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## School News

### Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is coordinated by the Howard County Library System and the Howard County Public School System and is now in its eleventh year. 328 teams participated this year, therefore, the event was divided into 6 simultaneous battles! The battle in which WFES participated took place at Marriotts Ridge High School the evening of Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. WFES had 6 participating teams in the 2018 Battle of the Books -- BOB, Finding Story, Literary Lieutenants, PAC Readers, Reading Referees, and Spellbound Readers and we finished the evening with 3 different wins. Congratulations to the "Spellbound Readers" for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place for overall score! The "Reading Referees" took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Civility and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Spirit! We are so proud of all of our student participants and very grateful to our coaches/parent volunteers. Many hours of reading and meeting took place prior to the evening. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!



## Mt. Sinai Children's Hospital Toy Drive

The WFES community is collecting **new items** for children receiving treatment at Mt. Sinai Children's Hospital from May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be dropped off and placed in the boxes outside of the front office. Please consider donating items to show support and compassion for these children. A list of suggested items is attached.

## Screen-Free Week Challenge

The Maryland General Assembly, Delegate Bob Flanagan, Delegate Trent Kittleman, and Senator Gail Bates invite elementary school students in District 9 to participate in the "Screen-Free Week Challenge." Younger siblings are also encouraged to participate. We hope interested students will accept the challenge by giving up television (and other electronic devices with screens, unless it is school-related) for seven consecutive days and engaging themselves in more productive, creative, and educational ways to spend their time. A perfect time to do this is in conjunction with National Screen-Free Week 2018 from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a personalized certificate. If we have enough participants, an ice cream social may be held at West Friendship Elementary! **You may download the attachment or pick up a form from the school office. Please complete the form and return it to Penny Jones in the school office by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## Tissue Donations

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!

## Home & School Connection

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

May – English

May – Spanish

## WFES Yearbook

We are accepting orders for the 2017/2018 WFES yearbook until May 25<sup>th</sup>. There are two options for placing orders. You may order online by visiting <http://osp.osmsinc.com/Howard/MD>, or you can send payment to school with your child -- **\$25 cash or check payable to WFES**. Please label your envelope "Yearbook" and include your child's name and their teacher's name.

## Peer Mentor News

All of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been trained as peer mentors during their guidance lessons this school year. In addition, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin shadowing our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade peer mentors starting May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your 4<sup>th</sup> grader where he/she chose to work (the classroom that they chose is written in agenda books). The peer mentor/shadowing schedule will be posted in each 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, as well. Peer mentor responsibilities include assisting younger students with the practice of basic skills and organization and modeling positive behavior (the 3 R's – respectful, responsible, and ready to learn). Peer mentors help younger students during the first 20 minutes of the day (9:10 – 9:30) and occasionally during their recess.) The Peer Mentor Program is rewarding for all students involved. Younger students receive practice with new skills, while older students gain leadership skills and self-confidence. Many peer mentors build lasting relationships with the teachers and students with whom they work. Please email [carita\\_carlyle@hcpss.org](mailto:carita_carlyle@hcpss.org) with questions about the program. A special thank you to Mrs. Elizabeth Burns for making the peer mentors badges again this year.

## Dates to Remember

Friday, May 4	School Spirit "Hat Day"
Friday, May 4	Gr. 1 Field Trip – 9:30am to 2:30pm
Mon., May 7 – Fri., May 11	Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday, May 9	Walking Wednesday
Thursday, May 10	Gr. 5 Simulated Congressional Hearing
Thursday, May 10	PTA Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, May 11	Kindergarten Field Trip – 9:20am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, May 16	Walking Wednesday
Thursday, May 17	Field Day (Rain Date May 21)
Thursday, May 17	2018-2019 Parent Consideration Letters Sent Home
Thursday, May 17	Interim Reports Issued
Friday, May 18	WFES Beautification Day (flower planting)
<b>Friday, May 18</b>	<b>Schools Open – 3 Hour Early Dismissal</b>
Tuesday, May 22	Gr. 5 Visit Mount View Middle School
Wednesday, May 23	Walking Wednesday
Wednesday, May 23	Night of Excellence – 6:30pm
Friday, May 25	Parent Consideration Letters Due
Friday, May 25	Kindergarten's STEM Day
Friday, May 25	Gr. 4 field Trip – 9:30am to 2:30pm
Friday, May 25	PTA Spring Festival – 4:30pm
<b>Monday, May 28</b>	<b>Memorial Day - Schools &amp; Offices Closed</b>
Tuesday, May 29	Gr. 5 field Trip – 9:45am to 1:00pm
Tuesday, May 29	Choral Concert – (student performance) 2:30pm & (parents) 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 30	Walking Wednesday
Friday, June 1	Spirit Day – Wear WFES Spirit Wear or School Colors
Friday, June 1	Gr. 1 STEM Day
Monday, June 4	Gr. 4 Colonial Day
Wednesday, June 6	Band/Strings Concert – (student performance) 2:30pm & (parents) 6:00pm
Thursday, June 7	Move Up Day – 9:45am
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
<b>Friday, June 15</b>	<b>3-Hour Early Dismissal</b>
<b>Monday, June 18</b>	<b>3-Hour Early Dismissal</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 19</b>	<b>3-Hour Early Dismissal – Last Student Day</b>

## PTA News & Information

### General PTA Meeting

The next General PTA Meeting is Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

### Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a Dr. Seuss inspired week. Each day is sponsored by a specific grade level. Please click on the links below for details. We hope you can help us make this week special for our staff!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FYr1mFnRhuADg8kuFY03Qv2S24KodkECnVCOIWU34Js/edit?ts=5ade955a#gid=0>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aUCHaPwfk3XDUsdS3JAwDJGqi0WQe7vR5mgo1vPQGs/edit?ts=5ade9577#gid=0>

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SyenwIN8fHnFkc1-mecbA3F1FMBt9eHZn17RcXh4XNY/edit?ts=5ade9593#gid=0>

### Kindergarten – Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nQBACT1YAaVa7hX9t3ZQ699TdGJhWEiQjeWErJmgijQ/edit?ts=5ade95e9#gid=0>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uZhwC\\_egn7LLzVgmPlw255kiGMwHKVIPMRRQNKDa96k/edit?ts=5ade95b3#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uZhwC_egn7LLzVgmPlw255kiGMwHKVIPMRRQNKDa96k/edit?ts=5ade95b3#gid=0)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dapTfppWLeChLiBeMIbVNutB1ist\\_0HfjjiAt9BSGo0/edit?ts=5ade95cc#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dapTfppWLeChLiBeMIbVNutB1ist_0HfjjiAt9BSGo0/edit?ts=5ade95cc#gid=0)

## **Walking Wednesday's**

Now that spring is here and the ground has thawed, it's time for Walking Wednesday's!!! This is a great way to get the kids moving after a long and cold winter!!! Walking Wednesday's will start May 9<sup>th</sup>! We are in need of volunteers so please come help mark laps, give out feet charms, and cheer the kids on to keep moving! If you can come volunteer during your child's recess time and/or any recess times your help would be greatly appreciated!!

### **Recess Times:**

11:00	Kindergarten
11:30	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
12:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

We are not doing a sign-up website as most times parents just show up when they can!!! So come join the fun and help make Walking Wednesday's a success!!! If you have any questions please email Kendra Albert at [jalbert2276@yahoo.com](mailto:jalbert2276@yahoo.com) or call at 443-838-8672!!!

## **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](mailto:kdbaur@gmail.com), Hina Naseem at [hnaseem@mac.com](mailto:hnaseem@mac.com), or Penny Jones at [penny\\_jones@hcpss.org](mailto:penny_jones@hcpss.org).

## **Spring Festival**

This year's WFES PTA Spring Festival is May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm! We will have inflatables, games, the Say Cheese Food Truck, Kona Ice, face painting, and much more! Tickets are available in advance now through May 22<sup>nd</sup> at a discounted price, and all pre-ordered tickets will be delivered via backpack mail before the event so you can skip the ticket line! Get your tickets here: <https://www.wfespta.com/product/spring-festival-tickets/>

This event is all volunteer, and we need your help to make it a success. Please consider signing up for a shift. We can't do this without you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4da8ad2fa20-wfes1>

## **Fifth Grade Memory Book**

Purchase your copy of the 2018 Memory Book for your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader. The Memory Book is not to be confused with the school yearbook. The Memory Book contains information solely about this year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! Please visit <https://www.wfespta.com/product/2018-memory-book/> to make your purchase. You must place your orders before May 20<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.

## **Community News**

### **Mount View Middle School's Chorus Concert**

Mount View Middle School's Chorus Department cordially invites the community to their Spring Concert: "Happy Days: Celebrating 25 years of Mount View". Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert will not only feature alumni from Mount View, but *world famous* conductor and composer, Dr. Z. Randall Stroope! Join us on May 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium at Marriotts Ridge High School, 12100 Woodford Drive, Marriottsville, MD 21104. Admission is FREE!

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and ending the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Early Bird Registration Special of \$150.00 a week ends May 18<sup>th</sup> so sign up today to get the deal! Starting May 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps) or for questions, email [summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com](mailto:summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com).

### **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)