

School News

From Our Administrators:

November is such a busy month! We continue to look forward to seeing our families at the special events that lie ahead in the next few weeks: American Education Week, Parent Conferences, and our Scholastic Book Fair! Thank you for supporting us in all our activities!

Report Cards will come home next Tuesday, November 14th. Please take that opportunity to reflect on this first quarter of school and set goals with your child.

Please note the information provided below for visiting with us for American Education Week and reserving a time for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are excited to have two opportunities to collaborate with you on the progress of your child!

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Ms. Kaye Breon, Principal

Mr. Brian Vanisko, Assistant Principal

American Education Week – November 12 - 16, 2018

During American Education Week, we are excited to show you how we learn every day! In order to maximize your experience and value your time, our teachers will be offering the following times for you to visit your child's classroom:

Monday, November 12

Kindergarten – 12:15 to 1:30

Fifth Grade – 2:00 to 3:00

Tuesday, November 13

Third Grade – 1:35 to 2:35

Wednesday, November 14

Second Grade – 1:35 to 2:50

Thursday, November 15

First Grade – 10:45 to 11:30

Friday, November 16

Fourth Grade – 11:00 to 12:05

To keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, please adhere to the following:

- Visitors must enter through the main entrance only, report directly to the visitors' table, and **provide their driver's license or other state-issued photo-identification for verification purposes.**
- Once signed in, the visitor will be issued a visitor's badge that must be displayed at all times while the visitor remains in the school building or on school premises.
- Only adult family members are permitted to visit during the school day.
- Silence cell phones. If you need to make a call, please do so in the front foyer.
- Food and drinks are not permitted in the classrooms.

- The HCPSS Student and Parent Handbook prohibits visitors from photographing students during the school day. **You may only photograph your own child(ren).**
- Unless invited to do so by the teacher, please do not try to have a conversation with the teacher or students.
- Due to limited space in the cafeteria, we ask that you plan to visit during your child's classroom time and avoid lunch time visits.
- Upon conclusion of the visit, **the visitor must return to the visitors' table and sign out on the visitor's log and return the visitor badge.**

Parking:

- * **Front lot not blocking school building,**
- * **Empty lot behind the old WF Fire Dept.**
- * **Wellworth Way or Clover Leaf Drive. Please park on only one side of the street to insure emergency vehicles can access the street.**
- * **Please DO NOT leave valuables in your vehicles.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on November 19th and 20th. Students will have a 3-hour Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday of that week, and will not have school on Wednesday in order to allow teachers to meet with families during the conference time.

Conference Scheduling Opened November 5, 2018

November 19, 20, and 21 are designated for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences are a terrific opportunity for staff and parents to partner together for each child's success. Parents can log into HCPSS Connect beginning Monday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. through Wednesday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m. Parents will be able to view and select from the time slots provided. All conferences will be scheduled for no more than 15 minutes.

Complete details were sent home with students on Monday, November 5th. Please look for the information in student folders.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed



The West Friendship Elementary Book Fair is an event that students look forward to, year after year. Many middle school students return to WFES to support the Book Fair. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success for our students. Please consider volunteering and visit

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EKcQsHzt6kJcQEfcUN6mFZUC7PPZI0Phf5Cjhr-cEJk/edit#gid=0> to select a time you are available to help our school. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Time for the Book Fair

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please plan on visiting our Book Fair to help our children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading. What an awesome way to start your holiday shopping and help our school!



Book Fair dates: November 12 – 20, 2018

Book Fair location: Room #189 (Mrs. Walker's Classroom)

Shopping hours: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Extended hours: Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21, 8:45am to 7:30pm

Online access to our Book Fair will be available. Our shopping link will be available closer to the fair dates. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Important Message Regarding Report Cards

Please take time to review your child's report card **with your child**. It is helpful for children to know what areas they are doing well and where they need to work harder. Don't feel the need to reward their hard work with a tangible item. Most children respond well to praise for their persistence and hard work. Please focus on the effort behind the grade and not for the grade itself. If a child is lacking in an area, it may be helpful to set a goal to improve a grade or learning behavior. Please feel free to call or email Carita Carlyle, School Counselor with questions or assistance in this area.

5th Grade Career Day Invitation

Attention 5th Grade Families: We need presenters for our Annual 5th Grade Career Day on Friday, December 7th. If you're willing to share three 25 minute presentations, please send in this tear off or contact carita_carlyle@hcpss.org. Your presentation should include:

- A general description of your job.
- Description of what knowledge and skills are required to do your job (reading, writing, math, problem solving, communication).
- A hands-on activity and/or demonstration related to your job.
- Time to answer students' questions.

Helpful hint: Students are better able to attend when hands-on activities or visuals are used as part of the presentation. Visuals may include tools/equipment used on the job, posters, video clips, power point, etc.

Return to Carita Carlyle, School Counselor

_____ is able to present at Career Day.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Career _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Upcoming Dates

Mon., Nov. 12 – Fri., Nov. 16	American Education Week
Mon., Nov. 12 – Fri., Nov. 16	Scholastic Book Fair in Room 189 – 8:45am to 4:15pm
Wednesday, November 14	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday, November 14	PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30pm
Friday, November 16	PTA Drama Club Performance, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> – 7:30pm
Mon., Nov. 19 & Tues., Nov. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon., Nov. 19 & Tues., Nov. 20	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm)
Mon., Nov. 19 & Tues., Nov. 20	Scholastic Book Fair in Room 189 – 8:45am to 7:30pm
Wed., Nov. 21 – Fri., Nov. 23	Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, November 27	School Spirit Wacky Tacky Day
Thursday, November 29	Kindergarten Field Trip – 9:40 to 11:45am

Thursday, November 29
Friday, November 30
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Monday, December 3

Gr. 1 Tiger Celebration – 1:55pm
Gr. 3 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Gr. 4 Tiger Celebration – 3:00pm
Kindergarten Tiger Celebration – 3:05pm

PTA News & Information

PTA Evening at Yogi Castle



The WFES PTA will have a fundraiser on Wednesday, November 14th from 3:00 until 9:30pm at Yogi Castle located at 10132 Baltimore National Pike, in Ellicott City, MD. Celebrate your child's report card or start the second quarter off right with a frozen dessert, while supporting the WFES PTA!

WFES Drama Club Presentation

Drama Learning Center and the West Friendship PTA proudly presents *Alice in Wonderland* on Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the WFES Cafeteria.

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