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WFES Halloween/Fall Celebrations Reminders



WFES Halloween Parade and Celebration

(Parade will be cancelled if there is inclement weather--a message via email will be sent by 10:00am)

- Who: * K-5 students and staff
 * Parents at Parade ONLY-go directly to parade route
 * Room Parents – maximum of 2 per classroom - will monitor the set-up/clean-up of classroom celebrations
- When: * 10/31/18 – Wednesday
 * 2:30 Parade w/ celebrations immediately following
- Where: * Parade – outside at blacktop, playground, and field. Please stand on the outside of the cones.
 * Celebrations - classrooms
- 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

Alternate - WFES Fall Celebration

- Who: * **Students not participating in the Parade and Classroom Celebrations**
- When: * 10/31/18 – Wednesday 2:15 – 3:30
- Where: * Art Room
- What: * **Need to complete slip for attending (attached to prior Halloween letter)**



Please call the Front Office if you have any questions –
410-313-5512.

Wanted: Halloween Candy

The WFES Staff Community Outreach Committee and WFES PTA would like to take your excess Halloween candy off your hands and donate it to our military troops, locally and overseas. Collection will be one morning only, Friday November 2. We will be collecting candy on the buses during morning pick up and at Circle Drive during drop off. Please be sure to separate your candy into 2 labeled bags – “meltables” and “non-meltables”. The meltables cannot be shipped overseas. Questions? Contact Kathy Baur at katherine_baur@hcpss.org

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.

All Visitors Must Have a Driver's License or State Issued Identification

All visitors to West Friendship Elementary, who are not employees of HCPSS, must bring their driver's license to sign into the LobbyGuard system. LobbyGuard uses visitors' driver's licenses or state issued identification to complete background checks. In the event of an emergency, it is crucial that we account for every visitor in the building. This is for student, staff, and visitor safety. Staff at Central Office are able to access our LobbyGuard visitor list should we have to evacuate the building. Thank you for ensuring that you bring your license with you when you visit WFES!

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 _____

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.

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 visit

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EKcQsHzt6kJcQEfcUN6mFZUC7PPZlOPhf5Cjhr-cEJk/edit#gid=0> to select a time you are available to help our school. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Walking Wednesday

Walking Wednesday is in full swing and we welcome volunteers! Walking Wednesday is an integral part of our school's commitment to promote Wellness for Every Student! It is a walking program that is held during recess in the fall and the spring! We are gathering volunteers to help distribute mileage markers and log laps. Participating in Walking Wednesday is a lot of fun and your presence will certainly be an encouragement to your child!

Please sign in at the front office and join us on the blacktop during recess times to help make Walking Wednesday a success! If you have any questions please contact Kendra Albert at jalbert2276@yahoo.com or 443-838-8672.

Upcoming Spirit Days

Our Student Leadership Team consulted with their peers to come up with many ideas for spirit days. Student leaders shared the ideas at our last meeting.

Our spirit days are as follows:

- November 27 – Wacky Tacky Day
- December 19 – Pajama Day
- January 25 – Sports Jersey/Shirt Day
- February 21 – Crazy Hat Day
- March 1 – Book Character/Dr. Seuss Day
- April 9 – Crazy Hair Day
- May 23 – Decade Day

Notes from the Nurse:

As we enter into flu season, this is a reminder that frequent handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer is the best way to prevent the spread of disease. Many people catch the flu from infected people who are coughing and sneezing. Please teach your child to use a tissue or a sleeve when they have these symptoms.

Cold: Develops over a few days	Symptoms:	Flu: Develops very quickly
May sneeze more often	Sneezing	
Sometimes	Headache	High probability
High Probability	Sore Throat	Not common
Not common	Fever	High probability
Not common	Chills	High probability
Minor	Aches	Severe
Mild	Fatigue	Severe
Heavy/moderate mucous	Cough	Small amount of mucous
Common	Nasal Congestion	Uncommon
Mild	Chest Discomfort	Severe

- Fever policy: Keep your child home if she/he has a fever over 100.0. If your child has a fever at school, they must be picked up. Students may not return to school until their temperature is less than 100.0 for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. A fever indicates that your child has a contagious infection.
- Please notify your child's teacher and/or the school nurse if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as strep throat or the flu.
- If the doctor prescribes medication for your child, please make sure he/she takes it as directed-which means the right amount at the right time and without missing doses.
- Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. 9-11 hours of sleep is recommended for school age children.
- We encourage you to send in a refillable water bottle labeled with your child's name every day. Please remind your child not to share.
- You may send in cough drops with a parent note. They will be kept in the health room.
- Students may keep lip balm in their backpacks for use during the school day. Please remind your child not to share.

Please contact the Health Room with any questions or concerns.

Phone: 410-313-5515 or Email: elizabeth_collora@hcpss.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

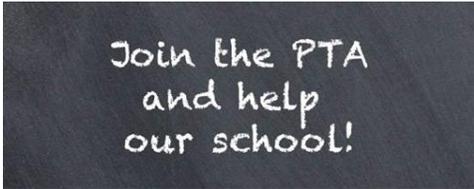
Tuesday, October 30	Gr. 1 Tiger Celebration – 11:00 to 11:30am
Wednesday, October 31	Halloween Parade – 2:20pm
Thursday, November 1	Gr. 3 and Gr. 4 Tiger Celebrations – 3:00 to 3:30pm
Friday, November 2	Kindergarten Tiger Celebration – 2:35 to 3:05pm
Monday, November 5	End of Marking Period
Tuesday, November 6	Schools & Offices Closed – Election Day
Wednesday, November 7	No School for Students – Professional Work Day
Thursday, November 8	Gr. 4 Field Trip – 8:30am to 3:00pm
Thursday, November 8	Council of Elders Annual Celebration of Academic Achievement at River Hill HS – 7:00pm
Mon., Nov. 12 – Fri., Nov. 16	American Education Week (more details to come)
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 Play – 7:30pm
Mon., Nov. 19 & Tues., Nov. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
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

PTA NEWS

PTA Needs Your Support

Your PTA needs your help. Our membership numbers are terrible! If you've been meaning to join the PTA but just keep forgetting to do it, please take a moment and do it now. It's online, it only takes a minute, and it costs just \$15 dollars per family for the year. For that price you get access to the PTA directory, and the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting all of the great events your kids love: our school dance, skate night, movie night, spring festival, the school assemblies, and, this year, in-school field trips! Please take a second and join now. Thank you!!

<https://www.wfespta.com/join/pta-member-registration/>



Join the PTA
and help
our school!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marriotts Ridge High School Fall Play

Marriotts Ridge High School is proud to present our fall production, *You Can't Take It With You*, a whimsical comedy that follows the romance of Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby as they explore what can only be described as the "madness of sanity" when allowing their very different families to get acquainted. A heartfelt story about the importance of acceptance and living life to the fullest, this production is sure to resonate with a 21st-century audience.

The show runs November 15th- 17th at 7 PM and November 18th at 3 PM. Tickets will be priced \$8 in advance [Order Tickets Here](#) and \$10 at the door. Enjoy the show!