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# Tiger Tales

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## ***From the Principal's Desk***

I am very proud of the students and staff with how quickly everyone got back on track after this crazy "snowcation". It is impressive how resilient our students are. This week is Math Parent Conferences. If you were unable to make it, that's okay - please email your child's teacher to receive some up to date information about your child's progress. This is another opportunity to talk with your child about their school goals and the strategies they think will make them successful. Our teaching staff is fully prepared to make recommendations to support you at home.

Want to share your expertise in science, technology, engineering or math? Our students would love to learn from you during our STEM Day celebration in March. 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](mailto:lauren_watts@hcpss.org). Our STEM Day is scheduled for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Date!** Please join me on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm for Family Reading Night in the cafeteria! The adventure will start with us all enjoying a cup of hot chocolate. Then you can spread out in your pajamas with your blankies, sleeping bags, and pillows, to quietly read a couple of your favorite bedtime or short stories. To wrap up the evening, I will read a story to the whole group. ***This event is free, but you do need to RSVP to attend!*** To RSVP, please email Ms. Penny Jones at [penny\\_jones@hcpss.org](mailto:penny_jones@hcpss.org) or call the main office with the number of people attending.

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.

Big thank you to our PTA for planning some great family events during the month of January. The Family Fun Committee, Mrs. Jessica Schwendeman and Mrs. Alicyn Hodges organized a fun-filled evening of roller skating on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Wheels Skating Center in Odenton. It was an action packed night! Restaurant Night at E.W. Beck's in Sykesville was held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Lowther and Mrs. Julie Pistorio for coordinating an evening out before we all become snowbound!

As always it is a privilege to serve as your Principal. I want to thank you for your partnership and on-going support of our programs. In the spirit of our partnership, I hope you have saved the date for PTA's silent auction and celebration Tiger Madness for March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.WFESTigerMadness.com](http://www.WFESTigerMadness.com) for more information.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 5	Schools Closed for Students - Conferences
Monday, February 8	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, February 9	JA in a Day!
Tuesday, February 9	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday, February 10	Double Tuffy Ticket Day!
Thursday, February 11	MRHS Jazz Tour at WFES – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, February 12	Valentine Celebrations – Times are as follows: Kdgn-9:30; 1 <sup>st</sup> -1:00; 2 <sup>nd</sup> -2:00; 3 <sup>rd</sup> -2:20; 4 <sup>th</sup> -2:40; 5 <sup>th</sup> -10:35
Monday, February 15	Schools & Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day
Thursday, February 18	Cultural Arts Assembly – Chinese Acrobats K-2 Students at 9:30; 3-5 Students at 10:30
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.
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.

## What’s for Lunch?

For the latest menus, and information regarding food services, please go to: <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services> or download the HCPSS App for free.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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](mailto:colleen_green@hcpss.org) to make a registration appointment.

### **Parent Lending Library**

During conferences, please feel free to stop in the counseling office to browse through the Lending Library. The PTA has been very generous and we have a variety of new parenting titles:

- The Whole-Brain Child by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., and Tina Payne Bryson, PH.D.
- Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids by Dr. Laura Markham
- The Opposite of Spoiled by Ron Lieber
- Unconditional Parenting by Alfie Kohn
- 7 Kinds of Smart by Thomas Armstrong

I will leave available books on the round table in the counseling office along with the sign out sheet. Please remember to sign the book(s) out and return with your child when finished. Thank you. Carita Carlyle, LCPC WFES School Counselor

### **Home & School Connection**

Please view the attachment to read the February issue of Home & School Connection.

### **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](http://www.plicbooks.com/go.php?s=qHgaI). Just copy and paste the address into your web browser and upload your photos. Thank you.

## ***PTA News***

### **Tiger Madness & Silent Auction**

**Tickets on sale now!** Go to [www.WFESTigerMadness.com](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:karamichellewilliams@yahoo.com)

## **WFES Night at Barnes & Noble – April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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.

Online registration process this year (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.

## ***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](mailto:monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org).

**DETAILS** Visit [www.ChooseCivility.org](http://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](http://www.hclibrary.org).

### **SLOPPY SATURDAYS**

Ages 5-10; 20 minutes.

Saturday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m.

## **Girls on the Run is coming back to WFES this Spring. Help Needed!!!**

### **What is Girls on the Run (GOTR)?**

GOTR is an afterschool running program for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.gotrcentralmd.org)

### **When does it start?**

Practices start the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:benneal2@gmail.com).

## **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 22, 2016 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!

## **Food on the 15<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteer opportunities for students of all ages. We collect, sort, and deliver free non-perishable groceries directly to low-income Howard County senior citizens. To learn more about what we do, visit our website at [www.foodonthe15th.org/](http://www.foodonthe15th.org/). We are always looking for students and groups to do food drives for us. We can be reached at [foodonthe15th@gmail.com](mailto:foodonthe15th@gmail.com).