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# Tiger Tales

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## ***FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS***

Back-to-Schools Nights are scheduled for this week. Due to the increase in our student population, we have had to change from two nights to three nights. Below you will find the revised Back-to-School Night schedule.

**Grades K and 1 present on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 – 6:00 Related Arts Teachers will present in the Media Center

6:00 - 7:00 Grade Level Presentations

Kindergarten will meet in the Media Center

Grade 1 will meet in the Cafeteria

**Grades 4 and 5 will present on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 – 6:00 Gifted/Talented Teachers will present in the Media Center

6:00 - 7:00 Grade Level Presentations

Grade 4 will meet in the Media Center

Grade 5 will meet in the Cafeteria

**Grades 2 and 3 will present on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 - 7:00 Grade Level Presentations

Grade 2 will meet in the Media Center

Grade 3 will meet in the Cafeteria

WFES PTA Representatives will be located throughout the building. Be sure to visit the PTA spirit wear table in the front hall. As you can see, while these evenings will be full, they will also be valuable to you as you prepare to support your child throughout the school year.

Please take the time to check out the upcoming dates so you are up-to-date on West Friendship happenings. We truly believe that a strong home-school partnership enriches the school experience for our students. We are available to assist you if you have concerns or questions.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 25	Back to School Night for Kdgn & Grade 1 (see above schedule)
Wednesday, September 26	Back to School Night for Grades 4, 5 & G/T (see above schedule)
Thursday, September 27	Back to School Night for Grades 2 & 3 (see above schedule)
Thursday, September 27	Gr. 1 Tiger Celebration – 1:55 to 2:25pm
Friday, September 28	Gr. 4 Tiger Celebration – 3:00 to 3:30pm
Friday, September 28	PTA Family Fun Back to School Dance – 6:30 to 8:30pm
Monday, October 1	Gr. 3 Tiger Celebration – 3:00 to 3:30pm
Wednesday, October 3	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45) – Professional Work Day
Tuesday, October 9	Interim Report Issued
Tuesday, October 9	WFES Flu Clinic
Wednesday, October 10	WFES PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30pm
Thursday, October 18	STEM Day
Friday, October 19	Schools Closed – Professional Work Day

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **School Portraits – Memories that Last a Lifetime!**

Our school photographer was at WFES taking individual student photographs on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** students were photographed at that time, as these are the photos that will be published in our school yearbook. If you still wish to purchase photos, please send your payment envelope in by tomorrow, September 25<sup>th</sup>. **You may also make an online purchase by visiting [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) and entering code 101821.** Purchasing school pictures benefits our school, as it is a fundraiser. Take care of some upcoming holiday gift giving needs with school photos, and support our school at the same time!!!

### **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 and a Child Abuse & Neglect Training Course. Please visit <http://www.hcps.org/parents/volunteer-information/> to complete both of these informative trainings. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please complete the training, print the certification form, and return it to school. Thank you!

### **Absences and Late Arrivals**

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.**

## **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. 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.

## ***PTA NEWS***

### **PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Media Center. We hope to see you there!

### **Family Fun Back to School Dance**

SAVE THE DATE! The PTA Family Fun Back to School Dance is coming up. Mark your calendars now for September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at WFES. Come out and enjoy a DJ, dancing, refreshments, and FREE ADMISSION! We need an accurate count of attendees to insure sufficient refreshments are available. Please RSVP online by visiting <https://www.wfespta.com/online-forms/school-dance-rsvp/>. Successful events require parent volunteers. Please sign to volunteer by visiting the WFES PTA website at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2438388/false#/invitation>. Please remember that according to HCPSS Board Policy, all volunteers/chaperones must complete online Confidentiality and Child Abuse & Neglect Training Courses. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please visit <https://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/> to complete the training, print the certification form, and return it to school. Thank you!

### **Box Tops for Education**

WFES is once again participating in the Box Tops for Education program. For anyone unfamiliar with this initiative, Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products such as General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker baked goods, Kleenex, Ziploc food storage products, and many more. Our school earns \$.10 for each Box Top submitted. Simply clip the Box Top from each package, affix them to the collection form that was recently sent home, and submit them by October 22<sup>nd</sup> to be entered in the next raffle! Additional collection forms are available in the school office, or visit <https://www.wfespta.com/box-tops/> to download a copy.

### **Board of Education Candidate Forum – Wednesday, October 3, 7:00pm**

The 5 PTA's representing the Marriotts Ridge Cluster (WFES, MWES, WAVES, MVMS, and MRHS) are hosting a Board of Education Candidate Forum. The forum will be held at Mount View Middle School on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Community members will have the chance to talk with the candidates, ask questions, and share education-related concerns that impact you and your family in a relaxed, informal setting. ALL ARE INVITED! And by "all" we also mean your children! Feel free to bring your children to meet and pose questions to the candidates.