

Walking Wednesday

It's that time of the year for Walking Wednesday to begin!!!!

Walking Wednesday is an integral part of our school's commitment to promote Wellness for Every Student! It is a walking program that will be held during recess in the fall and the spring beginning October 3rd! 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 then join us on the blacktop during recess times and help make Walking Wednesday a success! If you have any questions please contact Kendra Albert at jalbert2276@yahoo.com or 443-838-8672.

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.hcpss.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

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 22nd 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 3rd 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.