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From the Principal's Desk

This certainly has been a crazy school schedule with all this weather! I appreciate how flexible everyone has been with rescheduling appointments and programs. Here are some updates to keep you in the know!

Next week is Reading Night with me! Hot chocolate, good books, family and friends – what else could you ask for on a cold February night? The event is Thursday, February 25th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. The event is free and you do need to RSVP to attend. Please RSVP to penny.jones@hcpss.org or call the main office at 410-313-5512.

Our quarterly PBIS celebration, which was postponed, is rescheduled for late morning the 25th of this month. We use this time as an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts our students make each day to model the 3R's. We also use this time to build stronger relationships with students by participating in the fun activities with them! While thinking about PBIS, our school spirit day is Friday the 26th – TWIN Day!

Kindergarten registration will begin Monday, February 29 – Friday, March 4, 2016. Please spread the word to friends, neighbors, and family who has a child who will be 5-years old by September 1, 2016. You will find more information within the "School News" section of this newsletter.

Our school photographer, Strawbridge Studios, will be at West Friendship on Monday, February 29th to take classroom group pictures and individual spring portraits. Please send your child(dren) to school with their best smiles, as all students will be photographed. The cost of a classroom group picture is \$10. Photo envelopes were sent home in Friday Folders and may be returned prior to or on February 29th. All students will pose for individual spring portraits. No payment is needed at this time. A photo package will be sent home in a few weeks for your review. You will then have the opportunity to purchase the complete package or just a portion of the package. At that time you will return payment and/or the non-purchased portraits to school. Pictures are a school fundraiser and we thank you for your continued support.

Want to share your expertise in science, technology, engineering or math? Our students would love to learn from you during our STEM Day celebration on Monday, March 14th. If you are interested or know a colleague, friend, or neighbor who may be, please contact Ms. Watts, our STEM Coordinator at lauren.watts@hcpss.org. Science Fair information went home last week. Please encourage your children to participate. Great news...Eric Energy, the scientist who presented to students in January, will be returning for a special family presentation the evening of March 14th!!!

Our school will be honoring Read Across America Day this year by conducting a door-decorating contest, wearing outfits/costumes of our favorite book characters, participating in fun-reading activities in the classroom, and having a special visit from County Executive Alan Kittleman!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Monday, February 22 | School Improvement Team Meeting – 8:15 a.m. |
| Monday, February 22 | Gr. 5 International Fair – 2:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 25 | PBIS Celebration – 10:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, February 25 | Family Reading Night with Mr. Tark – 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, February 26 | School Spirit “Twin Day” |
| Monday, February 29 | Individual Spring Portraits & Class Group Photos |
| February 29 – March 4 | Kindergarten Registration – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 1 | JA in a Day! |
| Tuesday, March 8 | PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m. |
| Friday, March 11 | Double Tuffy Ticket Day |
| Monday, March 14 | STEM Day |
| Monday, March 14 | Science Fair & <i>Eric Energy!</i> – 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 15 | Gr. 1 Trip to Toby’s Dinner Theatre |
| Saturday, March 19 | Tiger Madness & Silent Auction (Adults Only) – 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 24 | Gr. 4 Trip to Port Discovery |
| Fri., Mar. 25 – Fri., April 1 | Schools & Offices Closed – Spring Break |

School News



PBIS News: Our students continue to model respectful, responsible, and ready to learn behavior. A critical component of the PBIS program is relationship building and celebrating success. This is why we will be conducting our 2nd quarter PBIS celebration on February 25. This celebration provides students with a choice of activities and it gives students and staff an opportunity to play and interact with students they normally don't see on a daily basis.

Kindergarten Registration – February 29th through March 4th

Do you have a child who will be 5-years old by September 1, 2016? **Kindergarten Registration Kickoff begins Monday, February 29 - Friday, March 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Students must be registered by their custodial parent (biological, adoptive, legal guardian) and the parent must live within the school attendance area. Please be prepared to spend about 30-minutes completing paperwork. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: original driver's license, military ID, or passport.
- Signed original, current lease or deed with your address, valid dates, signatures.
- Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas and electric, cable bill).
- Student's proof of birth (original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport or military ID).
- Proof of parental relationship, custody, or guardianship. If applicable, bring legal proof of custody (court order).
- Student's current proof of immunizations signed by a doctor, health care provider, day care provider or school official.
- Documentation of Special Education (IEP), 504, Psychological Report, or related services.
- Any additional paperwork that may be necessary due to special living arrangements or circumstances.

No appointment is necessary during the Kindergarten Registration Kickoff week. If you are unable to register your child during this time, please contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or colleen_green@hcpss.org to make a registration appointment.

Yearbook News

Strawbridge Photography has provided us with a link for uploading candid photos of students for the yearbook. If you have photos to share, please use the following web address to submit, www.plicbooks.com/go.php?s=qHgaI. Just copy and paste the address into your web browser and upload your photos. Thank you.

Harris Teeter VIC Card

Have you linked your Harris Teeter VIC Card to the West Friendship Elementary Together in Education code, #2240? Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of all HT brand purchases to the WFES TIE account when your VIC card is linked to our school. Here are two easy ways to link your VIC card:

- visit your Harris Teeter store and ask your cashier to link your card to #2240.
- visit www.HarrisTeeter.com, Community, Together in Education and link your card online.

PTA News

Tiger Madness & Silent Auction

Tickets on sale now! Go to www.WFESTigerMadness.com to purchase your tickets online, or download paper form and return to school. Tiger Madness will be held at Player's Bar & Grill on Saturday, March 19th. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. It is an adults-only event with silent auction and other fun games, raffles, Wii Basketball for class prizes, cash bar, March Madness on TV... a good time for a great cause. Tickets include event admission, buffet dinner, give-away goodies and your chance to experience a LIVE auction by Mr. Tark! Be sure to 'like' West Friendship Elementary School Tiger Madness & Silent Auction on Facebook and visit the website for all the latest Tiger Madness updates and a sneak peek at auction items!

How can you get involved?

We need volunteers to help during the silent auction event. If you are interested, please email me your contact information. This event will be fun, will help your kids, and will make money for our school!!!

Sponsorship and donation opportunities are still available! If you or your business would like more information on donating or becoming a Tiger Madness & Silent Auction sponsor, please contact me.

Tiger Madness & Silent Auction contact info:

Kara Williams 443-756-3067 karamichellewilliams@yahoo.com

Community Outreach Event at Barnes & Noble – April 19th

Please mark your calendars for Barnes & Noble Night to benefit Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School in Baltimore City. More details to come!

West Friendship Elementary School PTA Membership

By becoming a member of the WFES PTA, you will be helping your child and the entire school community. The WFES PTA sponsors many wonderful programs and activities, such as the Back to School Dance, Cultural Arts Assemblies, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Spring Festival, and much more! In addition, recent policy changes prevent teachers from using their class mailing lists for non-school activities. However, members of the PTA will receive a membership book and classroom mailing list, which is about the only way to obtain these items.

Please register online (you can pay by credit card or check): <http://www.wfespta.com/join/> While you're on our website, feel free to follow us via Twitter, Facebook or E-mail to stay informed. If you would prefer to complete your registration via paper, please leave a message at [443-396-3707](tel:443-396-3707). Someone from the membership committee will contact you.

Girls on the Run Need Your Help!

What is Girls on the Run (GOTR)?

GOTR is an afterschool running program for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. But it's about SO much more than running. The GOTR training program teaches girls about self-esteem, confidence, respect, teamwork, fitness, and nutrition. The GOTR team will meet twice a week after school for 10-weeks in the spring. At the end of the 10-week program, the girls will run a 5K in Howard County. More information can be found on the GOTR website: www.gotrcentralmd.org

When does it start?

Practices start the week of March 14th, 2015 and will be twice a week after school at WFES from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. (Days of the week will be determined based on the coach availability).

How can I help (even if I don't have a daughter who is participating)?

We desperately need another coach this spring that can commit to coaching one day a week for 10-weeks. Without another coach, this program will not be able to run this spring. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A RUNNER to coach! If you are interested in helping this amazing program continue at WFES, please e-mail Andrea Bennett at benneal2@gmail.com.

Community News

Annual Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest

Would You Say That To My Face? Design a poster or create a video illustrating the theme of social media responsibility. Use your imagination, creativity, and artistic talent to show others why it's important to be a good digital citizen. Start by asking yourself a few questions. What does it mean to be a good digital citizen? How do you respect yourself and others, decide what to share with others, and choose which photos to post? What does it mean to think twice, post once? What's your digital footprint? Visit Common Sense Media or talk to your technology teacher or media specialist for some ideas, then design a poster or create a video.

WHO: Groups or individual students in grades K-12 who live or attend school in Howard County and students who attend home school or a school without grade levels should enter the comparable grade level

WHEN: Entries accepted February 1 - March 25, 2016

Exhibit at the Columbia Art Center from April 11 - 29, 2016

RECEPTION April 13, 2016; 5:30 - 7 pm and

AWARDS CEREMONY 6 pm

PRIZES: \$50 Target gift card awarded to Grand Prize winners, \$25 Target gift card awarded to age category winners

HOW: Each submission should include the student's: name, grade level, and school Submit entries by mail or drop off to: Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045 Questions? Call 410.730.0075 or email monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org.

DETAILS Visit www.ChooseCivility.org

Presented in partnership with the Columbia Association Art Center, Howard County Library System, and Howard County Public School System.

Howard County Public Library – Glenwood Branch

The following presentations require registration (which begins one week prior to class). Please register by calling 410-313-5579 or on-line, www.hclibrary.org.

INSPIRING ILLUSTRATORS

Learn how pictures tell and enhance stories. Apply form, color, texture, and imagination to create an art project (Jan Brett.)
Ages 6 & up; 45-60 minutes; Monday, February 22; 4:30 p.m.

FAIRY TALE ENGINEERING

Classic stories and problem-solving activities ("Three Billy Goats Gruff" Bridge Building.)
Ages 5-8; 45 minutes; Thursday, February 25; 4:30 p.m.

Preschool Program Applications

The Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool programs are now accepting applications for classes for the 2016-2017 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3-years old by September 1, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year may see Gail Phillips in the school office for an application packet beginning February 16, 2016. There are no 4-year old peer openings for the 2016-2017 school year.

All applications must be returned by March 22, 2016. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

Please direct questions to Katie Hereth at 410-442-2448 or 410-313-5500.

The Howard County Public School System will offer a prekindergarten option in 2016-2017 for income-eligible children who will be **4-years old by September 1, 2016**.

Please contact Katie Hereth at 410-442-2448 to request additional information about this program.

Mustang Flea Market

The Music Department of Marriotts Ridge High School will have an indoor Flea Market on Saturday, February 27 from 8AM - 1PM in the Cafeteria and Commons.

If you are able to donate items to the Flea Market...

Gently used items can be dropped off at the storage units in the MRHS parking lot next to the cafeteria. Donation receipts available upon request.

Donation dates are:

Friday, February 19, 6 PM - 8 PM and Saturday, February 20, 9 AM - 12 PM

Please hold approved large items (e.g. furniture, large sports equipment, etc.) until Friday, February 26, 4PM - 8 PM. Please drop them off in the Commons next to the Cafeteria. (sofas are not accepted)

Questions? Please email Cindy Rinaldi: cindyrin@aol.com

In case of inclement weather, check <http://www.mrhsmusic.net> for details.

Marching Band Fundraiser at Lisbon Pizza Hut

The Glenelg High School Marching Unit will be hosting a fundraiser at the Lisbon Pizza Hut on February 22nd, from 5 PM to 9 PM. Help us support a great cause just by ordering dinner! Dine in or carry out your Pizza Hut favorites! Just mention the fundraiser when you pay and the marching unit will earn up to 20% off the net sales of your transaction. Hope to see you there!

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale will be held

Saturday, March 12th, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space is available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. To reserve a space, email fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com or call 410.489.5799. This is a fundraiser for local charity sponsored by the FQMS Leo Club and PTA. Volunteers needed for this event may also contact fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com