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### **November 21, 2014**

# From the Principal's Desk

Visitation day was a terrific success! We had nearly 180 visitors! Thank you for supporting our students and staff. Your partership makes a positive difference. Thank you, Kathy Baur for welcoming our guests with the beautiful spread of coffee and treats.

Many of you had a chance to check out the book fair this past week. Thank you for your purchases. The Book Fair will be open next Monday and Tuesday night during conferences. Kudos to Hina Haseem for running the book fair and organizing all the volunteers – and thank you so much Book Fair volunteers! Don't forget - during conferences you can have your old or broken gold and silver appraised for free and purchased as part of our Gold Party fundraiser event. A flyer came home via backpacks today.

You're still not on Twitter??? It's so much fun and there are so many proud moments that occur throughout the day at WFES. Please follow us on Twitter to stay in the loop. Our Twitter handle is **@hcpss\_wfes**.

I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. I am very grateful to be the Principal of West Friendship Elementary School and to have the opportunity to interact with such amazing students, families, and staff members. Thank you for welcoming me to the school and community.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 24 Early Dismissal (12:45 p.m.) - Parent Conference Day

Tuesday, November 25 Early Dismissal (12:45 p.m.) - Parent Conference Day

Wednesday, November 26 Schools Closed for Students

Thurs./Fri., Nov. 27/28 Schools Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
Tuesday, December 2 PTA Meeting 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center
Friday, December 5 PTA Movie Night 6:30 in the Cafeteria
Choral Concert 7:00 in the Cafeteria

Friday, December 12 Interim Reports Issued
Friday, December 12 Grade 1 Trip to Toby's
Monday, December 22 Vision & Hearing Screening

Wed., Dec. 24 – Fri., Jan. 2 Winter Break Monday, January 5 Schools Reopen

# 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, Nov. 24	Tuesday, Nov. 25	Wednesday, Nov. 26	Thursday, Nov. 27	Friday, Nov. 28
3 Hours Early Dismissal - Modified Menu Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	3 Hours Early Dismissal - Modified Menu Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	Parent/Teacher Conferences Schools Closed for Students	Thanksgiving Holiday Schools and Offices Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday Schools and Offices Closed
Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hot Dog on Roll w/Baked Beans Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza	Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Patty on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza			
Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices	Featured Items: Shredded lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Diced Pears			
All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges	All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges			
Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potato	Hot Vegetable: Corn			
Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white			

December Calendar TBD

# **School News**



If you are interested in becoming a PBIS School Store Volunteer for your child's grade level, please contact me as soon as possible at <u>aaron\_tark@hcpss.org</u> or call the main office at 410-313-5512. Throughout first quarter, students worked very hard to maintain positive behavior and demonstrate the three R's. While they enjoyed Tiger PRIDE celebrations within their classrooms, they are very excited for the first big quarterly celebration of the year! Students will participate in stations of their choosing. Stations will be run by staff members all around the building and can range from Legos to math puzzles. All will have a great time! The PBIS team is thrilled to celebrate all students and their successes!

# News from our Technology Teacher, Mrs. McKnight:

All students are learning how to use the computer keyboard to type accurately and efficiently. Students in grades K-2 practice via a variety of online resources. Students in grades 3-5 use Type to Learn 4 (TTL4) a web-based program purchased by HCPSS. Students may continue lessons anywhere they access to a computer and the Internet. You may view some of the resources we use at https://sites.google.com/a/hcpss.me/wfes technology/keyboarding.

Technology skills are taught through grade level content objectives.

#### Kindergarten

Students are learning about computer hardware, the OS operating system, how to navigate the web, edit a file, and search images libraries to find a graphic to represent ideas.

#### First Grade

Students continue learning about computer hardware and the OS operating system, navigating and browsing the web, formatting, editing, publishing documents, how to resize graphics, and troubleshoot problems with headphones and sound.

#### **Second Grade**

Students continue learning about computer hardware and the OS operating system, navigating and browsing the web, formatting, editing, publishing documents, how to use a template to create an original presentation, insert multimedia sounds, and use an iSight camera.

#### **Third Grade**

Students are learning how to select the appropriate printer from a list, save files and folders to multiple locations, access a webpage from bookmarks, format, edit, and publish documents, type sentences and paragraphs with accuracy, and import a digital image in a document and presentation.

#### **Fourth Grade**

Students are learning how to multitask by using the task bar and/or the minimize/maximize command or icon. Use keyboard shortcuts to accomplish a task, use tools to highlight, rotate, and edit text, and recognize and save files in various formats.

#### Fifth Grade

Students are learning how to troubleshoot common technology problems, apply digital citizenship principles, format, edit, and publish documents, and apply principles and elements of graphic design.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Glenelg Marching Unit Restaurant Fundraiser at Ten Oaks Tavern

Support the kids of our community by eating at the Ten Oaks Tavern on Wednesday, December  $3^{rd}$ , anytime during the day and evening!

No coupon needed. Simply eat in or carry out on December  $3^{rd}$  Ten Oaks Tayern / 3900 Ten Oaks Rd / 410-988-9816

#### **Girl Scouts Host Mom's Night Out**

Need to get some shopping done? Want a peaceful dinner out? December 5, 2014 \* 5:00-9:00pm \* Manor Woods Elementary School \* Ages 3-10 \$20/child or \$45 for 3 or more kids - Includes dinner!

Troop 17, the 10<sup>th</sup> graders at Marriotts Ridge will be hosting a Mom's Night Out on December 5 at MWES from 5-9pm. You can drop off your children ages 3-10 and go shopping or out to dinner. There will be at least 2 adults and about 8 Senior Girl Scouts, all certified in First Aid & CPR. The girls will provide the kids with dinner. They have many age-appropriate activities planned.

RSVP and questions to Terry Paul: <a href="mailto:terryb.paul@gmail.com">terryb.paul@gmail.com</a>

#### **Nutcracker on Ice at Columbia Ice Rink**

Come out to see several WFES students perform! Shows will be December 13<sup>th</sup> (5:30 and 7:15 pm) and 14<sup>th</sup> (4:30 and 6:00 pm). A special Girl Scout behind the scenes time with skaters will be held after the 7:15 Saturday show. Scouts earn a badge as well. Come out to see several WFES students perform. You can purchase tickets on line at the figure skating club's web site <a href="http://www.columbiafsc.com/">http://www.columbiafsc.com/</a> or call the rink at 410-730-0322.