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From the Principal's Desk

"Mr. Tark, our school should not be called West Friendship ES"

"Well, why do you think that?"

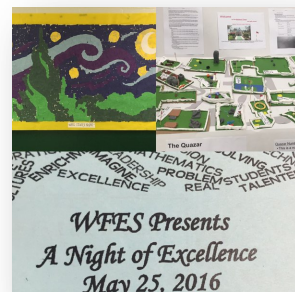
"It should be called BEST Friendship ES!" ☺

Field Day was a great success! Kudos to **Mr. Talbert** for a wonderful day of activity, team spirit, and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this day a great success. Special thanks to **Mrs. Rayburn** for organizing our volunteers. During the field day kick-off, Tyler was awarded the "I Did my Part to Save a Heart" medal for raising \$1930.00 for the American Heart association!



I'm so proud of all our orchestra and band students. What a wonderful concert! It is amazing how much they have learned this year. Kudos to Mr. Diener and Mrs. Syversen! Special thanks to our **PTA** for funding our surprise guest during the daytime concert, the **Oriole Bird**! Thank you to the many **parents** who helped with transitions and supervision during the shows!

How wonderful it was to see so many families during our **Night of Excellence**. The student presentations and projects were so engaging. What a joy it was to see how proud the students were to share their work with you. Thank you **Mr. Crivelli** and **Mrs. Walker** for organizing this event and making it a student centered program.



Family Math Night was a great success! Thank you **Ms. Donaldson, Mrs. Schleicher, Mrs. Sala, and Mrs. Glenn** for organizing this informative event. Families received information

about great on-line resources, had an opportunity to try a variety of math games easy to do at home, and were gifted with some math activities to take home. If you would like some resources or ideas about what to do over the summer, feel free to contact your child's teacher or our math coach,

[Michele Glenn@hcpss.org](mailto:Michele_Glenn@hcpss.org).

We hope to see you at the WFES PTA Spring Festival this evening! A lot of our daily activities and special events are shared via Twitter on a daily basis. Please feel free to follow us at @hcpss_wfes.

Keeping Children Safe Online

WFES students are learning how to be responsible digital citizens as they use a variety of digital tools to learn, collaborate, and exchange information. HCPSS Policy 8080 states: *All HCPSS Elementary Students are Technology PALS (Protect, Appropriate, Legal, Safe). Students are responsible for protecting their personal information, acting appropriately when using technology, using digital tools appropriately, maintaining a positive digital footprint, and caring for technological devices.* The following resources provide tips parents can use to help keep children safe online:

Parent Resources

<http://www.netismartz.org/Parents>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>

<http://ikeepsafe.org/parents/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

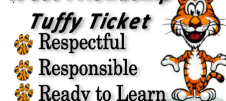
Friday, May 27	PTA Spring Festival – 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30	Schools & Offices Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31	Kindergarten Field Trip – 9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Thursday, June 2	Variety Show – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 3	Move Up Day – 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
Monday, June 13	Gr. 1 Picnic – 10:00 a.m.
Monday, June 13	Gr. 5 Promotion Program – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14	Kindergarten Promotion Program – 9:45 a.m.
Tuesday, June 14	Gr. 3 Picnic – 1:50 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14	Gr. 5 Picnic – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15	Kindergarten Picnic – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 15	Gr. 4 Picnic – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 16	Gr. 2 Picnic – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 16	3-Hour Early Dismissal (12:45)
Friday, June 17	Tiger Beach!!!
Friday, June 17	3-Hour Early Dismissal (12:45) - Last Day of School

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

West Friendship



PBIS News: We plan to have our 4th quarter PBIS celebration (Tiger Beach) on Friday, June 17th. We are planning many fun events for students and are in need of a few items that you may have. We need sidewalk chalk, tattoos, water balloons, and face paint sticks. You may send the items to school with your child. There is a collection box in the front hall. Please be mindful that your donations will not be returned. Thank you in advance for your help.

A Message from our 5th Grade Tiger Beach Planning Committee:

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Color Cycle Program

Mrs. Curran's third grade class is doing a program called Color Cycle from Crayola. The Color Cycle program is a program that takes dried out markers, highlighters and dry erase markers and turns them into energy. Instead of throwing the markers in the trash, we can donate them to Crayola to make them into something new. A box marked Color Cycle is located in the school office. Please drop off your dried out or old markers, highlighters, and dry erase markers. Thank you!

Walking Wednesdays

Our students have missed out on several Walking Wednesdays due to lack of enough volunteers. We need your help! Please sign up for your child's recess or any recess! You will mark laps, help the kids stay on the track, and hand out small awards for laps completed. Only 40-minutes of your time is needed. Sign up for as many as you'd like. We welcome any family members that want to participate.

Here is the link for sign up: <http://vols.pt/d3wWgB>

Please consider being the lead volunteer for your time slot. More details included in the link above.

Please contact Cathy Rayburn if you have any questions regarding volunteering for Walking Wednesdays or any other Wellness Committee opportunities.

Phone: 410-489-5928 or mail: crayburn001@yahoo.com

Attention Third and Fourth Grade Families:

The 2016-2017 WFES fourth grade beginning band is currently in need of trombone, trumpet and tuba players. All other instrument group numbers are looking great! If you are interested in playing trumpet, trombone or tuba, Mrs. Syversen may have a school instrument you can borrow for FREE! Please visit <http://www.amybejm.com> for more information and to sign up to join the band.

The 2016-2017 fifth grade advanced band is seeking one or more students for the percussion section. If you play piano, that would make it easier to play percussion, but it is not a requirement. If you are interested in filling a percussion opening, please contact Mrs. Syversen at amy_syversen@hcpss.org. Mrs. Syversen also has a list of private percussion teachers to help your child catch up over the summer, which would help make it a more seamless process of joining band a year late. If you did not join the band in fourth grade this year and you want to be involved in the fifth grade advanced band for the 2016-2017 school year, this is a great opportunity to do so!

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Do you have a child who will be 5-years old by September 1, 2016? [Please take time now to register them for next school year's Kindergarten Program.](#) Please contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or colleen_green@hcpss.org to schedule a registration appointment.

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.

PTA NEWS

Spring Festival

The annual WFES PTA Spring Festival will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 27th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for fun, games, prizes, and good food!

Box Tops News

The month of May brings with it our final Box Tops Rally for this school year. Due to the tremendous success and enjoyment of the new, raffle-style incentive program, it will continue. Therefore, throughout this entire month, please turn in all Box Tops **in a bag or envelope marked with the student's (or staff member's) full name and the number of Box Tops being submitted.** For every 10 Box Tops submitted, an entry into the raffle will be earned. "April showers" will bring a lot more than flowers to our May winners! We will draw names during Morning Announcements in early June to award gift cards to such exciting retailers as Toys 'R Us, Under Armour, Barnes & Noble, & Yogi Castle. Good luck to everyone and thank you for your support of our school!

From the PTA Nominating Committee

The WFES PTA presents the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 school year:

- President: Mr. Fabrizio Roman
- First Vice President: Mr. Chris Vee
- Second Vice President: Open
- Treasurer: Mrs. Kara Williams
- Recording Secretary: Mrs. Melissa Bonier
- Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Neerja Kathuria
- PTAC representative: Mrs. Lisa Cumberland
- PTAC representative: Mrs. Kathy Baur

Voting will take place prior to the Variety Show on June 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

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"Dining for Dollars" at Glory Days Grill

Remember you have until May 30th to dine at Glory Days and participate in our spring fundraiser "dining for dollars". When you dine at a Glory Days between March 11th & May 30th, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food and beverage purchases to West Friendship Elementary School PTA. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food and beverage bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt). Please put the guest check in an envelope marked "Glory Days – PTA" and send it to school with your student or have any other friends/family who participate mail it directly to WFES, 12500 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794. Questions – Email Jen at jlowther4@gmail.com.