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School News

Thank you to the many parents and volunteers who are present during these busy remaining weeks of school. WFES students have had a number of great experiences these past weeks! Gifted/Talented Teachers, Mr. Crivelli and Mrs. Walker organized our "Night of Excellence" on May 23rd. We thank them and the many students who worked hard putting together an informative evening.

Next we had an amazing Spring Festival! Thank you to the WFES PTA Spring Festival Co-Chairs, Mrs. Bonier and Mrs. Grutzik and to the numerous parent volunteers who made this event possible. Spring Festival is a huge event that requires a tremendous amount of planning. Thanks to the combined efforts of many, our students had a great time last Friday evening!

We enjoyed the Spring General Music Concert this past Tuesday evening. The concert featured all Second Grade students, Fourth Grade Chorus students, Fifth Grade Percussion Ensemble members, and Advanced Chorus members. Thank you to General Music Teacher, Mr. Richard Umla and all the student performers for a wonderful evening of musical entertainment.

Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, each grade level has or will soon experience an informative day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) presentations. Parent volunteers are generously giving of their time to present activities to our students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see things they have learned in science and math be integrated into careers.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Spring Instrumental Music Concert featuring our Strings and Band students. Thanks to Band teacher, Mrs. Syversen and Strings teacher, Mr. Diener, and the dedication of our students, we will enjoy a terrific concert.

Thanks to all the WFES students and families who items for the Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai. The assortment of new games, crafts, and toys will certainly provide entertainment and enjoyment for the pediatric patients. Thank you for your generosity!

School Counselor, Mrs. Carita Carlyle has organized Move Up Day for our students on Thursday, June 7th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Move Up Day is a time designed for students to move up to their next grade level. The purpose of Move Up Day is to:

- Give students the opportunity to learn about next year's program
- Reduce anxiety by answering student's questions about next year

Please keep this date in mind. As always students should arrive to school on time so they will not miss this activity.

Grade level student activities will take place in the coming weeks. These are fun activities for WFES students. Thank you to the Room Parents for assisting and organizing these activities. Your support is very much appreciated by our students and staff.

The last three days of school, June 15th, 18th and 19th will be 3-hour early dismissal days. Please remember to send notes to school if your child is 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.** Please **do not email** this information. This practice is never acceptable, especially during the hectic year-end activities. Class schedules are different and staff may not have time to check their email. In addition, please do not request or arrange for students to ride buses other than their own assigned bus. These requests will be denied!

Tissue Donations

The school year is almost over, but allergy season is here! Donations of facial tissues are greatly appreciated. **Please send tissue donations to the office** so they can be distributed to areas where needed. Thank you!

WFES Yearbook

As of today, we have 7 yearbooks remaining to be sold. We will take orders for these remaining books on a first come, first serve basis. After they are gone, you may still order yearbooks directly from Strawbridge Studios. The telephone number is 1-866-624-6229. There will be a \$7.00 mailing charge for each order. Thank you for a successful yearbook sale!

Kindergarten, Here We Come!

Kindergarten, Here We Come! Is a 45-60 minute class for children entering Kindergarten this fall. Registration is required. The class features stories and activities to help mark that all important first day, including boarding a real school bus. Co-sponsored by Friends & Foundation of HCLS and Howard County Public School System.

<p>HCLS Central Branch 410-313-7800 Registration begins August 8 for all sessions. Wednesday, August 15 3:30pm & 7:00pm Thursday, August 16 11:00am Saturday, August 18 2:00pm</p>	<p>HCLS Glenwood Branch 410-313-5579 Registration begins August 15 for all sessions. Wednesday, August 22 7:00pm Thursday, August 23 10:30am & 4pm Saturday, August 25 11:30am</p>
<p>HCLS East Columbia Branch 410-313-7700 Registration begins August 8 for all sessions. Wednesday, August 15 2:00pm & 4:00pm Thursday, August 16 7:00pm</p>	<p>HCLS Miller Branch 410-313-1950 <i>Registration begins July 23 for all sessions.</i> Monday, July 30 10:15am & 11:30am Tuesday, July 31 4:30pm & 7:00pm Wednesday, August 1 2:00pm & 7:00pm Thursday, August 2 11:00am</p>
<p>HCLS Elkridge Branch 410-313-5077 Registration begins August 6 for all sessions. Monday, August 13 2:00pm Wednesday, August 15 10:30am Thursday, August 16 4:30pm & 7pm</p>	<p>HCLS Savage Branch 410-313-0760 <i>Registration begins August 16 for all sessions.</i> Thursday, August 23 6:30pm Saturday, August 25 11:30am Tuesday, August 28 10:15am Wednesday, August 29 10:15am</p>

WFES Band Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year NOW OPEN!

Fourth graders for the 2018-2019 school year interested in joining the WFES band program are now invited to register on GAFE at <https://goo.gl/forms/OQsz44PLTNBVWAwC3> (or Google search "Join the WFES Band"). Available instruments are: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, and Percussion. Students in fifth grade

during the 2018-2019 school year who were not involved in the band program during fourth grade, may also join as a fifth grade beginner. If your child was in band in fourth grade, you should also register your child for band for fifth grade. Parents are asked to register their son or daughter for the WFES band program by no later than September 14th. If you have any questions, please email Amy Bejm Syversen at Amy_Syversen@hcpss.org or call WFES.

Girls on the Run

Attention Parents of Rising 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Girls:

I am trying to gauge interest in restarting a Girls on the Run (GOTR) program at West Friendship. It has been a few years since we've had one. I think it would be great, but I need to make sure that there is enough interest and volunteer support to make it happen.

- Volunteer Coaches: Each team must have 3-4 coaches. All coaches must attend a GOTR training session.--Ideally, I'd like to have 4 coaches so that each coach only has to attend one session per week.
- Team Size: We must have a minimum of eight girls and a maximum of 20 for GOTR
- Practice Schedule: Practices would be 2 weekdays per week, directly after school
- Fees and Financial Aid: \$150 per 10-week season. Partial needs-based scholarships are available based on the Free and Reduced Meals Program (FARMS)
- Dates: Fall Season--which usually begins the 3rd week of September

If we don't have enough interest to do the Fall, we could do the Spring instead. Let me know if you have a strong preference between the two seasons. The 10 week Spring season usually begins the 3rd week of March

General Overview: Over a period of 10 weeks, girls in the 3rd through 5th grade participate in an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique.

The Girls on the Run lessons encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. Participants explore and discuss their own beliefs around experiences and challenges girls face at this age. They also develop important strategies and skills to help them navigate life experiences. We start with helping the girls get a better understanding of who they are and what's important to them. Then, we look at the importance of team work and healthy relationships. And, finally, the girls explore how they can positively connect with and shape the world.

Physical activity is woven into our program to inspire an appreciation of fitness and to build habits that lead to a lifetime of health. At the end of each three month session, the girls participate in a Girls on the Run 5K event. This celebratory, non-competitive event is the culminating experience of the curriculum.

Please let me know if you'd be able to commit to coaching and/or if your daughter would be interested in participating. I will send additional information to those who respond once I determine if having GOTR is feasible.

Thank you so much,

Ashley Royle ashleyroyle@yahoo.com

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Dates to Remember

Monday, June 4

Gr. 4 Colonial Day

Wednesday, June 6

Band/Strings Concert – (student performance) 9:30am & (parents) 6:00pm

Thursday, June 7

Move Up Day – 10:00am

Friday, June 8

Kindergarten End of Year Program – 9:45am

Monday, June 11	Gr. 3 STEM Day
Thursday, June 14	Gr. 5 Promotion Program – 9:30am
Friday, June 15	3-Hour Early Dismissal
Monday, June 18	Gr. 5 STEM Activities
Monday, June 18	3-Hour Early Dismissal
Tuesday, June 19	Gr. 5 STEM Activities
Tuesday, June 19	3-Hour Early Dismissal – Last Student Day

PTA News & Information

Nominating Committee Seeking Volunteers

The PTA is planning for next year and looking to fill Executive Board positions and Committee Chair positions. If you are interested in getting more involved in the PTA, please contact Kathy Baur at kdbaur@gmail.com, Hina Naseem at hnaseem@mac.com, or Penny Jones at penny_jones@hcpss.org.

Community News

Marriotts Ridge High School 2018 Boosters Summer Camp

MRHS Boosters sponsored summer camps with MRHS Athletic Coaches and Fine Arts Teachers take place each summer. We offer a complete selection of Sports and Music/Fine Arts Camps to choose from for students in 1st - 12th grades. MRHS offers the ideal atmosphere for an exceptional summer camp experience with exposure to MRHS facilities and excellent staff. Most camps run for 5 days with weekly sessions beginning June 4th and ending the week of July 23rd. Early Bird Registration Special of \$150.00 a week ends May 18th so sign up today to get the deal! Starting May 19th sign up for camp will be \$160.00 a week and walk-up day of camp is \$165.00 for the week. To register and get more information including the camp descriptions and schedules, please go to the MRHS Booster's web page www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps or for questions, email summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com.

Junior Achievement SUPER Summer Camp

Does your SUPERHERO have what it takes to be a SUPER CEO? JA SUPER Summer Camp immerses youth ages 9-12 in our acclaimed, one-of-a-kind JA BizTown experience. They'll operate their very own business, manage a bank account, use a debit card, and get their dream job--like radio DJ, scientist, CEO and more. As they run this simulated city, they'll have the opportunity to be creative, collaborate with campers and mentors, and learn skills that will last a lifetime. JA SUPER Summer Camp runs **June 25 - 29** from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at JA's headquarters at 10711 Red Run Blvd., Suite 110, Owings Mills, MD. Admission is \$250, which includes a camp T-shirt, enrichment materials, and fun giveaways. For additional information or to register your camper please visit <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-centralmaryland/ja-summer-camp> or contact Rebecca at rgolloub@jmaryland.org or 410-753-3292.

Camp Improv - Summer Comedy Camp!

Session 1: July 9-13

Session 2: July 16-20

Director: Kathryn Carlsen, Centennial HS Theatre

Website: www.campimprov.org

This camp is all about the joy of jumping in and finding the funny. Listening, saying “yes, and,” collaboration and flexibility are key. Though there is a focus on the basics, students with prior improv experience will find an opportunity to strengthen their basic comedy muscles.

Grades 2-5: 9am-12pm

Students will work on creativity and teamwork through improv, storytelling, and clowning exercises. Students will perform a show at the end of the week featuring the skills that they learned.

Location: Camp Improv takes place at Centennial High School on the stage and in theatre room.

Cost: \$195, includes a Camp Improv shirt

Performance: Students will perform on the Friday of the camp week at 7pm. All tickets to the show are complimentary!

Registration Due: June 1st. Returned check fee is \$25.

Questions? Email Kathryn Carlsen at kcarlsen@hcpss.org

Camp Improv is supported by the Centennial High School Boosters.

Visit www.campimprov.org for information and registration.

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