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From the Principal's Desk



Thank you **Lisa Cumberland** for organizing another successful Box Tops Race. Kudos to 5th grade who won!

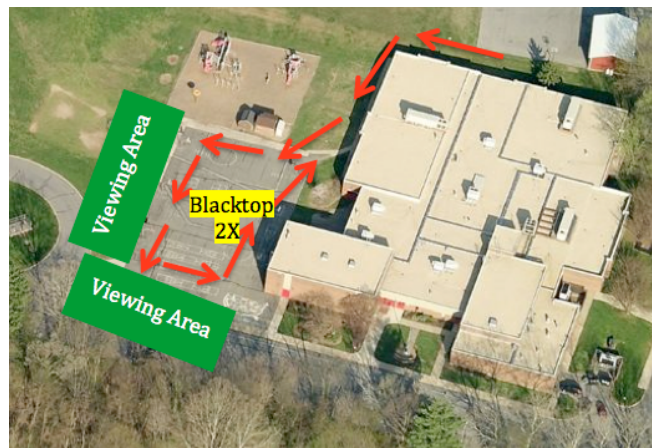
Thank you to **Rachel Ross** (parent), for attending our quarterly School Improvement Plan meeting this morning. We very much appreciate your point of view! Our next SIP meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 8:15 a.m. in the Media Center. All are welcome!

Today we conducted our quarterly PBIS celebration! Staff and students participated in a variety of fun activities in order to acknowledge the students' efforts following the 3 R's, build positive relationships, and reinforce our school's behavior expectations. All had a great time! Ask your child all about it!

Our Halloween celebration is on Friday, October 30th - this is also an early dismissal day. 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. Students may wear costumes to school. However, please do not attempt to wear bulky and/or cumbersome costumes on the bus. Here is the schedule of activities:

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| 9:30 a.m. | Costumes and classroom activities/games (room parents & volunteers only please) |
| 10:15-10:45 a.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. |
| 12:30 p.m. | All activities wrapped up at all grades |
| 12:35 p.m. | Pack and stack - Begin dismissal |

This is our parade route. Please stay in the viewing areas outside of the cones. Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 30	Halloween Parade – 10:15 a.m.
Friday, October 30	Schools Close 3 Hrs. Early (12:45 p.m.) - End of Marking Period
Tuesday, November 3	Extra Halloween Candy Drive on Buses & Circle Drive
Tuesday, November 3	PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Friday, November 13	PTA Dance Through the Decades – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 17	Absentee/Retake Photo Day
Friday, November 20	School Spirit “Crazy Hair” Day
Mon/Tues, November 23 & 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Schools Dismiss 3 Hours Early
Wednesday, November 25	Schools Closed for Students
Thurs/Fri, November 26 & 27	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.

School News



PBIS News: We had a great time during our quarterly PBIS celebration! Here is the list of activities that were available to our students: Dance Party, Gym Time: Hoops, Spooky Story Time, Friendship Bracelet Making, Silent Speed Ball, Make Play dough, Legos, Drawing with Whiteboards, Wii Sports, Paper Football Tournament, Poptropica,

Marshmallow Catapult Building and Battle, Logical Puzzles, Pop Tunes, Art, and Drumming, and Bingo. Thank you for supporting the school by reminding your child about being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn!!!



Math at Home!: We will continue our focus on national food days that are celebrated in the month of October. Remember, if your child brings in their math work, they may be featured on the morning news at WFES. For an extra bonus this week, students that turn their work in will receive **3 Tuffy Tickets!**

K-Grade 2: *For National Popcorn Month*, Mr. Sawyer is having a popcorn and movie party for his class. Each student will get a bag of popcorn to eat during the movie. If each student gets 2 scoops of popcorn in his or her bag, how many scoops will it take to fill bags for 5 students? How many scoops will it take to fill bags for seven students? Draw a picture and/or write an equation to show your thinking.

Grades 3-4: *National Taco Day* will be observed in Tina's class with a party. The class has 25 students, and Tina was assigned to bring taco shells for the party. She has only \$10 to spend on the taco shells. If the shells are sold in packs of 5 and each pack costs \$1.50, does Tina have enough money to buy enough taco shells for all of her classmates? How much would it cost Tina to buy taco shells if each student wanted to eat 2 tacos at the party?

Grade 5-6: *National Chocolate Day* is Tanya's and Richard's favorite celebration. They each buy a chocolate bar that is the same exact size. Tanya's chocolate bar is divided into 16 equal pieces. Richard's chocolate bar is divided into 8 equal pieces. Tanya and Richard each eat 4 pieces of their chocolate bars. Do they have the same amount of chocolate left? Explain your answer and draw a picture to explain how you found your solution. What fraction of Tanya's chocolate bar is left for her to eat later?

Core Essential News

Our core essential word for November is **Service**, lending a hand to help someone else. Our 5th grade TV morning news announcers will share messages about service during the month of November. Mrs. Carlyle will share stories with each class highlighting our word, service, as well. There are so many people in this world in need of a helping hand that it can be a little overwhelming. It's easy to get defeated thinking of all the people, in all the continents, in all the countries whom don't even have their basic needs met. So let's look closer to home. This month, serve others by finding a local community volunteer project to work on as a family. Research on sites like www.volunteermatch.org or www.dosomething.org to find an opportunity that fits your family best.

Online Payments Now Available!

Many of you have asked for it and we strive to deliver! You may now make field trip and other payments to West Friendship Elementary School online. Please visit <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/> to set up an account with Online School Payments (OSP). The system is very user friendly and no more lost checks via backpack mail! You may contact Penny Jones at Penny.Jones@hcpss.org or 410-313-5512 for assistance.

PTA News

WFES PTA Community Outreach

Extra Halloween Candy Drive on Tuesday, November 3. Please consider donating to our Extra Candy Drive that will benefit our soldiers/veterans locally and overseas. Collection will **one morning only**, Tuesday, November 3. We will collect candy on the buses during morning pick up and at Circle Drive during drop off. Please make sure you separate your candy into 2 labeled bags "meltables" and "non-meltables". The meltables cannot be shipped overseas. Questions? Contact Hina Naseem at hnaseem@mac.com.

Thank you to those families who prepared a scrumptious meal for our firefighters at the WFVFD to express community gratitude this past weekend. The firehouse kitchen counter was heaving from the weight of the food, drinks and desserts. The homemade cards from our students were promptly hung up around the firehouse. Even more exciting, our WFES friends that visited each got a fire hat and the opportunity to climb into fire trucks and explore the various tools integral to the firefighter's arsenal. Thank you for another successful Community Outreach event.

HCPSS Policy 8080 Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media - Survey

PTACHC (PTA Council of Howard County) has a representative on the committee that is reviewing and updating HCPSS Policy 8080 Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media, <http://www.hcpss.org/f/board/policies/8080.pdf>

To be an effective representative for parents on this review committee, this short survey of 9 questions was developed to find out what parents thoughts are about policy 8080 and its implementation.

Example of two of the survey questions:

Do you support that middle and high students can bring their own tablet, etc.

Do you support that adding, in the future, that third to fifth graders may be included in bringing their own device for instructional purposes? How about first to third graders in the future?

Your answers to the survey will help your PTAC Rep as a member of this policy review committee.

The survey is found at: <https://surveyplanet.com/56169fe9fbc1e4965ba13d52>

This is a time sensitive survey that you are asked to complete before November 3rd.

SAVE THE DATE!!

West Friendship Elementary will be celebrating its 90th year on Friday, November 13, 2015. In celebration, the PTA would like to invite all families to help us celebrate that evening with a Dance Through the Decades. The dance will be held in the WFES cafeteria on Friday, November 13th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Details forthcoming!!



BOX TOPS NEWS:

A NEW COLLECTION PROCEDURE & BIG PRIZES AWAIT!

Through the start of Winter Break, WFES will run a different type of Box Tops Race. As opposed to rewarding a grade level for the most submissions, we will conduct a raffle to determine individual race winners. **One student winner and one staff winner will be declared. The winner of the student raffle will win a \$25 Toys 'R Us gift card; the winner of the staff raffle, a \$25 Kohl's gift card!**

This is how it works. For every ten (10) Box Tops submitted, you will earn one (1) raffle entry. After all entries have been collected, drawings will be held "live" during the Morning Announcements on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Effective immediately, please begin submitting all Box Tops in an envelope or plastic bag labeled with a first and last name and the number of Box Tops inside. Collection boxes can be found in all classrooms as well as in the PTA Room. As the submissions are processed, entries into the raffle will be made. The more Box Tops you submit, the more entries you earn and the better your chances of winning! Thank you and good luck to everyone who supports our school with the Box Tops for Education Program. Questions? Please contact Lisa Cumberland via lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com.

PTA Staff Appreciation Volunteers Needed

The Staff Appreciation committee is a great way to get involved and help with the PTA if you have limited time to offer, or lots! We usually provide one meal per month for the staff for things like back-to-school night and parent-teacher conference night. A Google doc goes out with items we need donated and you can sign up to provide something if you are able. Items usually include simple purchases like paper products, drinks, and ingredients needed to make a certain dish. We also like to see your culinary skills by providing homemade items like side dishes and desserts. There is no obligation to help with every staff appreciation event, just help when you can!

For questions or to join our committee, please contact Kathy Baur kdbaur@gmail.com or Jessica Fitter jessicafitter@yahoo.com.

West Friendship Elementary School PTA Membership

By becoming a member of the WFES PTA, you will be helping your child and the entire school community. The WFES PTA sponsors many wonderful programs and activities, such as the Back to School Dance, Cultural Arts Assemblies, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Spring Festival, and much more! In addition, recent policy changes prevent teachers from using their class mailing lists for non-school activities. However, members of the PTA will receive a membership book and classroom mailing list, which is about the only way to obtain these items.

We are moving to an online registration process this year (you can pay by credit card or check):
<http://www.wfespta.com/join/>

While you're on our website, feel free to follow us via Twitter, Facebook or E-mail to stay informed.

If you would prefer to complete your registration via paper, please leave a message at [443-396-3707](tel:443-396-3707). Someone from the membership committee will contact you.

Community News

MRHS Mustang Stampede 5K and 1 Mile Pony Trot

Prizes for all age groups and best costume!

Where: Marriotts Ridge High School

When: Saturday, October 31st at 9:00 AM

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

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

Free Winter Coats!!

Free winter coats are available for children, women, and men on Saturday, November 14th. Visit Lisbon United Methodist Church located at 15875 Frederick Road, in Lisbon, Maryland between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. This opportunity is co-sponsored by the Lisbon United Methodist Church, HCPSS Pupil Personnel Services, and the Howard County PTA Council.

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.

CREEPY CREATURE CREATOR

Explore, invent and create with "Strawbees," a unique and imaginative building tool. What creepy creature will you build?

Ages 7 & up; Families welcome; Allow 20-30 minutes.

Friday, October 30; 2 - 4 p.m. (Ho. Co. schools close early.)

MEET MOLLY

Celebrate the 1940's with American Girl Molly McIntire. Games, music and crafts illustrate what life was like during WWII. All dolls welcome.

Ages 6 & up; 60 minutes.

Monday, November 2; 4:30 or 7:00 p.m.

JUST FOR ME

Ready for an independent class.

Ages 3-5; 30 minutes

Tuesdays, November 3 - 17, 10:30 a.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 to create an art project.

Ages 6 & up; 45 - 60 minutes.

Monday, November 9, 4:30 p.m.

LOOK UP IN THE SKY - IT'S A METEOR SHOWER!

Learn about the Leonid Meteor Shower phenomenon, with Dr. Goodman of the Howard Astronomical League -- begins indoors, but followed by outside observation (weather permitting).

Families; 90 minutes.

Tuesday, November 10; 7:00 p.m.

READING THROUGH THE DECADES BOOK CLUB

Celebrate our 75th anniversary with award-winning books and related activities from each decade of Howard County Library's history. Decade inspired attire optional.

Ages 6-8 (adults welcome); 45 - 60 minutes

Thursday, November 12, **2000's & 2010's**; 4:30 p.m.

FINGERPAINT FRIDAYS (Register for each session separately)

Ages 2-5 with adult; 15 minutes
Friday, November 13; 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

SLOPPY SATURDAYS (Register for each session separately)

Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5 -10; 20 minutes
Saturdays, November 21; 3:00 p.m.

TURKEYS AND TRIMMINGS

Thanksgiving stories, activities and a holiday craft.

Ages 2-5 with adult.
Tuesday, November 24; 10:30 a.m.

SLOPPY SATURDAYS

Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5-10; 20 minutes.
Saturday, November 21; 3:00 p.m.