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# Tiger Tales

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

We ended 2014 with our annual holiday sing along. What a wonderful time we had coming together as a whole school community. Thank you, Mr. Umla for organizing this event for us.

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and restful winter break. Mother Nature sure has made our schedule challenging for 2015. I'm very proud of how flexible the staff has been with their schedules - ensuring maximum instructional time.

Kudos to Mr. DeBeal and Mrs. Syversen for a wonderful Winter Band and Strings Concert! Thank you to all those families who came out to listen. I appreciate your support of our music program.

On Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, our school will be part of our second JA in a Day, a unique hands-on education program operated by Junior Achievement of Central Maryland. This in-classroom event encompasses important elements of community and economy, work readiness, financial literacy, and business management. At the end of the school day, the students will have completed five JA lessons and will earn a JA certificate. ***We need volunteers!*** Interested volunteers are required to participate in a short training session where curriculum will be shared and you will be able to peruse the provided materials. There will be two training sessions held at WFES (room TBD) on **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.** It is mandatory to attend one of these trainings. More information will be arriving via backpack – look for the goldenrod colored paper.

We've had some recent staff changes. Valerie Hester, our Night Supervisor, has retired. Best wishes to her! Our own Terry Hamby has been promoted to this position. Congratulations, Mrs. Hamby! Bonnie Selby has accepted the night custodian position. Michele Glenn has been appointed as our new Math Coach. She provides professional development and support to all teams once a week. Our school nurse, Kristy Schaffer accepted a new position at a hospital. Best of luck to her! Beth Collora will serve as our new nurse. Lastly, Sarah Shah moved from lunch/recess monitor to a Kindergarten support position. Karen Stump filled the lunch/recess monitor vacancy. Welcome to all our new team members!

Follow us on Twitter: @hcpss\_WFES It's fun!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 19	Schools Closed: MLK Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 20	Grade 5 Evasive Species
Thursday, January 22	Early Dismissal (12:45): Professional Development Day
Friday, January 23	Early Dismissal (12:45): End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
Monday, January 26	Vision & Hearing Rescreening
Wednesday, January 28	Yearbook Group and Club Pictures
Friday, January 30	PBIS School Spirit Day: Pajama Day!
Tuesday, February 3	Report Cards Issued
Tuesday, February 3	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 6	Schools Closed: Professional Development Day
Monday, February 9	JA in a Day
Thursday, February 12	Early Dismissal (12:45): Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, February 13	Early Dismissal (12:45): Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, February 16	Schools Closed: Presidents' Day

## 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

Monday, Jan. 19	Tuesday, Jan. 20	Wednesday, Jan. 21	Thursday, Jan. 22	Friday, Jan. 23
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Schools and Offices Closed</b>	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Lasagna & Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Tossed Salad, Cucumber Slices, Tomato Wedges, Slices Peaches  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Hot Dog on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Caesar Salad, Baby Carrots, Applesauce  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Baked Beans, Oven Baked Potatoes  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>3 Hours Early Dismissal</b> <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> BBQ Rib w/Sub Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Tossed Salad, Green Pepper Strips, Diced Pears  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Peas  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Popcorn Chicken w/Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Spinach Salad, Fresh Cut Vegetables, Cinnamon Apple Slices  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Green Beans  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white
Monday, Jan. 26	Tuesday, Jan. 27	Wednesday, Jan. 28	Thursday, Jan. 29	Friday, Jan. 30
<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Baked Ziti w/Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Tossed Salad, Celery Sticks & Baby Carrots, Diced Pears  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Carrot Coins  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Hot Turkey Sandwich Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Toasted Cheese on Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Romaine Salad, Cucumber Slices with Tomato Wedges, Applesauce  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Tomato Soup  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Beef Taco w/Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches  All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Corn & Refried Beans  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white

## School News

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

We need presenters for our annual **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day** on **Friday, February 20, 2015**. Inclement weather date is Friday, February 27, 2015. If you're willing to present, please send in the tear off or contact carita\_carlyle@hcpss.org. Your presentation should be 25 minutes in duration and include:

- A general description of your job.
- Description of what knowledge and skills are required to do your job (reading, writing, math, problem solving, communication).
- A hands-on activity and/or demonstration related to your job.
- Time to answer students' questions.

**Helpful hint: Students are better able to attend when hands-on activities or visuals are used as part of the presentation.** Visuals may include tools/equipment used on the job, posters, video clips, power point, etc.



### **PBIS Update: This Article Submitted to the HCPSS PBIS Newsletter**

Our PBIS theme is "PAWS of Pride". We kicked off the year with a Pep Rally to introduce this new theme and the three behavior standards, which are:

#### **Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn**

During the first week of school, homeroom teachers discussed these standards with the students and what each one would look like in different areas: the classroom, hallway, bathroom, playground, and bus.

To constantly encourage these positive behaviors, the students receive "Tuffy" tickets for demonstrating the standards. These tickets can be used to purchase items from the "School Store" once a week. The School Store is a rolling cart of items (pencils, erasers, etc.) Also available for purchase are incentives the classroom teachers provide (lunch bunches, computer time, reading to the class). There is also the "golden ticket" which a staff member gives to a student for demonstrating exemplary behavior. Each day, one primary and one intermediate student receive a golden ticket. Their names are announced on the TV morning news and they get to wear a tiger sash all day. The students are excited and proud to be a recipient of the golden ticket.

At the end of the second quarter we will have a school-wide celebration. In the past we have played a school wide bingo game. This year, however, we are giving the students a choice of activities. Staff members will be available for Wii games, crafts, Legos, board, games, and other activities. Teachers will discuss with the students why we are celebrating and reiterate the behavior standards that everyone is expected to follow.

West Friendship has an amazing group of students and we hope to keep them motivated and engaged through the entire school year.

## **News from our Art Teacher Ms. Teter**

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** is working on a project about personal geographies, which can be either 2D or 3D. They will focus on themselves and create a self-portrait, which tells a story about them and the important people, animals, events that have shaped their life. Projects can be painted on cardboard or constructed using plaster gauze for the portrait. Photos, pictures, and various items can be attached to the portrait and it will be further decorated to enhance the important things in their life.

In **fourth grade** we will look at the work of Frank Stella whose work is classified as abstract. The students will work on a design that will be made of metal shapes, which will be decorated in flat color areas. The individual geometric shapes will be arranged to create a composition, which shows depth and movement. Some shapes may have patterns. Student will also be able to add texture to the metal. They will be using metal tooling foil.

Self-portraits will be the focus of **the third grade**. They will use cardboard to create their bodies and tempera paint to decorate them. They will further decorate their self-portraits with magazine pictures and photographs as well as any items that they might want to attach to complete their portraits.

In **second grade**, we will look at the beautiful huge flowers of Georgia O'Keefe. They will design three different flowers and create a vase in which the flowers will be placed. The flowers will be drawn on black paper and glue will be used to trace the lines. When the glue has dried, the flowers will be decorated with colored chalk. The glue lines will be covered with black tempera paint to create the illusion of stained glass.

**First graders** are working on landscapes, which they will paint using different kinds of lines to represent the foreground, middle ground, and background of their composition as well as the objects in each area. They will lightly sketch the lines with pencil on their paper and then use paint to enhance each area using lines only. They will choose lines which best represent the land and objects that they are drawing such as curved lines for hills, jagged lines for rocks, etc.

**Kindergarten** is working with symmetry and pointillism with butterflies as their focus. We will also be working with creating fish beginning with a drawing. We will then add scales, eyes, and gills with pencil. Crayons will be used to decorate the details of their fish and we will use watercolors to complete the fish. They will be cut out and they will be made into a carp kite.

West Friendship Elementary has several students representing us through their art. Anna Hebner and Isabel Mathews have photos in the Selfie show at the Columbia Art Center. The Selfie show runs from January 7 through February 2. We also have student work at two locations for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. Diana Chatrchi, Grace Askew, and Meghan Wall have work at Howard Community College and the show runs from January 9 through January 18. Kainoa Takasaki and Riley Fitzgibbon have their artwork at the Walters Art Museum, which will be on display from January 27 through February 22.

## ***PTA NEWS***

### **WFES PTA Community Outreach News**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Captain Eric Steciak, a volunteer at our own West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department. He died in the line of duty responding to a call last Tuesday in Bel Air. The staff at WFVFD have requested that WFES PTA hold off on any dinner arrangements until they have laid their fallen brother to rest. Please stay tuned in the upcoming

weeks as to how our community can help our neighborhood heroes in this time of sadness. In the interim, please consider attending the viewing and funeral for Captain Erik Steciak:

Viewing:

January 16 from 6pm-9pm at WFVFD

January 17 from 1pm-5pm at Bel Air VFD

Funeral:

January 18 at 1pm at Marriotts Ridge HS

Please note: Parking for the events on the 16th and the 18th will be at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr Marriottsville, 21104 with busses shuttling people to and from the event. NO PARKING at WFVFD or MRHS will be allowed.

Please email hnaseem@mac.com for any further questions.

### **Update - WFES Family Fun Roller Skating Night!**

In keeping with our State PTA's insurance guidelines, please make sure you fill out the following waiver forms and bring them with you to our roller skating event (extra forms will also be available at the skating center).

**Forms can be found at:** <http://www.wfespta.com>

**When:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 (no school the following day)

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Wheels Skating Center in Odenton

**Skate rental:** \$3.00 for quad skates ~ \$4.00 for in-line or speed skates

**Admission is FREE!**

**Questions?** Contact Theresa Yodzis at [tbone119@comcast.net](mailto:tbone119@comcast.net)

### **Smashing ANTs™ Kid Empowerment After School Activity**

**Online Registration NOW OPEN at [www.smashingants.com](http://www.smashingants.com)**

**Winter 2015 Session Classes start January 29<sup>th</sup>!**

Thursdays for 7 weeks, 3:55 – 4:55PM, Grades 1-4, \$125

1/29, 2/5, (no class 2/12), 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19

We *all* have ANTs - Automatic Negative Thoughts - from time to time! The important thing is to know what to do with them... This unique, enlightening program helps children realize that they have the power to create their own success and confidence. With a toolkit of strategies to recognize their pesky ANTs along with the empowerment skills to smash them, kids learn to lead and inspire themselves and others. Short, animated cartoon videos connect and resonate; experiential, hands-on activities, make learning these important life lessons engaging and fun to use. All children benefit from knowing (sooner rather than later) when and how to Smash their ANTs!

### **Box Top Winners**

Congratulations go out to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade for winning the latest Box Tops for Education Race. In just a few short weeks, 5<sup>th</sup> grade collected nearly 400 Box Tops! They will soon be rewarded with some very fun, glow-in-the-dark prizes. Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in this program that earns money for our students. Keep collecting! We will run another race in a few months.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Final citrus orders for the season from the Marriotts Ridge Music Foundation!!!**

We are now accepting orders for fresh from Florida oranges, grapefruit and tangerines at [www.MRHSFRUIT.com](http://www.MRHSFRUIT.com) through 2/2/15, with anticipated delivery on 2/21/15. Orders can be placed online using PayPal, via mail-in order form, or through any MRHS music student. Your citrus purchase will help pay for instruments, uniforms, sheet music and student participation in music competitions. You can donate the proceeds from your order either to a specific MRHS student in Chorus, Band or Orchestra, or toward the general MRHS Music Foundation funds. We hope to see your West Friendship Elementary student on stage at MRHS someday! Thanks for your support of music at the Ridge!

### **Building Resiliency in Advanced-Level Learners**

Interested parents and community members are invited to attend the Howard County Gifted and Talented Education Program Parent Academy on Thursday, February 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Atholton High School. For more information, please visit the G/T Advisory Committee website at <http://hcpssgtac.wordpress.com/>, email to [hcpssgtac@gmail.com](mailto:hcpssgtac@gmail.com) or call 410-313-6800.

### **2014 Choose Civility Poster Contest**

In conjunction with the 2014 Choose Civility Symposium, students are invited to design a poster illustrating the theme, Civility in Sports.

Groups or individual students in grades K-12 who live or attend school in Howard County

Entries due to Mrs. Carlyle on or before Wednesday, February 18

#### **ART CRITERIA**

**Poster size:** maximum of 18" x 24" (horizontal or vertical)

**Media:** Marker, colored pencil, paint, computer, photography, or mixed media; technology such as augmented reality welcome

**Image:** Original art created solely by the contestant—no adult contributions or copyrighted characters

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Adherence to theme

Originality

Effective use of media

#### **PRIZES**

\$50 Target gift card awarded to Grand Prize winner and poster reproduced for countywide distribution

\$25 Target gift card awarded to winner in each category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, Group

#### **HOW**

Each submission should include the student's name, grade level, and school on the reverse side of the artwork.

Questions? Call 410.730.0075 or email [monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org).

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