

## School News

### Math Night

Please join us for Math Night on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>! This activity is for both, students and parents. Parents will attend a workshop on computation strategies and progression, as well as how mindset plays a key role in math instruction. Students will be in the classrooms playing computational games. Parents will join students for the last 15-minutes of the workshop.



We are having two workshop sessions that evening. Sessions are as follows:

- **5:30 to 6:30pm - Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades**
- **6:30 to 7:30pm - Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades**

Please RSVP by January 18<sup>th</sup> by returning the tear-off on the flyer that was sent home last week. You may also RSVP by emailing the following information to Ms. Watts at [Lauren\\_Watts@hcpss.org](mailto:Lauren_Watts@hcpss.org):

- **Student's Name and Grade Level**
- **Parent's Name**
- **Number of people attending**
- **Teacher's Name**

### School Spirit Days

Our next School Spirit Day will be on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join your classmates in the fun and participate in **Sports Jersey/Shirt Day!** Another School Spirit Day, **1960's Day** will be on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. You can wear tie-dye, peace signs, bell-bottoms, or anything from the 1960's!

### WFES SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS!

Our school is partnering with the Fort Meade USO to supply items that our troops need. Please help us thank the men and women who serve our country by donating some requested items. We are asking students from each grade to contribute the following items:

- **Kindergarten: mini cookie snack bags**
- **1st Grade: toothbrushes (single packages - no multipacks)**
- **2nd Grade: toothpaste (medium size) and floss**
- **3rd Grade: trail mix packs (individual serving size)**
- **4th Grade: cheese & peanut butter cracker packs (individual serving size)**
- **5th Grade: deodorant (single packages)**

All items are needed by January 25<sup>th</sup> so our 5th graders can create care packages to distribute to our troops. Thanks for your support! -- WFES Community Outreach Committee

### Weather Updates

The winter weather season is fast approaching, and while winter has commenced with relatively mild temperatures, we all know the possibility of snow could be right around the corner. When schools are closed or open late due to inclement weather, announcements are shared by 5:30am through the following:

Text message/email alerts \* HCPSS homepage \* HCPSS Twitter \* HCPSS Facebook

HCPSS TV – Comcast 95/Verizon 42

Information Hotline – 410-313-6666

Please make sure all emergency information is current and updated in your Family File. In the event of an early closing, this information may be critical.

## Outdoor Recess

As we head into our winter months, now is the perfect time to share our school system's policy regarding outdoor recess. As you are aware, we take students outside each day for recess. This is a great opportunity for students to get some exercise and a much needed break from their academics. With that being said, we want to make sure that we keep students healthy so that they can be in school each day. If the wind chill (AKA "Feels Like") temperature is 20°F or above and no falling precipitation (no more than a sprinkle or mist) we will go outside for recess.

As the temperatures drop, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for the bus stops, as well as for recess. Please make sure students have winter coats with them for recess. We want to keep students safe and healthy. Please be sure all student clothing (coats, sweaters, hats, gloves) are labeled with your child's name. If you need assistance providing a winter coat please contact our Pupil Personnel Worker, Farah Evans at [Farah\\_Evans@hcpss.org](mailto:Farah_Evans@hcpss.org) or 410-313-6823.

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, January 16	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 6:30pm
Thursday, January 17	PTA Sponsored “Realize Anything’s Possible” Assembly K, 1, and 2 – 9:30 to 10:30am 3, 4, and 5 – 10:30 to 11:30am
Friday, January 18	Grades 4 & 5 Spelling Bee – 2:05pm
Monday, January 21	Schools & Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Thursday, January 24	Math Night at WFES K, 1, and 2 – 5:30 to 6:30pm 3, 4, and 5 – 6:30 to 7:30pm
Friday, January 25	School Spirit “Sports Jersey/Shirt” Day
Friday, January 25	Deadline to turn in Items to Support our Troops
Monday, January 28	3-Hour Early Dismissal (12:45pm) – End of Marking Period
Wednesday, January 30	School Spirit “1960’s” Day
Wednesday, February 5	Schools Closed to Students – Professional Learning Day

## PTA News

### Family Fun Skate Night!!!

When: Sunday, January 20, 2019 (no school the following day!)

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Wheels Skating Center in Odenton

Skate Rental - \$3.00 for quad skates - \$4.00 for in-line skates

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Questions? Contact Alicyn Hodges at [asampsonhodges@gmail.com](mailto:asampsonhodges@gmail.com)

### The WFES School Spirit Store is Live!!

The West Friendship Elementary School on-line spirit store is in full operation! Enjoy up to 50% off items and shipping on items for the whole family, including the expanded ladies and youth sections. Don't miss out on polos, gym bags, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, hats, and more.

Please visit [https://spiritstore.olinesports.com/index.php?school\\_url=wfesgear.com](https://spiritstore.olinesports.com/index.php?school_url=wfesgear.com)

A portion of each sale goes directly back to West Friendship Elementary School and is sold by O-Line Sports only with the express permission of WFES.

## **Please Join the PTA**

If you have not already, please join the WFES PTA! Membership supports all the amazing programs at WFES such as cultural arts, the school dance, skate night, movie night, Spring Festival, and in-school field trips. The cost is \$15 per family for the year. For that price you get access to the PTA directory, and satisfaction of knowing you are supporting all of the great events your kids love. Please take a second and join by visiting <https://www.wfespta.com/join/pta-member-registration/>

## **Community News**

### **WFES Winter 2019 After School Programs with Howard County Recreation & Parks**

- Abakadoodle Art/5-12 yrs/ Classes: 6/Tuesdays starting Feb 12/ 3:55-4:55pm/\$99
- Dash and Dot Robotics with TECH Scientific/Grades K-3/ Classes: 8/Thursdays starting Feb 7/ 3:50-4:50pm /\$145
- Little LEGO® Engineers with Tech Scientific/Grades K-3/ Classes: 8/Wednesdays starting Feb 13/ 3:50-4:50pm /\$145
- Visual Programming Game Design with C3 Cyber Club/Grades 1-3/ Classes: 6/Fridays starting Feb 22/ 3:50-4:50pm /\$145
- Virtual Reality with Scratch with C3 Cyber Club/Grades 3-5/ Classes: 6/Mondays starting Feb 11/ 3:50-4:50pm /\$145
- Club STEM After School/Grades 1-5/ Classes: 6/Thursdays starting Apr 4/ 4-5pm/\$139
- Western Howard County Youth Baseball & Softball League (WHCYBSL)
  - 4-18 yrs/Tee Ball or Baseball
  - 6-18 yrs /Softball
- Kiddie Basketball/5-7 yrs/ Classes: 9/Tuesdays starting Jan 15/ 4:55-5:55pm/ Tuesdays/ \$75
- After-School Basketball/8-10 yrs/ Classes: 9/Tuesdays starting Jan 15/ 3:50-4:50pm/\$75
- Kiddie Indoor Soccer/5-7 yrs/ Classes: 8/Fridays starting Jan 18/ 4:55-5:55pm/\$67
- After-School Indoor Soccer/8-10 yrs/ Classes: 8/Fridays starting Jan 18/ 3:50-4:50pm /\$67
- TGA Premier Youth Tennis/6-11 yrs /Classes: 6/Mondays starting Feb 11/ 3:50-4:50pm/\$90

**For complete information on After School programs, including how to register, please go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)**