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# Tiger Tales

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## *From the Principal's Desk*

Thank you to all those volunteers who helped to ensure our Halloween celebration and parade was a success! Thank you to all those families who came out to watch the parade. It was so nice to see the community come



together - even for a short time. I would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our Halloween Dance, special kudos to Mrs. Stephanie McDonald for organizing the event. Also, thank you to the PTA for sponsoring our magician. The students had a wonderful time during this assembly. Kudos, to Mrs. Theresa Yodzis for organizing this assembly.

Please come out next **Tuesday night, November 11 at 6:30 p.m.** I will be presenting about our MAP assessment as a start to our PTA meeting.

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](#). #Thanks for following WFES ☺

WFES is conducting a new fundraiser. We are hoping to use the money to improve the technology infrastructure and hardware in our school. Please consider participating. Information has been sent out multiple times. Appraisal appointments are being made for the night of conferences. A representative will be here during the PTA meeting.

First quarter report cards come home next week. This is an excellent opportunity to focus on your child's successes and strengths. For those marks that may not meet your expectation, consider conducting a goal setting discussion with your child so they can share with you how they plan to improve. Parent conferences are just around the corner. Schedule your conference with Pick-A-Time as soon as possible. If you have any difficulties with this system, please contact Mrs. Green in the main office. She will be more than happy to assist you.

Next week be on the lookout for more information about our Book Fair that runs from November 17 – 25. It's also American Education Week. Our special visitation day will be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, 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 [aaron\\_tark@hcpss.org](mailto:aaron_tark@hcpss.org) or call the main office at 410-313-5512.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Tuesday, November 11        | 6:30 p.m. PTA / <b>MAP Presentation / Gold Party Fundraiser</b>     |
| Wednesday, November 12      | Report Cards Issued   |
| Monday, November 17         | Book Fair is Open!  |
|                             | Grade 4 Field Trip  |
|                             | American Education Week Begins                                      |
| Tuesday, November 18        | Book Fair is Open!  |
| Wednesday, November 19      | Book Fair is Open!  |
|                             | Family Restaurant Night at La Trattoria Montese – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, November 20       | <b>Family Visitation Day!</b>                                       |
|                             | Book Fair is Open!  |
| Friday, November 21         | Absentee/Retake Photo Day   |
|                             | Book Fair is Open!  |
| Monday, November 24         | 3-Hour Early Dismissal: Parent Conference Day                       |
| Tuesday, November 25        | 3-Hour Early Dismissal: Parent Conference Day                       |
| Wednesday, November 26      | No school for students: Parent Conference Day                       |
| Thurs./Fri., November 27/28 | Schools Closed: Happy Thanksgiving!                                 |

## 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. 10  | Tuesday, Nov. 11  | Wednesday, Nov. 12  | Thursday, Nov. 13   | Friday, Nov. 14   |
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| <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Frosted Flakes®<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Penne with Meat Sauce & Bread<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Tossed Salad, Celery Sticks, Baby Carrots,<br>Diced Pears<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white     | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Apple Muffin Top<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple<br>Slices<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Oven Baked Potatoes<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white    | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Kosher Hot Dog on Roll w/Baked Beans<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes,<br>Mixed Fruit<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Carrot Coins<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white                  | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Cinnamon Toast Crunch®<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Toasted Cheese on Bread<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Romaine Salad, Cucumber Slices with Tomato<br>Wedges, Applesauce<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Tomato Soup<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white                       | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Chicken Tacos w/Flour Tortilla<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes,<br>Sliced Peaches<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Corn & Refried Beans<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white |
| Monday, Nov. 17  | Tuesday, Nov. 18  | Wednesday, Nov. 19  | Thursday, Nov. 20   | Friday, Nov. 21   |
| <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Frosted Flakes®<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Chicken Patty, Plain or Spicy /Roll<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Romaine Salad, Sliced Tomatoes,<br>Sliced Peaches<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Peas & Carrots<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Banana Muffin<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Bread<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Tossed Salad, Cucumber Slices w/Tomato<br>Wedges, Applesauce<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Green Beans<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Burger Sliders on Roll<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Shredded Lettuce & Green Pepper Strips, Red<br>& White Bean Mix, Diced Pears<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Oven Baked Potato<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Cinnamon Toast Crunch®<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Holiday Dinner - Sliced Turkey w/Stuffing & Roll<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Tossed Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Slices<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Peas, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white | <b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b><br>Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese<br>Breakfast Break<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Milk<br><br><b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b><br>Chicken Stir Fry w/Rice and Roll<br>Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo<br>Cheese Pizza<br><br><b>Featured Items:</b><br>Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit<br><br>All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges<br><br><b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli<br><br><b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free<br>unflavored, or 1% white                     |

## School News

### PBIS Update

The PBIS Committee has been working very hard this year! We have spent the beginning of the year teaching about Tiger PRIDE and the three R's. Teachers taught fun lessons about being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to learn. This week, the PBIS committee interviewed the Kindergarten team to find out how things are going:

Kindergartners this year have learned the three R's quickly and easily. They are very eager to show their Tiger PRIDE in all settings throughout the building. They especially excel at reciting the West Friendship Pledge each morning. This year there is a stoplight system as a visual for student behavior. Kindergartners in both classes enjoy the visual and respond well to it. They understand what it means to be on yellow and appreciate the opportunity to move back to green. Ms. Watts and Ms. Fox are excited to celebrate the student's good behavior through the quarterly celebrations this year. It will be a fun way to recognize everybody's hard work!

### News from our Media Specialist, Mrs. Petrilla

**Kindergarten:** Our kindergartners are doing a great job learning how to independently locate and check out books. They are being introduced to outstanding picture book authors through a yearlong project called Authors A to Z. Students are also learning the steps in Super 3 (plan, do, and review), an information-seeking process.

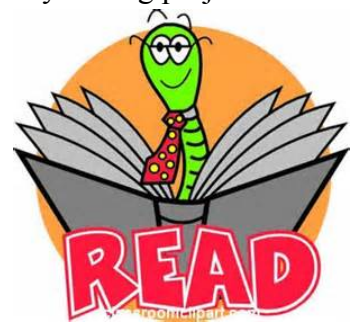
**1st Grade:** Fiction or nonfiction? Our 1st graders are participating in a dinosaur unit, where they will learn to distinguish between fiction and nonfiction books. Later in the quarter, they will begin an author study of Steve Jenkins, an award-winning author and illustrator of nonfiction animal books.

**Grade 2:** Need an architect? Ask your 2nd grader all about blueprints and architecture! They will learn about the work of architects by designing a tower for the fairy tale character, Rapunzel. Our fairy tale unit exposes students to some of the most popular tales of the Brothers Grimm. They will also be writing a book review of their favorite tale.

**Grade 3:** Our 3rd graders are becoming genre experts. They are learning about the characteristics of seven genres. We are currently doing activities to support 3rd grade science unit on weather. Students are learning how tornadoes and hurricanes form. At the end of the quarter, students will be participating in a Chris Van Allsburg author study.

**Grade 4:** Our 4th grades are learning about biomes. They are working in teams to research the characteristics of a particular biome. They will use GAFE (Google Apps for Education) to create a slideshow to share what they learned. Ask them to share their work with you using their GAFE accounts at home.

**Grade 5:** STEM in media? The 5th graders participated in STEM units that support the 5th grade science curriculum. During the 1st quarter, they worked in teams to design and test double pulleys. They also participated in a Colonial STEM unit that focused on economics. Students worked in groups to decide what provisions the Pilgrims needed for their voyage and survival in the New World. They "purchased" provisions for their model Mayflowers, loaded and balanced the cargo, and tested their boats in water. In the 2nd quarter, the 5th graders will be enrolled in bibliography bootcamp! They will learn to cite information sources and create a bibliography using NoodleTools, an online bibliography generator.



## Schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences Online

It's time again to prepare for fall parent/teacher conferences! Parents are able to sign up using online scheduling at <https://pickatime.com/hcpss.html> from now through Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m.

To schedule a conference, you will need your student's identification number, which can be found on any report card, progress report or student schedule.

All HCPSS schools will close three hours early November 24-25 for parent-teacher conference meetings.

## MAP Assessments Information & Gold Party Fundraiser

The fall reading and math MAP assessments have been completed. Please plan on attending the **November 11<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m.** Mr. Tark will present detailed information about MAP.

WFES is conducting a new fundraiser. We are hoping to use the money to improve on the technology infrastructure and hardware in our school. Please consider participating. This will be a "Gold Party" event. More information is posted in the following attachment.

[WFESFundraiser.pdf](#)

## School Photos – Make-Up & Retakes - November 21<sup>st</sup>

On Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> our school photographer will be at WFES to take photos of students who were absent on our original picture day on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They will also do retakes for any student that was dissatisfied with the portrait that was taken in October. **Students requesting a retake will need to return the original portrait package to the photographer so the photographer will know which package to reproduce.** Any student that was absent on our original "picture day" can bring in a picture order envelope to have a package produced or can just have the portrait taken for the yearbook. If you wish to purchase pictures, the completed order forms/envelopes must be returned to school on or before Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Purchasing school pictures financially benefits our school, as it is a fundraiser. Please consider school photos for your upcoming holiday gift giving needs.

## Choral Music Concert

West Friendship's annual choral music concert will take place on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in our own cafeteria. Students from the entire third and fifth grade classes, the Advanced Chorus, and Fourth and Fifth Grade Percussion Ensembles will be performing that evening. Please mark your calendars for this memorable event. A more detailed permission slip will be coming home in next week's folders on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, in advance, for your support of the music programs here at West Friendship Elementary School.

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Meeting

Please join us for the next PTA Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. You can learn all about the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments from Mr. Tark during this meeting.

### PTA Gift of Thanks Program is now ONLINE!

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we are continuing with the "*Gift of Thanks*" program ONLINE! This program provides a convenient way for you to express your gratitude to the dedicated staff that teaches our children. Your contributions are pooled and converted into gift cards selected by the

staff. The intent is to simplify seasonal gift giving for families and allow the staff some flexibility. The WFES PTA then receives a percentage of every gift card purchased.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:** The last day to submit is **Friday, November 14th at midnight**. We will send a reminder email. **This deadline will NOT be extended!** Pay by credit card or check. If paying by check - your order must be completed online by midnight (Nov. 14th) and your check needs to be delivered to the school by *Monday, November 17th by 3:30 p.m.* If it is not received by this date and time, your order will be deleted. Thank you for following these necessary guidelines as the volunteers navigate through this new online system.

**Use this link to get started:** <https://www.wfespta.com/online-forms/gift-of-thanks/>

### **Family Restaurant Night**

La Trattoria Montese on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!

Dine in or Carry Out - 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Located at: Silo Building Center

2470 Long Stone Lane ~ Marriottsville, MD 21104

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Bricks4Kidz LEGO® After School**

#### **Amazing Animals**

**Grades K-5 / 6 classes starting Nov 19 / \$99**

It's a zoo in here! This is a unit sure to delight kids who love creatures. We build models of snakes, insects, mammals and more. Each week we discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build, from the chameleon that changes colors to the seal model that waddles across the table. Children love these moving models that celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom. Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO® bricks. (No class 11/24-28 and 12/24-1/2.)

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Register: [www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP)      Call: 410-313-7275

Come in: Howard County Rec & Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046

### **Elementary/Middle School Fine Arts Night – November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Howard County Public School Fine Arts Advisory Council is sponsoring the Middle School Fine Arts Night, an evening for elementary and middle school parents and students, interested in pursuing Dance, Music, Theater, or the Visual Arts in High School. The evening will consist of student performances, course and registration information, as well as a question and answer session. Student artists and teachers from dance, music, theatre, and visual arts will share their insights and experiences and offer rising and current middle school students information regarding fine arts programs in high school. The event will be held at Wilde Lake High School, on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

### **Coffee & Conversation**

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The next Coffee & Conversation with the Board of Education that was scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> will now be held on **Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Clemens Crossing Elementary School in the Media Center**, located at 10320 Quarterstaff Road in Columbia.



## **DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL**

The GRAMMY Foundation and Ford Motor Company are partnering to sponsor a fundraiser to support the Marriotts Ridge High School auditorium fund and celebrate **Mr. Terry Eberhardt — Grammy National Semifinalist of the 2015 Music Educator Award!**

The **DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL** fundraiser is sponsored by Liberty Ford/Ford Motor Company in conjunction with the GRAMMY Foundation. This one-day event will take place at Marriotts Ridge High School on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Liberty Ford will bring Ford vehicles to the MRHS parking lot and drivers over the age of 18 can take a test drive. **Ford Motor Company and Liberty Ford will donate \$20 to the MRHS auditorium fund for each test drive — up to \$6000!** Terry Eberhardt will attend the **DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL** fundraiser and this is a fantastic opportunity for members of the community to stop by, congratulate Mr. E and test drive a Ford to support the auditorium fund!

Presented by GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy, the **Music Educator Award** was established to recognize current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. **Terry Eberhardt is one of 25 semifinalists out of 7,000 nominations from across the U.S.!**