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From the Principal's Desk

I hope you and your family had a wonderful and safe Labor Day Holiday! The staff has been working so hard to organize class groups, long-range plan, and learn about your child's learning styles. We are off to an amazing start! Our students have been doing a fantastic job demonstrating Tuffy's 3 R's. Thanks for your support at home with completing the PBIS Quiz. The Golden Ticket has already been given to several children. The Golden Ticket is a special Tuffy Ticket given to students who are caught going above and beyond modeling respectful, responsible, and ready to learn behavior.

The Volunteer Training was well attended this past Wednesday! For anyone who wishes to volunteer in our school, you will need to complete the on-line volunteer training program. Please follow this link <http://wfes.hcpss.org/support> to complete it or go to the "Get Involved" section of our website.

This past week I completed reading a book to every student in our school. This book allowed for me to connect to the students while discussing important concepts like pride, effort, goal setting, and supporting their school family. What a wonderful group of children we have! Please ask them about the story.

My school leadership team is continuing to draft our school improvement plan that focuses on student and staff engagement, rigorous instruction, and high performance on teacher, county, and state assessments. If you have an interest in being a part of this committee, please call or email me.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 12	Professional Development Day: Schools Closed for Students
Tuesday, September 16	WFES Night at Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Dr.) – 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17	PBIS School Spirit Day - CRAZY HAIR DAY
Thursday, September 25	Rosh Hashanah - Schools Closed
Thursday, October 2	Interim Reports Issued
Tuesday, October 7	PTA Meeting in Media – 9:30 a.m.

What's for Lunch?

Monday, Sept. 15	Tuesday, Sept. 16	Wednesday, Sept. 17	Thursday, Sept. 18	Friday, Sept. 19
Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger on Roll Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Tossed Salad & Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apples Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potatoes Milk (50c): 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 Featured Items: Shredded lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Refried Beans, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn Milk (50c): 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 w/ Sub Roll Spinach Salad Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Celery Sticks & Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Broccoli Milk (50c): 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 Romaine Salad Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Cucumber Slices w/Tomato Wedge, Mixed Fruit All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Baked Beans Milk (50c): 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 Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Green Pepper Strips, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Sweet Potatoes Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white
Monday, Sept. 22	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24	Thursday, Sept. 25	Friday, Sept. 26
Breakfast (\$2.00) Strawberry Yogurt & Cheese Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Mashed Potato Bowl w/Popcorn Chicken & Roll Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Spinach Salad, Celery Sticks, Broccoli Florets, Applesauce All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Peas Milk (50c): 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) Beef Taco w/ Flour Tortilla Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn & Refried Beans Milk (50c): 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 Romaine Salad Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apples Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<div style="text-align: center;"> Rosh Hashanah Schools and Offices Closed </div>	Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Burger Sliders on Rolls Cheese Pizza Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Cucumber Slices w/ Tomato Wedge, Diced Pears All lunches include Fresh Apples & Oranges Hot Vegetable: Carrot Coins Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white

School News

New Book Club Forming

Want to read a great book, help your kids, get to know other parents, and have some fun in the process? Join us on the following **Tuesdays: September 30, October 21, November 18 from 9:30 - 11:00 am in the WFES Counselor's Office** to discuss **A New York Times Bestseller, Have a New Kid by Friday by Dr. Kevin Leman**. Please contact Carita Carlyle if you plan to attend. Questions??? Call Carita Carlyle at 410-313-5512 or email carita_carlyle@hcpss.org

Box Tops

The first **Box Tops for Education™ Race** of 2014-15 has begun! On your mark, get set, CLIP! Collection Boxes have been placed in all the classrooms, so please send in as many Box Tops as you can between now and Friday, September 26th. The grade with the most Box Tops submitted as of then will win a prize! Remember, every Box Top means cash for the students of our school - thank you for your time and your support! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cumberland – lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com.

Walking Wednesdays

It's that time of year for Walking Wednesdays to begin!! Walking Wednesday is an integral part of our school's commitment to promote **Wellness For Every Student**. It is a walking program that will be held during recess in the fall and spring months beginning Wednesday, September 17th. Please remember to wear comfortable walking shoes on Wednesdays!

Howard County Public School System Policy 5210

It is the school system's responsibility to provide safe transportation for students who ride buses to and from school and on school-related trips. The driver is responsible for ensuring that students behave in a safe and responsible manner and that any behavior that interferes with the safe transportation of students is prohibited. Student infractions of the rules/guidelines regarding conduct on school buses may lead to the temporary suspension of transportation service.

Attendance (Policy 9010)

Regular daily attendance is vital to the continuity of classroom instruction and participation in school activities. Therefore, students are required to be in school or to be attending a school activity each day school is in session. In recognition that situations do arise that necessitate absence from school, the Board of Education allows students to be lawfully absent for a death in the family, illness, a court summons, hazardous weather as determined by the Superintendent, work release, religious obligation, declared State emergencies, suspension, or for other emergencies or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the Superintendent or designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence.

Rewards Programs

Once again, West Friendship Elementary will be participating in the Harris Teeter Together in Education, Giant Foods A+ Bonus Bucks, Martins A+ School Rewards, Safeway Club Card, Target 's Take Charge of Education programs this year. If you have not already designated West Friendship Elementary as the organization you wish to support for the 2014-15 school year, please take time to do so now. You must choose desired designations each year. Please use the following web sites to register:

Giant	www.giantfood.com/aplus	I.D. Code 01764
Martin's	www.MartinsAplus.com	I.D. Code 00454
Safeway	www.escrip.com	Group I.D. 6585129
Target	www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home	I.D. 58060

Harris Teeter VIC Card

Link up to our Together In Education account number at Harris Teeter! Our **TIE Account Number is 2240**. During checkout, simply tell the cashier you want your VIC card linked to our school account. Once your card is linked to the school account, every time you shop at Harris Teeter and use your VIC card, 5% of the store's Private Label purchases will be contributed to our school.

eScrip Recycling

We are part of the nationwide eScrip Recycling Program. What does this mean? We don't have to sell anything, the program is FREE, and we get paid to recycle the following items:

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| * inkjet printer cartridges | * laptops | * GPS devices |
| * laser printer cartridges | * cell phones | * digital cameras |

Together we can turn waste into CASH for our school with eScrip Recycling. It is an easy way to raise funds, and it helps teach our students a valuable lesson about the variety of materials that can be recycled and reused. Please bring your recyclable items to the office.

PTA NEWS

Spirit Wear Is Now On Sale!

Show your Tiger Pride with our WFES collection of spirit wear! From football jerseys to t-shirts with the new "Paws of Pride" logo... there's something for everyone! Look for the pink order form in your child's Take Home Folder, or check out the designs IN COLOR on our website:

www.westfriendship.weebly.com. Order forms can also be downloaded from the website. Samples of all of the items are hanging in the front office! Please return your orders by September 24th. E-mail Susan Mako with questions at makosharkfamily@gmail.com.

Walking Wednesdays – Volunteers Needed

Walking Wednesday is an integral part of our school's commitment to promote **Wellness For Every Student**. It is a walking program that will be held during recess in the fall and spring months beginning Wednesday, September 17th. We are gathering volunteers to help distribute the Mileage Markers and log "laps" as they are completed. Participating in "Walking Wednesday" is a lot of fun and your presence will certainly be an encouragement to your child. Please consider joining us during your child's recess. Below you will find a recess schedule along with a link to VolunteerSpot.com. You can copy and paste the link into your web browser or access it via the PTA website.

11:20 – 11:50 Kindergarten

11:50 – 12:20 1st and 2nd

12:20 – 12:50 3rd and 4th

12:50 – 1:20 5th

Volunteer Sign Up address: <http://vols.pt/bW3HBA>

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Rayburn at crayburn001@yahoo.com or 410-489-2958.

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.

Daisy Girl Scout Troops for Kindergarteners

Want to join Girl Scouts? On Wednesday, September 17th, from 7-8pm, there will be a Daisy Interest Meeting for kindergarten girls and their parents/guardians in the WFES Art Room. Older Girl Scouts will entertain the younger girls while the adults learn about Daisy Girl Scouts. Please RSVP to Sharon Stewart (SLSTEW88@gmail.com or 410-489-5614). Non-kindergarteners interested in Girl Scouts can contact Sharon also, and she will direct them to the appropriate troop leader.

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.

James Munsey Comedy Hypnosis Show!!!

Want to laugh out loud with your family? Join the Mt. View Middle School PTA for a Family Fun Night "An insanely FUNNY, brilliantly performed experience." "A HIGH-ENERGY, FAST-PACED show."

When: Friday, September 26, 2014

Where: Marriotts Ridge HS Auditorium

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10/in advance; \$13/at door.

Tickets can be purchased on line at: <http://mvmspta.seatyourself.biz>

Proceeds will benefit Mount View Middle School PTA

*Please note that this show will be video taped

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa DelMonte, lisadelmonte@verizon.net or

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