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## School News

### Intent to Participate in Hybrid In-Person Instruction

This fall, there will be significant public discussion and consideration around the second semester. At this time, HCPSS is seeking to understand families' intentions regarding sending their students back to school, if that option becomes available, or continuing fully virtual learning. Please see directions below for accessing this questionnaire. This is not a commitment for the second semester; you will be able to change your reply. Your intention at this time will help facilitate planning.

**Please complete this form by Friday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.** and contact your school if you require assistance completing the form.

More information, and translations, may be [found online \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

To complete the form:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
2. Select **More Options** from the left panel
3. Select **Intent to Participate in Hybrid In-Person Instruction** from the middle of the page
4. Complete the questions in the form for each child. Click "Save"

### Information from Mr. Umla

**National Hispanic Heritage Month** was celebrated September 15 – October 15, 2020. Please take a quick, virtual trip to [Mexico](#) by visiting Mr. Umla's Canvas page. You can listen to some music and learn dance steps to La Raspa!

Now take a virtual trip to the [Caribbean](#) and listen to some Reggae style music. This page even offers some book titles if you would like to learn more about the history of Reggae! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Umla at [Richard\\_Umla@hcpss.org](mailto:Richard_Umla@hcpss.org).

### WFES Upcoming School Spirit Days

Thanks for demonstrating your School Spirit and participating in today's Spirit Day! By wearing **ORANGE**, you were showing your support of Unity Day in recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month. Below, you will find the dates for our next school spirit days. We hope you will join in the fun on the following Friday's:

**November 13<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair Day**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> Sports Jersey/T-Shirt Day**

We encourage students to email pictures so we can tweet them out. Please email photos to [Kathleen\\_Donegan@hcpss.org](mailto:Kathleen_Donegan@hcpss.org), then look for all the awesome WFES School Spirit on Twitter!

## **A Message from the School Counselor**

The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Select the link to access the latest issue: [School Counseling Connection Newsletter](#) . You can access past newsletters through my Canvas Course entitled, **West Friendship Elementary School Counseling** located on your child's Canvas dashboard.

## **Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay, Poster, and Oral Competitions:**

The deadline for the poster, video, and/or essay is October 30 at 5:00 p.m. Each applicant must submit an application and their submission by the deadline, to be eligible for the cash prizes. If you have any questions, please email [diane\\_martin@hcpss.org](mailto:diane_martin@hcpss.org) or [Sheree Whitby@hcpss.org](mailto:Sheree_Whitby@hcpss.org).

**Elementary MLK Post Contest Information** ([Links to an external site.](#))

**Middle and High MLK Essay Contest Information** ([Links to an external site.](#))

**Living the Dream Award Nominations**

## **October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month!**

There are so many fantastic ways to celebrate all abilities! This month many celebrated by joining walks/runs sponsored by the Howard County Autism Society and Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group. Below is an art contest sponsored by the Howard County Community Resources and Services and Howard County Commission on Disabilities. They are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act! Here are the directions for entering!

## **MAP Score Access**

Thank you for supporting your child during MAP testing. To access your child's MAP score, you will need to log in to HCPSS connect as a parent.

Please see below for directions. A more detailed home report will be available in Synergy by early November.

[How Can I Access my Child's MAP Test Results?](#)

Fall 2020 MAP test results are entered in Synergy the Friday after a student takes the test. It can take up to 24 hours to become visible for an individual student.

To access test scores:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Standardized Test Scores from the middle

## **Mark Your Calendars**

<b>Tues., Nov. 3</b>	<b>Schools &amp; Offices Closed – Election Day</b>
<b>Fri., Nov. 6</b>	<b>Schools Close 3-Hrs. Early – Professional Work Day End of First Marking Period</b>
<b>Fri., Nov. 6</b>	<b>PTA Square 1 Art Fundraiser – Deadline to create &amp; upload art!</b>
<b>Wed., Nov. 11</b>	<b>Virtual PTA Meeting – 6:00pm</b>
<b>Fri., Nov. 13</b>	<b>School Spirit Crazy Hair Day</b>

<b>Mon., Nov. 16</b>	<b>Report Cards Issued</b>
<b>Nov. 16 – 20</b>	<b>American Education Week</b>
<b>Fri., Nov. 20</b>	<b>PTA Square 1 Art Fundraiser – Deadline to place orders!</b>
<b>Nov. 23 – 24</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences – Schools Close 3-Hours Early</b>
<b>Wed., Nov. 25</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences – School Closed</b>
<b>Nov. 26 &amp; 27</b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving – Schools &amp; Offices Closed</b>

## PTA News

### WFES PTA Spirit Wear Fundraiser

**\*\*SALE EXTENDED\*\*** WE NEED MORE ORDERS TO FULFILL THE MINIMUM ORDER REQUIRED. PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING.

We are running our first Spirit Wear fundraiser! This will only run for a week so make sure you purchase soon! We are offering laptop bags to protect your student Chromebooks, Adult Masks and Child Size Masks!! Purchase a bundle and save \$\$!

<https://westfriendship.new.memberhub.store/store>

### *Join Us for a Night of Spooky Fun!*

WFES PTA will be hosting their very first Virtual Bingo Night, on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 7:00pm! Pre-registration is required to obtain your bingo card. Only 30 bingo cards will be available. Costumes are encouraged! Pre-registration **is required**, and will close on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm OR once all 30 slots have been filled (whichever comes first).

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10C0D49AEA62CA3F5C34...>

### Square 1 Art Fundraiser

There are two weeks left to submit your child's art for Square 1 this year! Square 1 items make great holiday gifts for those hard to shop for relatives, and kids love having items (like a journal!) with their art on it. This has been a super popular fundraiser for our PTA for the past several years, and we hope you'll consider having your kids participate again this year. Here are all the details. Thanks for supporting your PTA!

<https://docs.google.com/.../1LVjbhOPvZM4uNjd.../edit...>

You may begin to shop for keepsakes right away at [square1art.com/shop](https://square1art.com/shop)!

### Important Deadlines

Please create and upload art by: 11/6/2020

Parent Order Deadline is: 11/20/2020

### Troubleshooting

#### Uploaded your Child's Art but cannot find it?

Just click [Art Search](#) to find your child's art.

Need assistance?

Click [Customer Care](#):

888.332.3294

[square1art.com](https://square1art.com)

Thank you so much for your support of the WFES PTA!

## **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](https://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's spelled wrong on Amazon's page. Unfortunately, we can't change it.

## **Community News**

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs page](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

## **Free Food Distribution**

See [attached flier](#) for complete details!