

School News

Salvation Army Angel Program

We are excited about how well the **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program** was received by our community. We have adopted 25 “Angels” for this season. **At this time we only have two “Angels” still available for adoption.** The program is an adoption of individual “Angel” children. When adopting a child(ren), they ask that you supply at least one (1) new toy and (1) new outfit that is listed on the “Angel” and preferably all three (3) toys and clothing items, if possible. PLEASE **DO NOT WRAP** your gifts, but provide the “Angel’s” number/name on the outside of the gift or shopping bag. Please return your bag of unwrapped “Angel” gifts to the Front Office no later than **Friday, December 7th by 3:00pm**. You can choose your “Angel” by stopping by the Front Office where they are displayed on the windows. Have Mrs. Green check off the “Angel” you have chosen.

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 or 410-313-6823.

Book Fair Overview

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was once again an amazing success! We grossed more than Special thank you to Mrs. Diana Lee and Mrs. Theresa Yodzis (alumni parent) for helping to set up the fair! Your hours of service and dedication to our school are truly appreciated! The book fair is a tremendous undertaking and would not be possible without all of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to Mrs. Julie Bennett, Mr. Steve Grutzik, Mrs. Carol Corbin, Mrs. Dana Keiner, Mr. Chunlei Huan, Mrs. Melissa Bonier, Mrs. Phuong Dam, Mrs. Kim Ellis, Mrs. Kara Williams, Mrs. Linda Benjamin, Mrs. Heather Matthews, Mrs. Heather Campbell, Mrs. Melissa Weiss, Mrs. Charity LaGow, Mrs. Stephanie Kim, Mr. Josh Fullerton, Ms. Kimberly McAloney, and Mrs. Lisa Harbaugh. Also, thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, and friends who purchased items. Your support of the Scholastic Book Fair is very much appreciated.

Winter Chorus Concert

Please mark your calendars for the Winter Chorus Concert on Monday, December 17th. The concert will be held in 2 parts. Session 1 will begin at 6:15pm and will feature the 3rd Grade Chorus and the 4th Grade Percussion Ensemble. Session 2 will begin at 7:15pm and feature 5th Grade Chorus and the 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble.

Elementary Safety Protocol - After School

Parents with children in the HCRP aftercare program and any after school activity, please take note: For the safety of our staff and students in after school programs, the doors at West Friendship Elementary will remain locked after school. **If your child is in an after school activity, you must wait for your child outside. The program activity staff will walk the children to the front doors and dismiss them to their parents/guardians at the end of their activity.** If your child is in our regular after care program, you will ring the bell at the cafeteria door to pick-up your child. This is the same as the before school procedure.

Also, please understand that teachers lock their classroom doors when they leave for the evening. Parents and students will not have access to the school or classrooms to retrieve forgotten items such as homework or instruments. It is important that you help your child to learn ways to remember to bring home all needed items.

Girls on the Run Service Project

WFES Girls on the Run is doing a service project as part of the program curriculum. The girls have selected to donate items to the Small Miracles Animal Shelter. Now through Monday, December 3rd there will be a collection box in the hallway outside of the front office. Please consider donating some of the items listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Royle ashleyroyle@yahoo.com

FOR THE CATS

- Kitty litter - both clay and clumping
- Donut-style cat beds, which are easy to launder
- Towels in good condition
- Cat toys
- Fancy Feast wet food, classic varieties
- Friskies wet food - any variety

FOR THE DOGS

- Wet food - Pedigree or any brand
- Hard chew toys
- Slip leads
- Collars
- Newspapers

FOR THE SHELTER

- Paper towels
- Liquid laundry detergent

- Dish soap
- Petco, Walmart or Target gift cards

Upcoming Dates

Friday, November 30	Gr. 3 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Friday, November 30	Gr. 4 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Monday, December 3	Kindergarten Tiger Celebration – 3:05pm
Tuesday, December 4	Grades 4 & 5 Skype with Dr. Hrabrowski
December 6, 7 & 10	Gr. 3 CogAT Testing
December 6, 10 & 11	Gr. 5 CogAt Testing
Friday, December 7	Gr. 5 Career Day – 9:15am
Friday, December 7	Gr. 5 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Wednesday, December 12	PTA Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, December 14	Gr. 2 Field Trip – 9:25am
Monday, December 17	Winter Chorus Concert – Performance for students – 2:30pm Due to limited space, this performance is just for WFES students. Session 1: 3 rd Grade Chorus & 4 th Grade Percussion – 6:15pm Session 2: 5 th Grade Chorus & 5 th Grade Percussion – 7:15pm
Wednesday, December 19	School Spirit” Pajama Day”
Wednesday, December 19	Interim Reports Issued
Thursday, December 20	Gr. 1 Tiger Celebration – 1:55pm
Friday, December 21	Gr. 4 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Mon., Dec. 24 – Tues., Jan. 1	No School – Winter Break
Wednesday, January 2	Schools Reopen

Community News

Holiday Jazz Cabaret at Marriotts Ridge High School!

The Annual Holiday Jazz Cabaret will be held Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm. Join friends and family for a relaxing and joyful evening. Enjoy fabulous treats (including a chocolate fountain!), appetizers, and beverages while listening to some amazing holiday music performed by the MRHS Jazz Band, Women’s Choir, Madrigals, and several amazing soloists. Tickets are \$12 and sold at the door.