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School News

MAP Testing (Grades 1-5) Fall 2019

Students in grades 1-5 are participating in the MAP assessment. 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 the night before. 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
3	October 10 1:30 PM	October 8 1:30 PM
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/>.

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 call 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 two trainings:**

- 1. Confidentiality Training Course**
- 2. Child Abuse & Neglect Training Course.**

Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/> to **complete both** of these informative trainings. The courses take about 5 minutes to complete. Please complete the trainings, **print both of the certification forms**, and send them to Mrs. Green in the office. Thank you!

WFES Parent Interest Survey

Parents, we invite you to participate in the attached survey so we can know how to plan for future events. Please respond by October 4th. Thank you!

[Parent Interest Survey](#)

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.

Reminder to Complete or Renew Your FARMs Application

HCPSS participates in the Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMs) program. [Qualification](#) is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

Participation in FARMs qualifies students for a wide range of opportunities and resources beyond breakfast and lunch, including free college applications, free or reduced JumpStart tuition, discounted internet through the Comcast Internet Essentials program, and more.

Families must submit a new application every school year. During the first 30 school days, students with FARMs eligibility from the prior school year will be carried over. Any student who has not filled out an application up to the 30th school day will have their prior year status changed to full pay status until a new application is received.

Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to fill out the applications as soon as possible. It is very important that applications are filled out correctly.

- [Apply online](#)
- **Apply by mail:** Paper applications are sent home with students on the first day of school. Paper applications can also be picked up in the Food and Nutrition Service Office (5451 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044). Applications can be returned to your child's school or mailed to the Food and Nutrition Service Office: HCPSS Food & Nutrition Service Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

If you have questions regarding the program, please visit www.hcpss.org/FARMs or call Food and Nutrition Services at 410-313-6743.

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!

Tuesday, October 8
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Interim Progress Reports Issued
PTA Sponsored Cultural Arts Assembly, "Take Back Your Voice"

	9:30 – Grades K, 1, & 2	10:30 – Grades 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday, October 8	Gr. 3 MAP (Math) Assessment – 1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, October 9	Schools & Offices Closed – Yom Kippur	
Thursday, October 10	Grade 3 MAP (ELA) Assessment – 1:30 p.m.	
Friday, October 11	Gr. 5 MAP (ELA) Assessment – 9:15 a.m.	
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	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.	
Friday, November 1	Schools Close 3 Hrs. Early (12:45pm) – End of 1 st Marking Period	
Wednesday, November 6	Absentee/Makeup Photos & Yearbook Candids	
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**

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 Outdoor Family Movie Night – The Secret Life of Pets 2

Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 27th on the WFES Blacktop (Rain date – October 4th)

Event begins at 5:30 pm Movie begins at 7:00 pm

Admission and Popcorn are free!

Food Trucks available on site (cash only)

See attached flyer.

WFES PTA Walking Wednesday

It's that time of year again... Walking Wednesday began September 25th!!!

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

Community Conversation on Restorative Justice – Monday, October 7

Flyer



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