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From the Principal's Desk

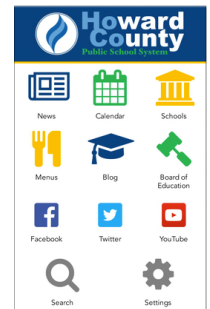
The students and staff have really started hitting their stride! I'm very PROUD of how our students have a firm grasp of our routines and structures. Please continue to ask your child about how they earned their Tuffy Tickets. The fall reading and math MAP assessments have been completed. Please plan on attending the **November 11th PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m.**, as I will be presenting more detailed information about MAP.

Kudos to our media specialist, Mrs. Petrilla, for organizing the visit with author Kevin O'Malley! See the School News section for more details. The students had an amazing time.

Currently, we have 98 community members who have participated in Volunteer Training. This is a wonderful start. I hope more people will sign-up to volunteer soon. Thank you to Elizabeth Burns and Julie Bennett, who volunteered to put together a character education visual aid for every classroom!

Our technology continues to improve at the school and county level. Here are three ways to stay connected. I encourage you all to take advantage of them. Check out <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com>. This is the new **HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center**. It helps families gain a better understanding of their child's mathematics program, refresh or build understanding of new (or unfamiliar) math concepts, skills, and practices, and provides additional support and practice opportunities for students. This will be a great

resource for you at home. **HCPSS has launched a new application** for smart phones - for free. It's very easy to use and gets you to our school website and Twitter information easily. Just search HCPSS in your choice of app store to find it. Speaking of Twitter, please follow WFES on Twitter. I will be posting the PROUD efforts of staff and students on a regular basis. 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 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 email containing this newsletter.

Here is a reminder of our Halloween schedule.

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| 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 this evening, **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

Friday, October 24	6:00 p.m. PTA Halloween Dance
Friday, October 31	End of Marking Period
	2:00 p.m. Halloween Celebrations: Parade Spectators welcome at blacktop
Monday, November 3	Professional Learning Day-No school for students
Tuesday, November 4	Election Day: Schools Closed
Tuesday, November 11	6:30 p.m. PTA/ MAP Presentation
Wednesday, November 12	Report Cards Issued
Monday, November 17	Book Fair is Open!
	American Education Week Begins
Tuesday, November 18	Book Fair is Open!
Wednesday, November 19	Book Fair is Open!
Thursday, November 20	Family Visitation Day!
	Book Fair is Open!
Friday, November 21	Absentee/Retake Photo Day
	Book Fair is Open!
Monday, November 24	Early Dismissal: Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, November 25	Early Dismissal: Parent Conference Day
Wednesday, November 26	No school for students: Parent Conference Day
Thurs./Fri., November 27/28	School's 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, Oct. 27	Tuesday, Oct. 28	Wednesday, Oct. 29	Thursday, Oct. 30	Friday, Oct. 31
Breakfast (\$2.00) Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	Breakfast (\$2.00) Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	Breakfast (\$2.00) Blueberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk	Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk
Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Mashed Potato Bowl w/Popcorn Chicken Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza	Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Beef Taco w/ Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza	Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza	Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Spaghetti & Meatballs w/Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza	Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Burger Sliders on Rolls Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza
Featured Items: Spinach Salad, Celery Sticks, Applesauce	Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit	Featured Items: Romaine Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices	Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Tomato Wedges, Sliced Peaches	Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Cucumber Slices w/ Tomato Wedge, Diced Pears
All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Peas	All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn & Refried Beans	All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Green Beans	All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Carrot Coins
Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Milk (50¢): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white

School News

Hey, Cool Dudes! Kevin O'Malley, author and illustrator of *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude* and *Once Upon a Royal Superbaby*, visited our school for the entire day on Monday, October 20, 2014. Mr. O'Malley met with each grade level and shared how he creates his engaging stories and illustrations. The students had an amazing time!



From our PE Teacher Mr. Talbert: Upcoming units/ skills in Physical Education

There are a lot of terrific units coming up within the next month or so in PE. The excitement has already begun with the chatter amongst the students about the return of a favorite, The Pumpkin Patch Obstacle Course. This unit will work on body control while moving on a scooter. The fitness aspects of this unit are cardio-respiratory (heart and lungs) improvement, along with improving muscular strength and endurance (upper and lower body workout). All this will happen in an exciting and challenging course set up in the gym.

Following the Pumpkin Patch Obstacle Course the students will work on balance, strength and problem solving in the activity called DUEL. Then we move onto a sending and receiving unit of volleyball type skills. The intermediate grades will work on various striking skills of serving, setting and one/two hand striking, along with court set-up, rotation and game rules. The primary grades will concentrate on ball skills of catching, throwing, and striking a lightweight ball either to self, with a partner and also over a low net in a game like situation.

In December the students will be challenged and motivated with the tumbling and gymnastics unit. The gym will be filled with a variety of stations. For example: the spring board, vault box, rock wall, climbing/ strength work ropes, balance beams, tumbling mats, JAWS (a rope swinging/ strength and control activity) and various stunts. It is going to be an exciting and rigorous couple of months coming up in PE.

Reminder: Always have your child prepared for PE class, by having the proper clothing and tennis shoes on PE days. It is HCPSS PE policy that a child must wear the proper shoes for PE to participate fully in class. If you forget your child's PE days or you want to see further units/ activities in PE, just visit my website and click on the appropriate links located on the left hand side of my home page: <https://wfespe.wikispaces.hcpss.org/home>.

PTA NEWS

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.

Volunteers Needed

We still need you for Walking Wednesdays!! Please consider joining us for your child's recess. We have great participation and a ton of fun during the walks! Thank you for volunteering!!

Here is the link to sign-up.

<http://vols.pt/bW3HBA>

Below are the recess times for each grade.

11:20-11:50 - Kindergarten

11:50-12:20 - 1st and 2nd

12:20-12:50 - 3rd and 4th

12:50-1:20 - 5th

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

THE COUNT'S FALL SPOOK-TACULAR

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

Agnes 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.