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From the Principal's Desk

What an amazing first week of school we had! Today we ended our week with a school wide pep rally. This was a celebration to acknowledge the work the staff and students did this week learning about Tuffy's 3 R's (Responsible, Respectful, and Ready to Learn). We also spent time this week discussing our theme "Paws of Pride". During this process every student and staff member developed a goal for the school year. Look for these goals posted in your child's classroom.

I hope you enjoyed this year's Back-to-School Night event. Lots of planning and preparation occurred to ensure you were provided with information to help you support your child and the school. Thank you for ensuring your child was ready to start the new school year!

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful return to school staff lunch and Back-to-School dinner. It is very much appreciated.

I want to continue to welcome volunteers into the school on a regular basis. Your time spent with our students, supporting our instructional programs, is priceless. To ensure you are properly prepared to start volunteering, I welcome you to attend a face-to-face volunteer training on September 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Part of this training includes your completion of the mandatory Child Abuse and Neglect Policy review. I understand if you may not be able to attend this training. Therefore, an on-line training will be provided after September 10 via our school's website.

Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and support as I have transitioned to WFES. I am very aware of how special this school is and I am committed to ensuring its success for years to come.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 1	Labor Day: Schools and Offices Closed
Wednesday, September 10	Volunteer Training 9:30 a.m. Media Center
Friday, September 12	Professional Development Day: Schools Closed for Students
Tuesday, September 16	WFES Night at Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Dr.) – 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17	PBIS School Spirit Day: Theme TBD
Thursday, September 25	Rosh Hashanah: Schools Closed

What's for Lunch?

Monday, Sept. 1	Tuesday, Sept. 2	Wednesday, Sept. 3	Thursday, Sept. 4	Friday, Sept. 5
Labor Day Schools and Offices Closed	Breakfast (\$2.00) Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Spinach Salad Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Cinnamon Apple Slices, Oven Baked Potatoes All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Baby Carrots Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hamburger, Cheeseburger Veggie Burger on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Carrot Coins Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Toasted Cheese on Bread Romaine Salad Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Applesauce All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Tomato Soup Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Tacos w/Flour Tortilla Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn & Refried Beans Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white
Monday, Sept. 8	Tuesday, Sept. 9	Wednesday, Sept. 10	Thursday, Sept. 11	Friday, Sept. 12
Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Patty, Plain or Spicy /Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Romaine Salad, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Peas & Carrots Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Cucumber Slices & Tomato Wedge, Applesauce All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Green Beans Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Burger Sliders on Roll Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce w/Tomatoes, Green Pepper Strips, Red & White Bean Mix, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potatoes Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Beef Taco w/ Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Professional Learning Day Schools Closed for Students

School News

Good News!

Welcome to Ms. Mary Isaaco, our new 2nd grade teacher! We had high enrollment numbers in 2nd grade and were provided with an additional teacher. Our student to teacher ratio went from 27:1 to 18:1. Thank you to all the families impacted by this change. We appreciate your flexibility and support.

New Sign-in and Sign-out Procedures

We now have implemented a new digital sign-in and sign-out process. This system requires you to scan your driver's license as part of the process. That information is then cross-referenced with state databases to ensure a visitor is permitted in our school. It will also take your picture and print you a wearable identification sticker. It will take some time to get used to this new process and I thank you in advance for your patience.

Emergency Procedure Cards

Parents/guardians, please take a few minutes to complete your child's Emergency Procedure Card online. A card must be completed for each student. You must have a valid HCPSS family portal user name (your email address) and password to access the new Emergency Procedure Card. Please click on the following link for detailed directions.

[Emergency Procedure Card QRC\(2\).pdf](#)

Rewards Programs

Once again, West Friendship Elementary will be participating in the Harris Teeter Together in Education, Giant Foods A+ Bonus Bucks, Martins A+ School Rewards, Safeway Club Card, Target 's Take Charge of Education programs this year. If you have not already designated West Friendship Elementary as the organization you wish to support for the 2014-15 school year, please take time to do so now. You must choose desired designations each year. Please use the following web sites to register:

Giant	www.giantfood.com/aplus	I.D. Code 01764
Martin's	www.MartinsAplus.com	I.D. Code 00454
Safeway	www.escrip.com	Group I.D. 6585129
Target	www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home	I.D. 58060

Harris Teeter VIC Card

Link up to our Together In Education account number at Harris Teeter! Our **TIE Account Number is 2240**. During checkout, simply tell the cashier you want your VIC card linked to our school account. Once your card is linked to the school account, every time you shop at Harris Teeter and use your VIC card, 5% of the store's Private Label purchases will be contributed to our school.

News from our Band Teacher

Attention families of 4th and 5th grade students. My name is Amy Syversen and I am honored to be the band director at WFES for my eleventh year. I would like you to know that your child has the opportunity to join the WFES band program this year! A recruitment assembly occurred this past week where I introduced myself and passed out letters for students to take home.

Signing up for band is easy! All you need to do is go to www.amybejm.com and click on the link to sign up for the WFES band. Both new beginning band students and returning fifth grade band students need to sign up to officially enroll in the program. Once you sign up, I will email you with a confirmation letter and you are all set. Absolutely no musical experience is necessary to join, we work together as a team and learn step by step!

The instruments available for students to play will be: Trombone, Flute, Percussion, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Saxophone, Clarinet, Bassoon, Tuba and Euphonium.

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument and be a part of the fun that comes with being a member of a band, **I ask that you complete the online band registration form by no later than Wednesday, September 3rd Band classes should begin on Wednesday, September 10th.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time at amy_syversen@hcpss.org. Thank you for your support of the band program at WFES!

COMMUNITY NEWS

GUMC Food Pantry

The Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) Food Pantry is open every third Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to serve those in need of grocery assistance. The next open date will be September 20th. GUMC is located at 13900 Burntwoods Road in Glenelg, Maryland. For more information, please call 410-489-7260 or email glenelggumcpantry@gmail.com. We are accepting cash donations if you are interested in assisting this program.

HC DrugFree Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, September 27th the Howard County Police Department and HC DrugFree will collect all expired and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines for proper disposal.