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From our Administrators

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a result of tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings, all HCPSS schools were directed to Shelter in Place today. As a safety precaution and as directed by our Emergency Operations Plan, students and staff are directed to the innermost part of the building to ensure their safety if severe weather impacts the WFES campus.

We would like to commend our staff and students for a successful implementation of shelter in place today. We were able to quickly transition students to the innermost part of the building quickly and staff were able to calm and reassure students. Once the shelter in place was lifted for HCPSS at 1:15 PM, our students and staff resumed normal operations. Many thanks to our wonderful students and staff for their flexibility during this emergency event.

You can find detailed information about what occurs during severe weather events and other protective actions taken during emergencies, as well as the types of situations when each is implemented, at www.hcpss.org/safety. Our goal each and every day is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff at DOES, and we hope these measures have a positive impact on our community as well. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students and staff safe!

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 June 3rd. To date, only 48 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.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable, long holiday weekend!

Kaye Breon, Principal

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Mark Your Calendars

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)
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
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**

Career Day is June 3rd

Career Day is quickly approaching. Everyone who has volunteered should have received a confirmation email by now. If you did not, please contact WFES School Counselor, [Leslie Schnebly@hcpss.org](mailto:Leslie_Schnebly@hcpss.org). Thank you for making this a special day for our students! Looking forward to a great day!!! Don't forget about our College & Career Spirit Week next week!

WFES Supports Frisky's

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to our Frisky's drive! Ms. Colleen, the owner of Frisky's was so surprised at the amount of items that were collected! As promised, the team(s) with the most donations will win an extra, long recess. So....congratulations to Grade 2 & Grade 3!!! Thank you again for your support and helping others within our community.



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.

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

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](#)

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 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."

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_Sharp@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

NEWSIES
THE MUSICAL

For more information:



Disney
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Join us this summer
for some theatre fun!

Questions? Email- Kassidy_Sharp@hcpss.org