in your family! Here is a sneak peek at some of the amazing Silent Auction & Raffle items you will find under the lunch tent at next week's Spring Fest! Tickets for raffles will be sold at the event and are separate from activity tickets. [Click here](#) for more information!



WFES PTA Executive Board for 2022/2023

We sincerely thank our outgoing President, Phoung Dam and outgoing Corresponding Secretary, Rachel Butler as they move onto middle school with their children. We truly appreciate your support and involvement with the WFES PTA over the past years. Voting of our new slate of officers for the 2022-2023 school year took place at the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 11th. The following are the PTA Executive Board for the 2022/2023 school year. Thank you to our new officers and to the officers who are continuing in their elected terms. We look forward to working with all of you next year!

President Elect	Tina Terranova
1 st Vice President	Kathryn Calton
2 nd Vice President Elect	Lindsay Waxler
Treasurer	Elaine Charurat
Corresponding Secretary Elect	Jaime Lennon
Recording Secretary	Christine Garrish
PTAHC Delegate	Glenda Hernandez Tittle
PTAHC Delegate Elect	Carrie Wall

Amazon Smile and Earn \$\$\$ for WFES

On your Amazon account, search and select AmazonSmile. Choose West Friendship Elementary School PTA as your charity and turn on this feature or simply visit smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to WFES PTA. Unfortunately, our school name is spelled incorrectly in the program, **West Frienship Elementary School PTA**. Sadly, we have not been successful in having it corrected.☹️

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."

AAPJ Heritage Month Film Festival

In honor of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPJ) Heritage Month, HCPSS' Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and its AAPJ Advisory Committee are sponsoring a showing of The Farewell on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Centennial High School Auditorium. The film sheds light on the cultural differences between East and West and between generations in philosophy, life, beliefs, tradition and the way to interact with family members

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.

Howard County Conservancy Summer Camp

[Click here for flier](#)

Sensory-Friendly Sundays at Robinson Nature Center

[Click here for information](#)

Marriotts Ridge High School Summer Camps

[Click here for information](#)

Howard County Family Wellness Day

14th Annual Howard County Family Wellness Day on Sunday, June 19th from 8:30am to 1pm at Centennial Park South, brings together the entire community, challenging every organization, public and private, and every citizen, to make a commitment to healthy living.

With games, crafts, and performances along with vital health screenings, and health education, Family Wellness Day is a total community collaboration. The event starts with remarks from our community dignitaries and the Matzohball 5K Run/Walk. For more information, schedule of activities, and booth space availability, visit: www.FamilyWellnessDay.org

Glenelg High School Summer Theatre Camp

Glenelg HS is offering a theatre camp for rising 3rd-8th graders this summer. If your child is interested in participating, please review the information below.

Who: Rising 3rd - Rising 8th Graders

When: July 5th – 15th; 9:00am – 3:00pm

Where: Glenelg High School

Performances: 2 Performances on July 14 and 15

Cost: \$550

Questions? Email: Kassidy_Sharpe@hcpss.org

Visit: <https://www.glenelgboosters.com/summer-sport-camps/>
for more information!

Presenting
Glenelg High School's
NEW
Summer Theatre Camp!

Who: Rising 3rd-Rising 8th Graders
When: July 5-15, 2022 9am-3pm
Where: Glenelg High School
Performances- 2 Performances on July 14 & 15
Cost- \$550

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For more information:



Disney
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Join us this summer
for some theatre fun!

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