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School News

MAP Testing Continues (Grades 4 & 5) Fall 2019

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is an untimed, computer-adaptive assessment that provides our teachers with detailed, specific information about where your child is performing in Reading and Mathematics. Our grade level teams collaborate to analyze the data from the MAP assessment and plan instruction that builds on your child's strengths and supports areas where there is room for improvement.

Though the assessment is untimed, students typically finish each session in approximately one hour. There are two sessions scheduled for each grade level: one for reading and one for mathematics. Make-up sessions will be scheduled for students who are absent on specified testing dates.

You do not need to do anything special to prepare your child for the MAP assessment other than ensure he or she has a good breakfast and a good night's rest. We do ask that you avoid scheduling appointments on the day your child will be assessed (dates/times listed below). Students who are absent on the day their grade takes the assessment will be afforded the opportunity for a make-up session on another date.

Grade	Reading		Math	
4	October 15	1:45 PM	October 16	10:45 AM
5	October 11	9:15 AM	October 14	1:15 PM

Parents will receive a report on their child's performance on the MAP assessment later this fall. More information about MAP, how it is scored, and how you can interpret your child's performance is available at <https://www.nwea.org/map-growth/>.

Interim Reports

Your child's 1st quarter interim report was sent home in his or her backpack on Tuesday, October 8th. It is very important to take time to review the report with your child. Please visit the link below for more information.

[Understanding Your Child's Interim Report](#)

If you have not already done so, please **be sure to sign and return the envelope**.

School Counselor Newsletter

New this school year! The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Monthly Newsletter.

Click here for the October issue!

Upcoming School Spirit Day

Our next School Spirit Day will be on Wednesday, October 23rd! WFES students and staff are asked to wear the color **ORANGE** for Unity Day in recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month.

From the GT Resource Team

Our first Parent Academy of this year will be a **G/T Education Program Overview**, facilitated by county G/T Program leaders. This event will be on **Wednesday, October 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD 21045.**

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available through the G/T Education Program and how their students can become involved.

The evening will begin with an overview of G/T Education Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet by school level for a question and answer session.

Full Schedule:

7:00 – 8:00, G/T Education Program Overview Presentation – Auditorium

8:05 – 8:30, Question and Answer Sessions:

- Elementary G/T Program Offerings: Auditorium
- Middle G/T Program Offerings: Classroom A127
- High School G/T and AP Courses: Classroom B115

For more information, please email hcpssgtac@gmail.com or alyson_tommins@hcpss.org or telephone 410-313-6800.

All Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

Thank you for your interest in volunteering and/or chaperoning field trips within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools, as well as the abuse and neglect training. **If you have only sent in one certificate, please take time to complete the other mandatory training. Please complete these courses before registering to volunteer at our school.** Please follow these steps by clicking these links:

- 1) [Complete the Confidentiality Training Course](#)
- 2) [Download and print the first parent volunteer certification Form](#)
- 3) [Complete the Abuse and Neglect training](#)
- 4) [Download and print the second parent volunteer verification form](#)
- 5) Put **both** certification forms in your child's folder to be sent to the front office. We will keep them on file for the duration of the school year.

Thank you in advance for your participation in our school, and helping to ensure that our students remain safe under the care of our volunteers.

Absences, Late Arrivals, and Early Dismissals

Parents are required to send a note to school explaining their child's absence when the student returns to school. The note must include the student's name, the date of the absence, and the reason for absence. In cases of three consecutive days of absence or frequent absence, a doctor's certificate is required.

When arriving to school late, **the student, accompanied by a parent/guardian, must report to the office for a late pass before he/she will be admitted to class.**

If it is necessary to pick up a student for early dismissal, please send a note in with the student that day. Early dismissals must be conducted prior to 3:30 p.m.

Dismissal Arrangements

Please be advised that notes are needed if you want your child to follow a different dismissal arrangement. Telling a student of a dismissal change is not satisfactory. **Notes must be sent to school if you wish for your**

child to be dismissed to Circle Drive or attend an afterschool activity. Please **do not email** this information. If our Internet is not working or if a teacher has a substitute, your message will not be received in a timely manner. **Arrangements via telephone will only be honored in the event of an emergency... meaning no one will be at home to meet a student!** Please do not change dismissal plans after 3:15 p.m. End of day changes can be very hectic and confusing. Please remember that students are not permitted to ride any bus other than their assigned bus. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

National School Lunch Week Art Competition

Mark your calendar for National School Lunch Week, October 14-18, 2019! The #NSLWW19 theme is “School Lunch: What’s on Your Playlist?” which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options, and tastes that can be customized in today’s school lunch.

HCPSS Food and Nutrition Services is celebrating National School Lunch Week with an Art Competition! 2019 Art Competition Guidelines are as follows:

- **Eligibility** Any K-12 student in HCPSS may participate
- **Artwork Theme** School Lunch: What’s on your playlist? Artwork should display your favorite meal and song you enjoy listening to while eating!
- **Age Categories** Winners will be chosen from each level (Elementary, Middle and High)
- **Judging/Winners**
 - Food and Nutrition Services staff will review entries by grade level
 - A total of nine finalists will be selected – Elementary (3), Middle (3), High (3)
 - Three winners will receive an Apple iTunes gift card
 - 1st Place Winner - \$25
 - 2nd Place Winner - \$20
 - 3rd Place Winner - \$15
- **Judging Criteria** Interpretation of theme and creativity
- **Submission**
 - Artwork should be submitted on a 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper
 - Art work should include name, email address (parent), school/grade
 - Art work should be submitted to the school cafeteria manager by October 14, 2019
 - Winners will be notified via email and gift card delivered to your school by October 28, 2019

Save the Date!

Monday, October 14	Gr. 3 MAP (Math) Assessment – 1:15 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15	Flu Clinic at WFES
Tuesday, October 15	Gr. 4 MAP (ELA) Assessment – 1:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16	Gr. 4 MAP (Math) Assessment – 10:45 a.m.
Friday, October 18	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Work Day
Tuesday, October 22	Last Day of Winter Coat Drive!
Wednesday, October 23	School Spirit Day – Wear Orange for Unity Day (National Bullying Prevention Month)
Wednesday, October 23	PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30	Gr. 1 Field Trip – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 31	Halloween Parade – 2:15 p.m.
Friday, November 1	Schools Close 3 Hrs. Early (12:45pm) – End of 1 st Marking Period
Wednesday, November 6	Absentee/Makeup Photos & Yearbook Candid photos
Thursday, November 7	Kindergarten Field Trip – 9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Friday, November 8	Kindergarten Tiger Celebration – 2:30 p.m.
Monday, November 11	Report Cards Issued

From the PTA

West Friendship Elementary School PTA News

The overall purpose of PTA is to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

Be informed about the goings on with WFES PTA:

PTA Website: www.wfespta.com

PTA Facebook page: **West Friendship Elementary School PTA**

Winter Coat Drive

We are collecting winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves for Howard County students and families in need. Winter items in all sizes are needed. Please place **CLEAN** and **READY TO WEAR** items in the collection bin outside the school office now through October 22nd. Please contact Kate Scott with questions/concerns at thescotts@me.com

WFES PTA Membership Committee

By becoming a PTA Member, not only will you help your child, you'll also help other students, parents, school staff, and our community work together to share ideas that benefit our children.

The WFES PTA sponsors many wonderful programs and activities, such as Movie Night, Cultural Arts Assemblies, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, School Dance, Spring Festival, and much more! Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our membership fee at \$15 per family.

Our online PTA registration is now open:

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

WFES PTA Walking Wednesday

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 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

Recess Schedule

Kindergarten 11:00-11:30

1st Grade 11:00-11:30

2nd Grade 11:30-12:00

3rd Grade 11:45-12:15

4th Grade 12:45-1:15

5th Grade 12:15-12:45

Community News

The Mustang Market at Marriotts Ridge High School – Saturday, October 12

Flyer

Empowering Parents as Partners – Working Together Through the IEP Process

Flyer



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