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## **School News**

### **School Pictures - Make-Up & Retakes - November 7<sup>th</sup>**

School pictures were sent home with students yesterday. Our school photographer will be at WFES on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to take photos of students who were absent on our original picture day. They will also do retakes for any student that is dissatisfied with the portrait that was taken in September. **Students requesting a retake will need to return the original portrait package to the photographer so the photographer will know which package to reproduce.** Any student that was absent on our original "picture day" can bring in a picture order envelope to have a package produced or can just have the portrait taken for the yearbook. If you wish to purchase pictures, the completed order forms/envelopes must be returned to school on or before Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [Penny\\_Jones@hcpss.org](mailto:Penny_Jones@hcpss.org) if you wish to receive a photo order form/envelope. You may also visit [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) and enter code 101821 if you wish to pay online. Purchasing school pictures benefits our school financially, as it is a fundraiser. Please consider school photos for your upcoming holiday gift giving needs.

### **Federal Impact Aid Forms**

[Federal Impact Aid Survey](#) forms were distributed to all students enrolled as of September 25. All information collected is confidential. Please return the form by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Time for the Book Fair**

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please plan on visiting our Book Fair to help our children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading. What an awesome way to start your holiday shopping and help our school!

Book Fair dates: November 13 – 21, 2017  
Book Fair location: Room #189 (Mrs. Walker & Mrs. Farrar's Classroom)  
Shopping hours: 8:45am to 4:15pm  
Extended hours: Friday, November 17, 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Monday, Nov. 20 & Tuesday, Nov. 21, 8:45am to 8:00pm

Online access to our Book Fair will be available. Our shopping link will be available closer to the fair dates. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

### **Book Fair Volunteers Needed for November 20 & 21**

The West Friendship Elementary Book Fair is an event that students look forward to, year after year. Many middle school students return to WFES to support the Book Fair. Volunteers are

needed to make this event a success for our students. Please visit <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EKcQsHzt6kJcQEfcUN6mFZUC7PPZI0Phf5Cjhr-cEJk> to select a time you are available to help our school. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

**Help Wanted in Kindergarten!**

Kindergarten is looking for additional volunteers to work with small groups of children during the math and language arts blocks. Volunteers would be facilitating and monitoring the small groups (no more than 6 children) with clear directions provided by the teacher. The math block is from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and the language arts block is 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Peterman at [cathy\\_peterman@hcpss.org](mailto:cathy_peterman@hcpss.org) or Miss Watts at [lauren\\_watts@hcpss.org](mailto:lauren_watts@hcpss.org) if you are interested.

**Upcoming Spirit Days**

Our Student Leadership Team consulted with their peers to come up with many ideas for spirit days. Student leaders shared the ideas at our last meeting. Our spirit days are as follows:

- November 21 – Dress like a book character to celebrate our Book Fair
- December 22 – Holiday clothing
- January 26 – Wear a college shirt
- February 2 – Wear a sports jersey/shirt
- March 16 – Wear green
- April 13 – Wacky Tacky day – wear crazy socks, hats, hair, etc.
- May 4 – Hat Day – wear your favorite team hat/cap
- June 1 – WFES spirit wear or school colors (green and white)

**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:

| <b>From the Grocery Store</b> | <b>From Your Pantry</b>        | <b>From Your Front Door</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 start bringing in those 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.

## Dates to Remember

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|------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, November 7    | Absentee/Makeup Student Photos  |
| Wednesday, November 8  | Walking Wednesday   |
| Thursday, November 9   | Gr. 4 Trip to National Portrait Gallery – 8:30 to 3:00  |
| Thursday, November 9   | PTA Meeting in the Media Center – 6:30  |
| Friday, November 10    | Schools Close 3-Hrs Early – End of Marking Period   |
| Monday, November 13    | Kindergarten Trip to Glenwood Library – A.M.  |
| November 13 - 17       | American Education Week – More Details to Come!   |
| Tuesday, November 14   | WFES Evening at Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Drive)  |
| Wednesday, November 15 | Parent Visitation Day – More Info to Come!  |
| Wednesday, November 15 | PTA Tiger Trot Fun Run  |
|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten: 1:30pm, wear BLUE</li><li>• Grade 1: 2:30pm, wear RED</li><li>• Grade 2: 12:30pm, wear GREEN</li><li>• Grade 3: 9:30am, wear PURPLE</li><li>• Grade 4: 10:30am, wear YELLOW</li><li>• Grade 5: 11:30am, wear ORANGE</li></ul> |

## From the WFES PTA...

### **\*\* ANNOUNCING Family Movie Night! \*\***

Please join us on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the school cafeteria for a showing of **Monsters University**. Details came home recently via backpack mail. Send in your form by November 1<sup>st</sup> or register online:

<https://www.wfespta.com/online-forms/movie-night-reservation/>

Also, we still need volunteers! Please go to this link to sign up. Thanks in advance!

<http://signup.com/login/entry/1147018004692316092>

Have questions? Email us! Alicyn Hodges: [asampsonhodges@gmail.com](mailto:asampsonhodges@gmail.com)

### **Square 1 Art Fundraiser**

We are super excited to send home the Square 1 Art Fundraiser catalogs today. Students are taking home a catalog that was designed specifically for them!!! Please take a moment to review your child's artwork and see how it can be replicated on a variety of keepsakes. These creations are great gift ideas for the upcoming holidays. Orders can be placed online via [www.square1art.com/shop](http://www.square1art.com/shop) or by paper order form with cash, check or money orders **payable to Square 1 Art**. The deadline for placing orders is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our students, staff, and the WFES PTA.

### **West Friendship Tiger Trot Fun Run**

Our school fundraising goal is \$10,000. We would love 100% student participation! If we reach our goal the school will have no homework for a week and Mrs. Breon will KISS A PIG!

Parents, please complete these easy steps:

- Register your child online by visiting [thegetmovincrew.com](http://thegetmovincrew.com). It's free, super easy, and takes only a few minutes! We're using The Get Movin' Crew to help with online donations. Students earn a pedometer just for registering online.
- Help your child raise their goal of \$50 of tax-deductible donations either online or using the pledge envelope. \$50 is just a suggestion.
- Share your child's fundraising webpage with family and friends via email and social media.

Event details:

The Tiger Trot Fun Run will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017

This is American Education Week visitation day. Come cheer on your student and see what they're doing in class! Our theme is color games, so please have your child wear the color for their grade.

- Kindergarten: 1:30pm, wear BLUE
- Grade 1: 2:30pm, wear RED
- Grade 2: 12:30pm, wear GREEN
- Grade 3: 9:30am, wear PURPLE
- Grade 4: 10:30am, wear YELLOW
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\* Final Donation due date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Donations can be made on your child's webpage and/or by sending the pledge envelope provided with cash/checks into your child's teacher. Please make checks payable to WFES PTA.

In addition to the incentives and prizes listed on the flyer, we have received the following from local businesses. If your child is a top fundraiser, they will get to pick a prize!

**Company**

**Item**

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| West Friendship Volunteer Fire Dept. | Fire Truck ride to school for 2 kids |
| Pump it Up                           | 2-Hour Weekday Party for 25 kids     |
| Pump it Up                           | 5 Jump Pass & 10 Jump Pass           |
| Adventure Park USA                   | Fun pass                             |
| AMC Theatre                          | 2 movie passes                       |
| Asian Taste                          | \$10 gift card                       |
| Chili's Eldersburg location          | \$25 certificate                     |
| Clarks Ace Hardware                  | \$50 gift card                       |
| Columbia Ice Skating Rink            | 6 passes for free admission          |
| DuClaw the Mills                     | \$25 certificate                     |
| Ernestos                             | \$50 gift card                       |
| Firehouse Creamery                   | \$10 gift card                       |
| French Twist                         | \$10 gift card & a t-shirt           |
| Game Truck                           | 50% off certificate, value \$200     |
| Glory Days                           | 2 - \$25 gift cards                  |
| Goldfish Swim School                 | 1-month free swim lessons            |
| Harris Teeter - Turf Valley          | 2 - \$10 gift cards                  |
| Los Aztecas - Eldersburg             | \$25 certificate                     |
| Maggiano's                           | 2 - \$25 gift cards                  |
| Market Tavern                        | chocolate bars                       |
| Mimi's Kabob                         | \$25 certificate                     |
| Mission BBQ                          | box of goodies                       |

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| Norwood                         | \$20 gift card   |
| Pet Valu - Turf Valley          | \$120 worth of dog washes, gift basket                       |
| Pie Five                        | 5 free pies  |
| Play It Again Sports            | \$25 gift card   |
| Pottery Stop                    | \$15 gift card   |
| Smyth Jewelers                  | Pandora bracelet   |
| Sykesville Pottery & Art Center | Certificate for Kids' Night (\$45 value)                     |
| Tony Japanese Steak House       | 2 - \$50 certificates  |
| Tri Sport Junction              | 2 - \$25 gift cards  |
| Willow Springs Golf Course      | 2 certificates for Green Fees for 4 players, including carts |

More prizes are still coming in!

We would also like to thank our sponsors:

[Sarah Connor](#) - fitness expert

[Perry Moving](#)

[Smiles 4 Children](#) - pediatric dental practice

Contact Ashley Royle at [ashleyroyle@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyroyle@yahoo.com) if your company is interested in becoming a sponsor for as low as \$50.

“Like” [West Friendship Tiger Trot Fun Run](#) on Facebook.

Register to volunteer for the event at: <http://signup.com/go/RnFEYeb>

Please contact Ashley Royle at [ashleyroyle@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyroyle@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

### **Please Volunteer for Walking Wednesdays!!!!**

Please join us for Walking Wednesday. We need volunteers to help distribute the mileage markers and log laps as the students complete them. Participating in Walking Wednesday is a lot of fun and your presence will certainly be an encouragement to your child. **Please consider joining us during your child's recess. Volunteers are greatly needed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade shift.** Below you will find a recess schedule along with a link to [Signup.com](#).

11:00-11:30 Kindergarten

11:30-12:00 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

**\*\*\* 12:30-1:00 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades \*\*\***

1:00-1:30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Volunteer Sign Up address is <http://signup.com/go/RnFEYeb>

If you have any questions please contact Kendra Albert at [jalbert2276@yahoo.com](mailto:jalbert2276@yahoo.com) or 443-838-8672. Looking forward to seeing everyone at **Walking Wednesdays!!**

### **WFES PTA & The Right Theater Company Proudly Present**



Come see everyone's favorite jungle animals as they help the man cub find his home.

When: November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: WFES Cafeteria

Cost: \$5 per Ticket

Children Under 12 are FREE

Tickets will be sold at the door.

## Community News

### **Holiday Bazaar**

A bazaar benefiting the Marriotts Ridge High School African American Awareness Club and Glenelg High School Delta Scholars will be held on November 11. Please visit <http://ghs.hcpss.org/news/2017/10/glenelg-marriotts-ridge-holiday-bazaar> for complete details.

### **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.

Please contact the HCPSS Public Information Office with any questions, at 410-313-6682 or [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org)