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### **PARCC Testing for Grades 3-5**

This spring, all third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the state of Maryland will take the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment in reading and mathematics. Testing dates for each grade are listed below. There is nothing special that you need to do to prepare your child for the assessment, other than ensure a good night's sleep the night before and a good breakfast that morning. If your child has headphones of their own at school he or she will use those. Otherwise a pair will be provided by the school.

Please avoid scheduling travel and appointments on the testing dates for your child's grade.

If you have any questions about the PARCC assessment, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Vanisko.

May 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

May 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

May 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

May 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

### **Night of Excellence**

Come join us for the Night of Excellence on May 8, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Work will be on display throughout the school. Come see what excellent activities students have been involved in through their various classes including Curriculum Extension Units, Instructional Seminars, GT Math, Engineering Design Challenge, Related Arts, and more! Come out and see what we've been doing all year!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Book – Deadline to order EXTENDED to May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Books are on sale now! Reserve your copy of this beautiful, color, 100+ page book that captures memories from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Books are \$25.00 each.

There are two ways to order:

1. Credit Card Payment

Go to <https://www.wfespta.com/memory-book-orders/> and follow the instructions.

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2. Check or Cash Payment

Complete the pink order form that was sent home and return with payment to your child's homeroom teacher to the attention of Kara Williams.

Contact Kara Williams [karamichellewilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:karamichellewilliams@yahoo.com) or 443-756-3067 with any questions.

### **Ramadan**

Happy Ramadan to our families who will be celebrating next week through June 4<sup>th</sup>! If your child will be fasting any day during the holiday, and would like to choose to spend his/her lunch period in a space other than the cafeteria, please call or email our school counselor, Mrs. Carlyle at [carita\\_carlyle@hcpss.org](mailto:carita_carlyle@hcpss.org) or 410-313-5512. We will work to find an alternative activity for your child during the lunch period if needed.

## **From the PE Dept: Jump Rope Day/Kids Heart Challenge**

Way to Go WFES!!! **We raised \$9,293.00 for the American Heart Association!**

We had terrific weather-- as the sun was shining, great temperature and the kid's hearts were warmed by the thought of helping others, getting some exercise, and having a fun time with their friends. We had 40% of WFES students participate in the fundraising aspect of Jump Rope Day, incredible!!!! Thanks again for being such a caring and giving community!! The American Heart Association wanted me to pass on their sincere "Thank You", also.

## **Walking Wednesday**

It's that time of year again... **Walking Wednesdays begin next week on May 8<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Walking Wednesday is an integral part of our school's commitment to promote Wellness for All Students!! We are gathering volunteers to log laps and to be an encouragement to all of our students!! Please just come up to WFES, sign in at the office, and join us on the blacktop during your child's recess time! We look forward to seeing you there!!

Any questions please email Kendra Albert at [jalbert2276@yahoo.com](mailto:jalbert2276@yahoo.com)

Kindergarten	11:05-11:35
1st Grade	12:05-12:35
2nd Grade	11:35-12:05
3rd Grade	1:05-1:35
4th Grade	12:35-1:05
5th Grade	1:35-2:05

## **School Spirit Days**

Our next School Spirit Days will be on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On **Friday May, 10<sup>th</sup> wear red, white, and blue** to support our Fifth Grade students who have worked very hard in preparing for Simulated Congressional Hearings being held that day.

Please join your classmates in the fun and participate in **Decade Day on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We can't wait to see the years flash before our eyes!

## **Wanted!**

Spring has sprung and so have the little noses suffering from allergies! We are in desperate need of facial tissues! If you can spare a box or two, please send them to the office so we can distribute to the classrooms that are in need. Thank you so much!

## **How to Help Your Child Who Has Allergies**

**SPRING ALLERGIES** have started. Does your child suffer from spring allergies? The following are some things you can do to help your child during the allergy season:

- 1) Regularly give allergy medication as prescribed by the doctor.
- 2) Discourage rubbing of the eyes. Use a cool compress on the eyes to give relief.
- 3) When your child comes in from outdoors, the following may help alleviate symptoms:
  - a) wash hands with soap and water,
  - b) wash off face, including glasses, with a wash cloth or splash water on face,
  - c) wipe down from head to toe with the wet cloth, and
  - d) change clothing, if not going back outside.
- 4) Try not to allow your child to go into the bedroom with the clothing worn outside; this will prevent pollen from falling on the bed.
- 5) Have your child take a bath or shower before bed to rinse pollen off the hair and skin.

## Update on the Last Day of School

The Maryland State Department of Education today approved HCPSS' request for a waiver of one school day. As a result, the last day of school for students is Friday, June 21.

The final, updated calendar for the 2018-2019 school year includes:

- Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21: High school exams
- Tuesday, June 18: Last day for half-day Pre-K/RECC
- Wednesday, June 19 - Friday, June 21: Schools dismiss three hours early
- Friday, June 21: Last day of schools for students (including full-day Pre-K)

HCPSS requested the waiver because all four days reserved for inclement weather make up days were used, plus one additional day. Maryland state law requires schools to be in session for a minimum of 180 days each year, and waivers to this requirement must be approved by the Maryland State Board.

The current [HCPSS calendar](#) is available online.

## Kindergarten & New First Grade Registration Continues!

The kick-off for Kindergarten and New First Grade at West Friendship Elementary School began last week. Children who will be five years old as of September 1, 2019 must enroll in Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration will take place daily from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.** Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent/guardian resides. It is important to take care of registration as soon as possible. Knowing how many students we will have is necessary to adequately plan for next school year.

**The online registration process is very convenient.** Most of the process can be conveniently completed online. Please visit <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/03/2019-2020-kindergarten-registration-online-enrollment-open-completion-in-schools-march-11-15-2019/>. Be sure to register for the 2019-2020 school year. **Please understand that you still must visit our school to finalize your registration.** You must bring or upload the following documents:

1. Birth certificate
2. Current immunization record - must be a print out from the physician and signed
3. Deed or lease to your home
4. Current utility bill
5. Proof of Custody (if applicable) **(must be presented at the school!!)**
6. Photo ID of parent/guardian registering the student **(must be presented at the school!!)**

Questions??? Please contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or [Colleen.Green@hcpss.org](mailto:Colleen.Green@hcpss.org).

## Upcoming Dates

May 6 – May 10	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 6	PTA Restaurant Night at Ernesto's – 5:00 to 9:00pm
Wednesday, May 8	Walking Wednesdays Begin – Recess Times
Wednesday, May 8	Night of Excellence – 6:30pm
Friday, May 10	Gr. 5 Simulated Congressional Hearings – Wear Red, White & Blue
Tuesday, May 14	Choral Concert – Performance for Students – 2:30pm
Tuesday, May 14	Choral Concert – Evening Performance – 6:00pm
Thursday, May 16	Interim Reports Issued
Thursday, May 16	PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30pm
Friday, May 17	3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students – Professional Learning Day
Monday, May 20	Field Day (Rain Date 5/22)

Tuesday, May 21	Gr. 5 Students Visit Mount View Middle – 9:30am
Tuesday, May 21	Gr. 5 Students will assist in Planting Day – PM
Thursday, May 23	School Spirit <i>Decade Day</i>
Friday, May 24	PTA Spring Festival – 4:30pm
Monday, May 27	Schools & Offices Closed – Memorial Day
Thursday, May 30	Parent Book Club – 9:30am
Thursday, May 30	Gr. 1 Tiger Celebration – 1:55pm
Friday, May 31	Tiger Celebrations – Kdgn at 2:30pm; Gr. 2 & Gr. 4 at 3:00pm

**PTA News** <https://www.wfespta.com/>

### **WFES PTA Restaurant Night at Ernesto's**

Mark your calendars! On May 6<sup>th</sup> come to Ernesto's to celebrate and raise money for the West Friendship PTA, anytime between 5 and 9. Come enjoy everything Ernesto's has to offer. Be sure to mention WFES PTA so they will receive a portion of the sales! Ernesto's is located at 10040 Baltimore National Pike (Enchanted Forest Shopping Center).

### **Help Wanted!**

In search of some fun and talented parents! Several of our PTA Board and Committee chairs have 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and will be passing the torch. Have you been wanting to get involved and just don't know how to get started? It is simple, whatever little or lot of time you can donate will be much appreciated. Some committee vacancies for next year are: Family Fun Committee (movie night, school dance) - what could we do better? Membership Committee - sending out forms and keeping count of our fabulous members! Please contact Mrs. Amy Grutzik with questions, concerns, or ideas at [agrutzik@gmail.com](mailto:agrutzik@gmail.com). Remember, questions do not commit you to anything!

### **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 [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!

## **Community Information**

### **An update for parents of rising 6th graders? Click here for complete details.**

We're making progress on bringing an aftercare program to Mount View Middle School!

Howard County Recreation and Parks has created Mount View as a site on its registration page - You can now register your child for Can-Teen Club at Mount View MS! We still need 10 students to start the program. Please register your child before we go on summer vacation so Recreation and Parks has time to have Mount View inspected and licensed as a new aftercare site.

The Can-Teen Club offers homework time, healthy snacks, age-appropriate activities, and field trips. It also offers a 3-day or 5-day enrollment option.

Any questions please contact Yvonne Cotto at [yhucotto@hotmail.com](mailto:yhucotto@hotmail.com). Thank you!

Here is the Can-Teen Club webpage:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/CanTeenClub?fbclid=IwAR1sppGuL5D1JUuO401TR1IBmnKwPfpDyQ-K0JYowWfuE335PdNLSLAG3L8>

## **Wellness Resource Fair**

You are invited to attend our Wellness Resource Fair on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Bollman Bridge Elementary School. Please visit <https://bbswellnessresourcefair.weebly.com/> for complete details.

## **Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey**

Parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete the MSDE survey, which will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services. Complete the hard copy recently mailed to parents, or complete the survey online at [www.mdparentsurvey.com](http://www.mdparentsurvey.com) Please remember the survey must be completed by May 17, 2019.

## **Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center**

Learning Together Program – Prekindergarten

The Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool and pre-kindergarten programs are making preparations for classes for the 2019-2020 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup> may contact Katie Hereth at Bushy Park Elementary for an application package beginning February 15, 2019. At this time, there are a few available 4-year-old learning together peer spots for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Howard County Public School System continues to offer a Pre-Kindergarten program for income eligible children who will be four years old by September 1. This program is also at Bushy Park RECC in the afternoon 5 days a week. Please contact Katie Hereth at 410-313-5500 for additional information and an application.

## **2019 Summer Band Camps - It's now time to register!**

If you have a child who is in fourth or fifth grade band and you are interested in them participating in one of the many wonderful Howard County summer band camp programs this summer, now is the time to register your child. Mrs. Syversen has created a list of local band (and strings) camps in the Howard County and surrounding areas. Please visit her band website at: <https://www.amybejm.com> and click on the button for "2019 Summer Camps" to access the HCPSS Google Drive document and register your child for a summer of musical fun!

## **Marriotts Ridge HS Booster Summer Camp 2019 registration is now open!**

We have a camp for everyone -- sports, music and arts! Complete information, including camp schedule, is available on the booster's website. Early registration closes May 18<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps>

## **Host Families Needed**

My name is Rachel and I am part of a non-profit group called IPERC ([www.iperc.org](http://www.iperc.org)). Partnering with several local schools, IPERC helps middle and high school Chinese students study in the United States. I am reaching out to you today because we are currently looking for host families for our international students that will be attending Glenelg Country School in Ellicott City, MD for the 2019-2020 school year. Our excellent students are eager to be a part of American families and participate in American culture and activities.

To qualify as a host family, IPERC requires students to be provided with: a safe, stable environment, their own bedroom with a desk, transportation to and from school and school-related activities (bus is okay), and all meals (outside of school lunches). To help offset these

costs, host families are provided with a monthly stipend. Host Families are also provided with full ongoing support from local agency representatives. Our representatives work to ensure a successful academic and cultural experience for everyone. We sincerely hope that you will consider joining us in welcoming these students.

If you are interested in hosting or would like to learn more about our program, you can contact me at [hostfamily.iperc@gmail.com](mailto:hostfamily.iperc@gmail.com). You may also give me a call at 614-499-3958. If you cannot host, please forward this opportunity to others who may be interested. I look forward to hearing from you!

## **Camp Improv - Summer Comedy Camp for Kids and Teens!**

Session 1: July 8-12, Session 2: July 15-19

Director: Kathryn Carlsen, Centennial HS Theatre

This camp is all about the joy of jumping in and finding the funny. Listening, saying “yes, and,” collaboration and flexibility are key. Though there is a focus on the basics, students with prior improv experience will find an opportunity to strengthen their basic comedy muscles.

### Grades 2-5: 9am-12pm

Students will work on creativity and teamwork through improv, storytelling, and clowning exercises. They will perform a show at the end of the week featuring the skills they learned.

### Grades 6-8: 9am-12pm

Students will work on teamwork, trust, support and artistic collaboration through improv exercises and short form games, like the ones played on Whose Line Is It Anyways? Students will perform a show at the end of the week featuring the games that they learned. (*Level 1 and 2 available. If you have been at one year of Camp Improv, you can be in level 2*).

Location: Centennial High School on the stage and in theatre room.

Cost: \$195 includes a Camp Improv shirt

Performance: Students will perform on the Friday of the camp week at 7pm. All tickets to the show are complimentary!

Registration Due: June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit [www.campimprov.org](http://www.campimprov.org) for information and registration.

Questions? Email Kathryn Carlsen at [kcarlsen@hcpss.org](mailto:kcarlsen@hcpss.org)

*Camp Improv is supported by the Centennial High School Boosters.*