

School Portraits – Memories that Last a Lifetime!

Our school photographer was at WFES taking individual student photographs on Thursday, September 20th. **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 25th. **You may also make an online purchase by visiting www.strawbridge.net and enter 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!!!

Back-to-School Nights this week!!!

Back-to-Schools Nights are scheduled for the end of this month. Due to the increase in our student population, we have had to go from two nights to three nights. Below you will find the revised Back-to-School Night schedule. You can expect more information in the upcoming weeks.

Grades K and 1 present on Tuesday, September 25th

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 26th

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 27th

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.

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

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, October 10th 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 28th 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 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.