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# Tiger Tales

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## ***From the Principal's Desk***

I trust you all had a safe and relaxing spring break. The third marking period has come to an end and I hope that our winter weather has too. Next week report cards are coming home. Please take time with your child to highlight their success and set goals for what they need to improve on this last marking period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact the teacher as soon as possible to set up a face-to-face or phone conference.

Today we conducted our quarterly school wide PBIS celebration. All students and staff participated in this event to acknowledge the efforts students have made modeling respectful, responsible, and ready to learn behavior. Students K-2 and 3-5 were given a choice of several fun activities to choose from like "Jurassic Park", Legos, Wii Games, Chess, art, music, flashlight reading, and more! An integral component of this celebration is the opportunity to develop new relationships or strengthen existing ones. During the morning announcements, I challenged all students and staff to learn the name of a new friend and find something in common with them.

Your commitment of time to volunteer in our school makes a positive difference. My staff and I appreciate all that you do. Please consider RSVP'ing for the Volunteer Luncheon Celebration on April 17 at 2:00 p.m. so that we have can thank you in person. A flyer has come home via backpack and email. If you are unable to locate the flyer, please call the main office to RSVP.

Walking Wednesday resumes next week. Please consider volunteering.

Follow us on Twitter: @hcps\_WFES It's fun!

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Tuesday, April 14	Report Cards Issued
Tuesday, April 14	Middle School Program Overview for Parents at MVMS – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 24	Jump Rope for Heart (Rain or Shine!)
Wednesday, April 29	Gr. 5 Trout Release Trip
Thursday, April 30	Authors' Night – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1	School Closed for Students – Professional Learning/Articulation Day
Tuesday, May 5	PTA Meeting in Media – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 7	Interim Reports Issued
Friday, May 8	PTA Plant Sale Delivery Day
Friday, May 8	PTA Spring Festival – 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## What's for Lunch?

For the latest menus, and information regarding food services, please go to: <http://www.hcps.org/food-services> or download the HCPSS App for free.

Monday, April 13	Tuesday, April 14	Wednesday, April 15	Thursday, April 16	Friday, April 17
<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Baked Ziti with Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Tossed Salad, Celery Sticks and Baby Carrots, Diced Pears  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Chicken Nuggets with Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apples  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Oven Baked Potatoes  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Strawberry Yogurt Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Hot Dog on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Baked Beans, Carrot Coins  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Toasted Cheese on Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Romaine Salad, Cucumber Slices with Tomato Wedges, Applesauce  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Tomato Soup  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Beef Taco with Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Corn and Refried Beans  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white
Monday, April 20	Tuesday, April 21	Wednesday, April 22	Thursday, April 23	Friday, April 24
<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Chicken Patty, Plain or Spicy on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Romaine Salad, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Peas and Carrots  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Tossed Salad, Cucumber Slices with Tomato Wedges, Applesauce  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Green Beans  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Popcorn Chicken with Stuffing Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce with Tomato and Green Peppers, Red and White Bean Mix, Diced Pears  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Oven Baked Potatoes  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Strawberry Yogurt Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Beef Taco with Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Cinnamon Apples  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Corn  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	<b>Breakfast (\$2.00)</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Milk  <b>Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75)</b> Turkey Stir Fry with Rice and Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza  <b>Featured Items:</b> Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit  All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges  <b>Hot Vegetable:</b> Broccoli  <b>Milk (50¢):</b> fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white

## School News

### News from Third Grade

Third grade just finished up their biographies and they are on display around the school. Be on the look out for these celebrities hanging around as you travel through the walls of fame in our school.

In science we are excited to be learning about the Monarch Butterflies in our new unit, "What is happening to the Monarch Butterfly and how can we help?" This is the question we will be striving to answer. We are anxiously waiting the arrival of our butterfly larva.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The students will enjoy the hands on activities as they learn about the history of our industry. In social studies we are learning about, "The Citizen and the Community", focusing on the roll of a public service person and how to have a voice in our community. Ways to solve environmental problems and help the global community are also included in this unit.

Our third grade students continue to be excited about learning and have grown to become more independent readers and writers.

## **Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump Rope for Heart day will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Information about this charity event was sent home with your child. Students, who are collecting money, may continue to do so until the 24<sup>th</sup> due date, or you may hand in your envelope anytime between now and the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please give your envelopes to your classroom teacher or Mr. Talbert. The 24<sup>th</sup> is a Rain or Shine day. Thanks for your continued community support of this event.

In an effort to make this a successful and fun day, the Wellness Committee is seeking volunteers to assist Mr. Talbert. There are 1-hour shifts throughout the day. You will be responsible for taking donations, entering data onto the Jump rope for Heart spreadsheet, and making sure envelopes are complete!! The sign-up website is found here: <http://vols.pt/a5y44w>. You can sign up for 1 shift or for the whole day! The shifts are divided up by class so you can choose to participate with your student(s).

If you have any questions regarding volunteering for this event, please contact Cathy Rayburn, [crayburn001@yahoo.com](mailto:crayburn001@yahoo.com)

## **Walking Wednesdays Resumes April 15<sup>th</sup>**

The snow is gone and the birds are singing. It's time to get outside and MOVE! Walking Wednesday is a great way to get the kids moving after a long and snowy winter. We are in need of volunteers to assist the Wellness Committee. You can sign up during your child's recess. You will mark laps, help the kids stay on the track, and hand out small awards for laps completed. Only 40 minutes of your time is needed. Sign up for as many as you'd like. We welcome any family members that want to participate that have completed volunteer training.

Here is the link for sign up: <http://vols.pt/X5jdxe>. Please note that on May 27 we do not have a Walking Wednesday planned. This is the date that Tiger Trot will be held. More information to follow.

## **Making Up Snow Days**

The last day of school was originally scheduled for June 10 on the 2014-2015 school calendar, which reserved five additional days through June 17 for inclement weather makeup. As of today, all five of those makeup days have been used, plus three additional inclement weather days. Once the winter season has ended, the Board of Education will make a decision regarding the makeup of the additional missed days.

## **5th Grade Parents . . .SAVE THE DATE! Middle School Program**

Mount View Middle School invites parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend an overview of the middle school and G/T programs on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MVMS Cafeteria. Ms. Szalecki, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will present information on the middle school courses and schedule. Mrs. Mako, the G/T resource teacher, will discuss the G/T program and its many offerings. *This overview is designed for parents only. Students will attend a visitation during the school day on May 19<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Kindergarten Registration Continues**

Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. **Please call the school office to schedule an appointment.** Every child who is **five years old by September 1, 2015** must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an approved waiver. A custodial parent must complete the registration process and must live in the school attendance area. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: driver's license, military ID, or passport.
- Signed original, current lease or deed with your address, valid dates, signatures.

- Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas and electric, cable bill).
- Student's proof of birth (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport, military ID).
- Proof of parental relationship, custody, or guardianship. If applicable, bring legal proof of custody (court order).
- Student's current proof of immunizations signed by a physician.
- Student's most recent grade report, transcript, report card from last school attended at time of withdrawal.
- Documentation of Special Education (IEP), 504, Psychological Report, or related services.
- Any additional paperwork that may be necessary due to special living arrangements or circumstances.

Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enrollment-and-registration/> for additional information.

## ***PTA NEWS***

### **PTA Meeting**

We are having our next general PTA meeting next Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

### **Annual Plant Sale**

The Annual Plant Sale will be held on May 8, 2015, the same day as the WFES Spring Festival. This year we had to change nurseries and unfortunately are late in sending out the order forms. We apologize for the late notice and short turnaround time.

Information about the plant program along with the order form was sent home with your child yesterday. ***The deadline for submitting orders is next Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.*** We are pleased to be working with Walnut Springs Nursery and hope you will consider ordering to support WFES!

### **Science Fair**

The WFES PTA is sponsoring a Science Fair on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The Fair is open to all students in all grades. Students will present to judges from MRHS National Science Honor Society, teachers, and classmates during the school day. Science Fair projects will be on display for the community at the Evening of Excellence that evening. All participants will receive a ribbon and a certificate.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UKfa5CXggwo1UP7-wtKt0OqT0wgP-JqfruloUTp7etw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

To register for the Science Fair, please go to the PTA Website at [wfespta.com](http://wfespta.com) and follow the link to the Science Fair on the left-hand menu; once there, click on "Online Registration Form" at the top of the page.

The WFES PTA Science Fair page also has information and suggestions on conducting your experiment and preparing your display board. You can go directly to the PTA Science Fair page here: <http://www.wfespta.com/science-fair/>

**Registration deadline is on Friday, April 24**, but don't wait! Register today! We hope to see you all at the WFES Science Fair. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Burns at [elpego@mac.com](mailto:elpego@mac.com) or 410.489.6785.

## **Smashing ANTs™**

### **LAST CALL for SPRING 2015 - CLASSES START NEXT WEEK (April 14<sup>th</sup>)!**

**Minimum enrollment must be met for classes to proceed - Get the word out today!**

Go to [www.smashingants.com](http://www.smashingants.com) for online registration and details.

Fun & enlightening strategies to improve self-confidence and to create/enhance a success mentality through conscious choice making! We *all* have **ANTs** – **Automatic Negative Thoughts** - from time to time. What's important is knowing what to do with them! Smashing ANTs™ is a unique program that gives kids the tools, language & resiliency skills necessary to recognize and challenge their ANTs. Empower your child toward success and happiness... Register today!

For questions, contact Michelle Schwelling at [michellesmashingants@gmail.com](mailto:michellesmashingants@gmail.com) or 410-292-2254.

## **SAVE THE DATE! \*\* Spring Festival**

**May 8, 2015, 5:00-7:30 pm**

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! The WFES Spring Festival is right around the corner. This event has always been a favorite for our school community and it's shaping up to be another great year. Featuring games, prizes, food, plant sales, entertainment, bake sale, cakewalk, and SO MUCH MORE, there is truly something for everyone!

**Ticket pre-sales will begin in mid-April.** Please be on the lookout for this and also for information/signups for a variety of **volunteer opportunities** that need filled to make this event great for our students.

## **STEM Day**

The West Friendship Elementary annual STEM Day is scheduled for June 5, 2015. We are looking for parents and special guests to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. If you are interested in volunteering for STEM day, or have any questions, please contact Annmarie Ottman at [wfesstemday@yahoo.com](mailto:wfesstemday@yahoo.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Warhawks Football**

**Registration is now open** for the Western Howard County WARHAWKS Fall Football and Cheer program online. Join the sport with the most watched TV event in history and become a Warhawk for Life. For more information please visit [www.gowarhawks.com](http://www.gowarhawks.com) or like us on Facebook (Western Howard County Warhawks Football and Cheer).

**The easiest way to register is by calling 410-313-7275.** To register online follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP)
2. Go to Register Now!
3. Click in the search toolbar.
4. Type in RP5305 for WARHAWK football or RP5304 cheerleading.
5. Go to the appropriate age/weight for your child.

**NOTE:** In order to register online, you must have an online password/account with Howard County Recreation and Parks. If you don't already have an account, click on the **Request Account** button at the link above in step #2. There is no cost to set up an account. An approval password will be emailed to you within 24-48 hours.

## **The Marriotts Ridge High School Band and Music Foundation Presents:**

**Jazz at the Ridge** on Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the MRHS Theater.

Please join us for a night filled with great Jazz! This year's concert will feature The Marriotts Ridge Big Band, Jazz Combo, and a special combined performance with the Mount View Middle School Jazz Band along with our featured Guest Artist: David Bach and the David Bach Consort.

The Baltimore/Washington area is home to some great Jazz artists and each year we strive to bring the best local talent to our stage. This year's featured guest artist is the David Bach and the David Bach Consort. Keyboardist and composer David Bach is a musician of many stripes. As an established fixture of the music metro area music scene, Bach has honed a craft worthy of recognition from a dedicated fan base. He is the recipient of two Gold Records and winner of the Maryland State Art Council Performance Award. His band, The David Bach Consort, was the winner of the Jazz Discovery Showcase on BET. They have performed with BB King at the Kennedy Center, and voted Best Instrumental Band by Music Monthly Magazine. He was a finalist for the 2014 Maryland Music Awards in the Jazz category. For much more visit [www.davidbachmusic.com](http://www.davidbachmusic.com).

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and can be ordered by sending an email [tojazzattheridge@gmail.com](mailto:tojazzattheridge@gmail.com).

Please be sure to include number of tickets needed and contact information in your message.

## **Robinson Nature Center**

Butterfly Gala, all ages, Saturday, April 11, 6:30-9 p.m. The Howard County Therapeutics Division and Robinson Nature Center cordially invites families of children and adults with special needs to join in an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring.

## **Drug Take Back Day**

HC DrugFree and Howard County Police are once again holding a Drug Take Back Day to collect over-the-counter and prescription medications. Two-thirds of teens that abuse prescription drugs are getting them from home, friends, or family. Please do not flush meds into the water system! Help us keep our kids safe by removing unwanted or expired medications. Date of collection will be Saturday, April 11, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For more information about the nine convenient collection sites around the County, please visit [www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day/](http://www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day/) or call HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, at 443-325-0040. HC DrugFree's office will be the only location accepting needles, syringes, and EpiPens on this collection date.

## **Cedar Lane School**

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center. Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Funds will go towards the purchase of specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county. Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information, please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or [walkforourstars2015@verizon.net](mailto:walkforourstars2015@verizon.net)

## **Howard County Government**

Womenfest...A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **FREE** Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville, MD. For more information visit the event's website at [www.howardcountygaging.org/WomenFest](http://www.howardcountygaging.org/WomenFest) or call 410-313-5440.