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From the Principal's Desk

We had a great PBIS Pajama Day today! Thanks for supporting our school spirit. Everyone looked so cozy and comfortable.

On January 23 students earned a PBIS celebration by consistently demonstrating the 3 R's- Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to learn. This celebration was a new and exciting format for the students and staff. Staff members teamed up and chose an activity in which primary or intermediate students would participate. Activities included Legos, crafts, reading by flashlight, musical chairs, juggling, dance party, karaoke, silent speed ball, Wii games and drawing to name a few. Students were then allowed to sign up for an activity of their choice. The morning of the celebration peer mentors helped the younger students to their destinations and the fun began! Tuffy the Tiger even made a special appearance! This format allowed for our students and staff to build new relationships with each other.

Students and staff alike had a great time! Fourth Grade teacher, Ms. Mathis, felt it was great that, "The children were given the opportunity to make different choices based on their interests." Natalie F. thought, "It was fun that we got to move around a lot." Avneesh J. said, "I like that we got to pick where we wanted to go because if everybody did the same thing, some people would get bored." Finally, Annabelle M. said, "I liked that I got to read with a flashlight."

The new **report card** distribution date is Thursday, February 5. I am very proud about the progress the students are making with their academics and learning behaviors. Thank you for all your support at home. Your partnership ensures our success!

Come check it out! Our facility has some more improvements! The Technology Lab has beautiful new furniture and storage designed to facilitate more STEM and collaborative learning. Plus, our Media Center now has a much larger projection screen, new ceiling mounted projector, and sound system. I hope you can come by soon and see it all in action.

Follow us on Twitter: @hcpss_WFES It's fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
March 2 – 6	Kindergarten Registration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, March 2	Interim Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday, March 3	Class/Group and Spring Individual Photos
Tuesday, March 3	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 6:30 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

Monday, Feb. 2	Tuesday, Feb. 3	Wednesday, Feb. 4	Thursday, Feb. 5	Friday, Feb. 6
Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Patty, Plain or Spicy on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Romaine Salad, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Peas & Carrots Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Lasagne & Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Cucumber Slices w/Tomato Wedges, Applesauce All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Green Beans Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Burger Sliders on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Lettuce w/Tomato, Green Pepper Strips, Red & White Bean Mix, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potatoes Milk (50¢): 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) Beef Taco w/Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Countywide Professional Learning Day Schools Closed for Students
Monday, Feb. 9	Tuesday, Feb. 10	Wednesday, Feb. 11	Thursday, Feb. 12	Friday, Feb. 13
Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Mashed Potato Bowl w/Popcorn Chicken/Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Mashed Potatoes Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Beef Taco w/Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn & Refried Beans Milk (50¢): 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) BBQ Rib w/Sub Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Celery Sticks, Spinach, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Broccoli Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	3 Hours Early Dismissal - Modified Menu Breakfast (\$2.00) Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hot Dog on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Romaine Salad, Cucumber Slices w/Tomato Wedges, Mixed Fruit All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Baked Beans Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	3 Hours Early Dismissal - Modified Menu Breakfast (\$2.00) Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Green Pepper Strips, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Sweet Potatoes Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white

School News

Kindergarten Registration, March 2nd – 6th

Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. **Registration hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If it is not possible for you to come in during these hours, please call the school office to schedule an appointment.** If you miss this week of registration, please contact the office to schedule an appointment. Every child who is **five years old by September 1, 2015** must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an approved waiver. A custodial parent must complete the registration process and must live in the school attendance area. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: 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 (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport, 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 physician.
- Student's most recent grade report, transcript, report card from last school attended at time of withdrawal.
- 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.

Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enrollment-and-registration/> for additional information

5th Grade Career Day

We need presenters for our annual **5th 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.

Guitarist Needed for Spring Concert on 5/27/15 at 2:20 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Mrs. Syversen is in need of a guitarist for one piece on our spring concert. If you play guitar or your child plays guitar and you are interested in performing one piece with us in the spring, please let me know! We would love to have a parent or student join us! I have the music and can send it to you via email. Contact Mrs. Syversen at amy_syversen@hcpss.org if interested.

West Friendship

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Respectful

Responsible

Ready to Learn



PBIS Update: Fourth grade has been working hard on positive behavior this year! The students have been doing wonderful work with the three R's all year long and have enjoyed some in class celebrations to recognize their success. Last week, fourth graders especially enjoyed the school wide PBIS celebration. Students were able to choose from many different stations including activities such as karaoke, dance party, parachute, catapulting cotton balls, and more. Every station was a huge hit and students were thrilled to receive such a fun reward for their positive behavior. The fourth grade team is proud to report 100% participation in this fabulous celebration!

World Language Parent/Student Information Night at Mount View Middle School

The world is full of languages. Give your child a competitive edge by becoming a **World Language student at MVMS!** The decision for selecting a language is fast approaching, February 13th! The MVMS World Language teachers invite **you and your student** to join them on **Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7PM** in the **MVMS cafeteria**. Come and learn about the exciting opportunities and choices in the World Language program that Mount View Middle School has to offer your student in the 6th grade. Now is the time to start! We look forward to sharing our program with you and answering your questions. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Sharbaugh at barbara_sharbaugh@hcpss.org.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center. All are invited to attend.

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 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!

IZ's Brick Oven Pizza Truck is Coming to the Ridge

Have you had their tasty and delectable brick oven pizza before? If so, we know you'll want more. If not, do not miss this opportunity!!! Marriotts Ridge Girls Lacrosse team has been invited to a prestigious play day in Rehobeth Beach for winning the State championship last May. We are raising money to offset the cost of the trip and really need the community's help. For every pizza sold we will receive a portion of the sale for our trip. You can pre-order, but walk-ups are certainly welcome. Pick up is anytime between 2:45 to 7:45 p.m. The sale will take place on February 4, 5, 25 and 26. Please email [Amanda Brady@hcpss.org](mailto:Amanda_Brady@hcpss.org) for more information.

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 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.

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

Girls on the Run is coming back to West Friendship Elementary this Spring and needs 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 web site:

<http://gotrcentralmd.org/>

When does it start?

Practices start the week of March 16, 2015 and will be twice a week after school at WFES from 3:45-5:00 (days of the week to be determined based on 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 us to continue this amazing program at WFES, please email Carmen Roberts at daveandcarmen@msn.com.