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School News

Ms. Breon Kissed the Pig

Way to go, WFES! The WFES PTA Tiger Trot was an amazing success! We surpassed our goal and raised \$16,307! Ms. Breon promised to kiss a pig if we raised \$10,000, and she made good on her promise! On the afternoon of Thursday, November 30th all WFES students gathered in the cafeteria to watch the live stream of Ms. Breon's visit to the Ritter Farm and kissing the pig. Many thanks to the Ritter's for their hospitality!

Message about Tiger Charts

We welcome and appreciate your support in regard to your child's behavior at school. Tiger charts come home daily to communicate with parents what your child's day looked like. It has been brought to our attention that some students are being punished at home for receiving a yellow reminder on their tiger charts. Although we encourage conversation about what happened to earn the reminder and what the child plans to do differently, the school has consequences for yellows and reds in place. We expect students to need reminders sometimes and do not wish for students to have negative feelings about school due to this means of communication.

Book Fair

The 2017 WFES Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success! We had more than \$7,600 in sales! We are very grateful to the following volunteers for giving of their time to work in our Book Fair: Alicyn Hodges, Dana Keiner, Heather Campbell, Lisa Cumberland, Linda Benjamin, Diana Lee, Cheryl Ketterer, Melissa Bonier, Kerry Phelps, Julie Bennett, Kara Williams, Kimberly McAloney, Rebecca Burget, Kim Ellis, Shannon Angarita, Hina Naseem, Melissa Gill, Yvonne Cotto, Melissa Weiss, Kathy Baur, Janet Yingling, and Kaye Breon. Special thanks to WFES teachers, Holly Walker and Katie Farrar for being so flexible and allowing us to house the Book Fair in their work area. It took many hands and many hours to create this special event for our students. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair by purchasing materials or by giving of their time. All demonstrations of support are very much appreciated!

Penny Jones
Principal's Secretary

Upcoming Spirit Day

Our Student Leadership Team consulted with their peers to come up with many ideas for spirit days. Our next spirit day will be next Friday, December 22nd. Please join us by wearing Holiday clothing.

Student Use of Cell Phones

This is a reminder that students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day or while on the school bus. If a student needs to contact a parent, they may come to the school office and get permission to use a school telephone. Students, who carry cell phones, must keep them turned off and inside of their backpacks while at school and during the bus rides to and from school. In addition, please be advised that West Friendship Elementary, nor the Howard County Public School System are responsible for the loss or damage of student property. Parents are asked to remind their children of these rules and support the school in enforcing the rules.

Home & School Connection

Please view the attachments to read the December issue of Home & School Connection. The publication is available in both, English and Spanish.

December – English Version

December – Spanish Version

TREX Recycling Challenge

WFES is competing in the TREX Recycling Challenge. TREX is a company that uses recycled plastic bags to make decking products. WFES will be competing against other elementary schools of similar size in the mid-Atlantic region to see who can recycle the most **plastic bags**. The winning school will win a bench made out of TREX material. Below are categories of plastic bags we will be collecting:

From the Grocery Store	From Your Pantry	From Your Front Door
Produce & bread bags	Ziploc & other reclosable bags	Newspaper sleeves
Grocery bags	Case overwrap	Dry cleaning bags
Cereal bags		Plastic shopping bags
Ice bags		Bubble wrap

The Trex Recycling Challenge will run until Earth Day on April 22, 2018. There will be recycling containers in front of the office, cafeteria, and media center. Please continue to bring in plastic bags. WFES wants to help the Earth and win the challenge!

All Visitors Must Sign In

Thank you to all our visitors for signing in at the office and obtaining a visitor badge. Please be advised that **you must have your driver's license with you** in order to sign in on the LobbyGuard visitor management system. In addition, all visitors are required to sign out of the LobbyGuard kiosk at the end of their visit. Staff is expected to question any person without a visitor's badge and escort that person to the office to complete the check in process. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we all work together to keep our school safe.

Incoming 6th Grade World Language Orientation

Mount View Middle School will host a parent orientation for World/Language/Related Arts on Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 20
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Interim Progress Reports Issued
Gr. 3 Biography Wax Museum

Friday, December 22	School Spirit Day – Holiday Clothing
Mon., Dec. 25 - Mon., Jan. 1	Schools Closed – Winter Break
Tuesday, January 2	Schools Reopen
Wednesday, January 10	Skateboard Science Assembly – 9:30 and 10:30
Wednesday, January 10	World Language Orientation at MVMS – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 11	PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 17	Band & Strings In-School Performance – 2:15pm
Wednesday, January 17	Band & Strings Concert – 6:30pm
Friday, January 19	Spelling Bee for Grades 4 & 5 – 2:00pm
Friday, January 26	3-Hour Early Dismissal – End of Marking Period
Tuesday, January 30	WFES Night at Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Dr.)

Community News

Holiday Jazz Cabaret at Marriotts Ridge High School!

The Annual Holiday Jazz Cabaret will be held Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm. Join friends and family for a relaxing and joyful evening. Enjoy treats, appetizers, and beverages while listening to some wonderful holiday music performed by the MRHS Jazz Band, Women's Choir, Madrigals, and several amazing soloists.

Tickets are \$10 and sold at the door.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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