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From the Principal's Desk

Let's go O's! How exciting that our home team is in the American League Championship series. This took a great deal of commitment, effort, and teamwork. These three characteristics are what I see occurring daily in WFES classrooms. The staff is collaboratively planning and frequently working beyond their duty day. They routinely make decisions based on what is best for students. As a team, we work together to ensure our instructional and character education programs prepare our students for success and a love for learning. You are part of our team! Please continue to volunteer or start when you can. Joining the PTA is another way to be a part of our success and our Tiger Pride!

For the past couple of weeks students in 1st through 5th grade have been participating in an on-line reading and math assessment called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The data generated from this dynamic assessment, that measures growth, will be used to assist teachers with the planning process. You will receive the results. The reports will be printed by central office and we will send them home via backpack late November. Please plan on attending the **November 11th PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m.**, as I will be presenting more detailed information about MAP.

Our Halloween celebration schedule has been developed in collaboration with the leadership team and PTA. This schedule ensures that our students have an opportunity to see each other's costumes and attend an assembly where we will have a magician perform. For students who do not participate in Halloween activities, alternate activities have been planned. Please send in a note to the classroom teacher to let them know. On October 31st, our instructional day will be business as usual up to 1:20 p.m. Then the following schedule will be implemented:

- 1:20 p.m. K-2 Craft or Activity & Costume Preparation for Parade
- 2:00 p.m. School Wide Parade: All spectators are to report to the perimeter of the blacktop. Cones will identify this area. Please park legally and safely this day. Additional parking is available on Clover Leaf Drive and Wellworth Way. Parking on just one side of the road is permitted, to allow emergency vehicle access.
- 2:30 p.m. School Wide Assembly

This is a no food celebration day to model health and wellness for our students. Please be reminded that our school policy, for students and adults, does not permit violent or gory costumes. Students may not bring props that resemble any kind of weapon. Don't forget - **October 24 from 6-8 p.m.** in our cafeteria the PTA will host a **Halloween Dance**. There will be a DJ playing the best tunes to dance to and snacks will be served. This is a free event for our school community!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 15	Individual Picture Day Walking Wednesday
Friday, October 17	Schools Closed – State Convention Day
Thursday, October 23	Gr. 1 Field Trip – Maryland Science Center
Friday, October 24	Flu Mist® Clinic PTA Halloween Dance - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 31	End of Marking Period Halloween Celebrations 2:00 Parade Spectators welcome at blacktop

What's for Lunch?

For the latest menus, and information regarding food services, please go to:

<http://www.hcps.org/food-services/>

Monday, Oct. 13	Tuesday, Oct. 14	Wednesday, Oct. 15	Thursday, Oct. 16	Friday, Oct. 17
Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Kick Off Macaroni & Cheese w/Roll Chicken Patty, Plain or Spicy /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) Quick Kick Cheese Quesadilla Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/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) Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) End Zone Sloppy Joes Burger Sliders on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce & Green Pepper Strips, Red & White Bean Mix, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potato 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) Chicken Salad on Roll 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	Professional Work Day Schools Closed for Students
Monday, Oct. 20	Tuesday, Oct. 21	Wednesday, Oct. 22	Thursday, Oct. 23	Friday, Oct. 24
Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potato 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) Chicken Tacos w/Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Shredded lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Refried Beans, Diced Pears, Refried Beans All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn 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 on Sub Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Spinach Salad, Celery Sticks & Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Broccoli Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Kosher 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	Breakfast (\$2.00) Blueberry 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

School Portraits – Memories that Last a Lifetime!

Our school photographer will be at WFES to take individual student photographs on **Wednesday, October 15th**. Order forms/envelopes are in today's Friday folders. **ALL** students will be photographed, as these are the photos that will be published in our yearbook. However, **if you wish to purchase pictures, the completed order form/envelope must be returned to school on or before PICTURE DAY**. Purchasing school pictures benefits our school, as it is a fundraiser. Take care of some upcoming holiday gift giving needs with school photos, and support our school at the same time!!!

Flu Mist®

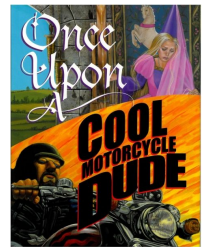
The Howard County Health Department, the Howard County Public School System, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are working together to offer **FREE** Flu Mist® for elementary school children during the school day. Flu is easily spread in schools, where children then bring home the virus to other family members. On Friday, October 24th, Flu Mist® will be administered to West Friendship Elementary students who have returned completed documentation to our Health Room. Complete information and consent forms are in today's Friday folders and are due back to the Health Room by Monday, October 20th.

Author Visit on October 20th

Hey, Cool Dudes! Start revving your engines! Kevin O'Malley, author and illustrator of *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude* and *Once Upon a Royal Superbaby*, will be visiting our school for the entire day on Monday, October 20, 2014. Mr. O'Malley will meet with each grade level and share how he creates his engaging stories and illustrations. He will also be signing copies of his books. If you are interested in having a book signed, Barnes & Noble (4300 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043) is holding copies for our school. Here is a list of the titles that will be available at Barnes & Noble:

Once Upon A Cool Motorcycle Dude
Animal Crackers Fly The Coop
Lucky Leaf
CinderEdna
How They Croaked

Once Upon A Royal Superbaby
Gimme Cracked Corn An I Will Share
Velcome
Testing Miss Malarkey



From Mr. Umla, General Music Teacher

The school year is off to a great start and our students have been learning several elements of music through singing, chanting, moving, playing, and listening. Below is an overview of specific elements being covered in class for the first marking period. I am looking forward to teaching our students by utilizing various means of technology, including the Interactive NOW series that is published by Heritage Music Press.

Kindergarten During the first marking period, kindergartners will be learning to echo and use their singing voices. They will also practice how to keep a steady beat and perform it on classroom instruments, mainly the bass xylophone and the bass metallaphone.

First Grade First graders will also practice their steady beat skills on classroom instruments, mainly the bass xylophone and the bass metallaphone. In addition, they will review the four different voice channels (speaking, singing, whispering, and calling) and aurally identify them on a multiple-choice assessment.

Second Grade Second graders will also practice their steady beat skills on classroom instruments, mainly the bass xylophone and the bass metallaphone. They will also sing several melodies, which include the mi-so-la pattern of intervals. In addition, they will review how to read rhythms, which include the quarter note and eighth notes, as well as the quarter rest. A reading assessment will take place during the first half of the marking period. A matching intervals singing assessment will take place during the second half of the marking period.

Third Grade Third graders will start learning how to play the recorder, beginning the third week of October. They will be responsible for knowing how to play the pitches B and A during this marking period. A performance assessment will take place during the last part of the marking period. In addition, they will review how to read rhythms, which include the quarter note, eighth notes, and the half note, as well as the quarter and half rests. A reading assessment will take place during the first half of the marking period.

Fourth Grade Fourth graders will review how to play the notes B, A, and G on the recorder during this marking period. A performance assessment will take place during the last part of the marking period. In addition, they will review how to read rhythms, which include the quarter note, eighth notes, the half note, the dotted half note, and sixteenth notes, as well as the quarter and half rests. Lastly, they will learn how to use math in music as they learn musical ties. An assessment of ties will take place during the first half of the marking period.

Fifth Grade Fifth graders will review how to play the notes B, A, G, and C on the recorder during this marking period. A performance assessment will take place during the last part of the marking period. In addition, they will review how to read rhythms in 6/8 meter, which include three eighth notes, beamed together, a quarter note followed by an eighth note, a dotted quarter note, and a dotted quarter rest. A reading assessment will take place during the first half of the marking period.

Howard County G/T Program Parent Academy

Interested parents and community members are invited to attend the Howard County Gifted and Talented Education Program Parent Academy on Wednesday, October 15 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Hammond High School. The evening will begin with an overview of G/T staff and Howard County students. Immediately following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet by level for a question and answer session.

Come learn about the advanced-level offerings that are available through the G/T Education Program and how your child can become involved.

PTA NEWS

PTA Membership

Thank you to all that have paid PTA dues and have registered online for directory benefits. As detailed previously, this year we are handling membership in a two-step process, where once your dues were received, you were emailed a link and a unique receipt code to register online. We have a little over 60% of WFES families that have paid this year's dues. However, less have registered online. We would like to get the directory out to our families as soon as possible with your help. **Our firm deadline will be Monday, October 13th.** After that date, we will compile and print the directory (for those who requested it in print form). Questions? Please contact Hina Naseem at hnaseem@mac.com.

Community Outreach

Our Coat Drive has begun! Please consider donating gently used, clean jackets, coats, gloves and hats. Our Coat Drive will be benefiting families of the Stevens Forest Elementary School community, where there is a great need. Boxes are placed in front of the office for collection. Please help out our local families this fall and winter. Thanks for your support.

WFES Advocacy

Elections are around the corner! There are 4 seats up for the Board of Education as well as the County Executive seat. Be informed before you go and vote as these candidates can potentially cast votes that impact our WFES community.

Sunday, October 12 – BOE Candidates Roundtable Discussion: RSVP

at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48aba62ba02-roundtable>

Location: Atholton HS Cafeteria, 6520 Freetown Rd, Columbia

Time: 4-6 pm. This event is open to the public.

Sunday, Oct 19 -PTACHC County Executive Candidate Forum: RSVP

at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F48ABA62BA02-ptachc

Location: Mt. Hebron High School, 9440 Old Frederick Road, Ellicott City

Time: 6-7:30pm. This event is open to the public.

Click this link to submit your question(s): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XW9FQPK>

Box Tops For Education Race

A very big thanks to everyone who clipped and submitted Box Tops for Education! The first race results of the year are in and 1st Grade collected the most with 1,265 Box Tops. While 1st Grade earns a prize for their efforts, we are all winners because ALREADY this year, West Friendship Elementary School has earned nearly \$500 through the Box Tops Program! Please keep collecting. We'll run another race soon!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Let's Go HoCo

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is excited to host Let's Go HoCo, its inaugural 5K-race and 1-mile fun run on Sunday, October 12 in Columbia. The race is a great way to bring together students, families, staff and Howard County community members to promote health and wellness. The race will include beginners, intermediate and professional level athletes.

View event information and register today at www.hcpss5k.com.

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 will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Clemens Crossing Elementary School Media Center, located at 10320 Quarterstaff Road in Columbia.

Glenelg Marching Unit Boosters Fundraiser

Support the students of our community by eating at Pizza Hut on Monday, October 13th, any time during the day! The Lisbon Pizza Hut is located at 706 Lisbon Center Drive in Woodbine. You can support fundraising efforts by dining in or carrying out, all day. Please mention the fundraiser to your server and a percentage of the sale will go to the marching unit! NO COUPON NEEDED!

MRHS Mustang Stampede 5K and 1 Mile Pony Trot

Where: Marriotts Ridge High School

When: Saturday, October 25th at 9:00 AM

Cost: \$25 for 5K and \$15 for 1 Mile

Why: All proceeds benefit the MRHS Boosters Club, which supports ALL students extracurricular activities, as well as school-wide initiatives, that enrich the high school experience for the entire student body.

Howard County Public Library – Glenwood Branch

The following presentations require registration (which begins one week prior to class). Please register by phone (410-313-5579) or on-line, www.hclibrary.org.

FALL INTO SCIENCE

A class exploring simple science concepts and experiments inspired by children's literature.

Ages 3-5 with adult; 45 minutes.

(Multi-week series) Tuesdays, October 7-21; 10:30 a.m.

FAIRY TALE ENGINEERING

Classic stories and fun problem-solving activities.

Ages 5-8; 45 minutes.

Thursday, October 16; 4:30 p.m. ("Humpty Dumpty Egg Drop")

BOOK BINGO

Play Bingo featuring book characters, and maybe win a book!

Ages 5 & up; 45-60 minutes.

Friday, October 17; 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

SLOPPY SATURDAYS

Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5-10; 20 minutes.

Saturday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.

INSPIRING ILLUSTRATORS

Learn how pictures tell and enhance stories, by reading and discussing the works of selected illustrators. Apply form, color, texture, and imagination as you create an art project.

Ages 6 & up; 45-60 minutes.

Monday, October 20; 4:30 p.m. (Denise Fleming.)

FINGERPAINT FRIDAYS

Ages 2-5 with adult; 15 minutes.

Friday, October 24; 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

THE COUNT'S FALL SPOOK-TACULAR

Celebrate Halloween Sesame Street style with stories, activities, refreshments, and a craft. Costumes welcome.

Ages 2-6 with adult; 30 minutes.

Monday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. Or October 29, 10:30 a.m.