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From the Principal's Desk

We did it! We all made it to spring break! Before we head off for relaxation and family time, it is important to thank our many wonderful parent volunteers. Many of the activities this week would not have been possible without them.

First, thank you to our Battle of the Books coaches – **Mrs. Liz Holland, Mrs. Sheila Schanck, and Dr. Kim Turner.** On Friday night at River Hill HS, our two teams competed with other HCPSS fifth graders answering questions about the fifteen books they studied. Our *15 Books, No Sweat* team was third place in the team costume awards. We appreciate everyone for representing our school so well.

We also have a big thank you for our parents who made “JA in a Day” a success! Today, West Friendship was energized with hands on lessons about financial literacy. The business community and our parents taught lessons on needs, wants, taxes, and balancing a budget. Students had some lively discussions that may continue at home. **Mrs. Hina Naseem** organized the classroom volunteers and communicated with the Junior Achievement Board for us. The parents giving us a day of their precious time were: **Mrs. Carol Corbin, Mrs. Linda Benjamin, Mrs. Maribel Alonso, Mrs. Jessica Fitter, Mrs. Kathy Baur, Mrs. Puluna Shelat, Mr. Michael Scott, Mrs. Amy Dell, Mrs. Amy Grutzik, Mr. Justin Takasaki, Mr. Lee Dunchak, Mr. Matt Jackson, Mrs. Darlene Hettinger, Mrs. Stephanie McDonald, Mrs. Theresa Yodzis, Mrs. Beth Kennedy, Mr. Al Angarita, and Mrs. Susan Roberts.** Thank you all!

After spring break, we continue to be busy. We have Walking Wednesdays, *We Got the Beat 2*, and Jump Rope for Heart the week we come back. Field trips also start appearing on the calendar and of course, the concerts. Please note the calendar dates on your personal calendars.

Please enjoy this time with family and friends. We are also grateful that spring has finally arrived!

Lunch Menu ***Elementary Lunch \$2.75 **Milk \$.50*** Adult Lunch \$4.50

<u>Monday, April 14</u> Spring Break Schools Closed	<u>Tuesday, April 15</u> Spring Break Schools Closed	<u>Wednesday, April 16</u> Spring Break Schools Closed	<u>Thursday, April 17</u> Spring Break Schools Closed	<u>Friday, April 18</u> Good Friday Schools Closed
<u>Monday, April 21</u> Easter Monday Schools Closed	<u>Tuesday, April 22</u> Hamburger Sliders Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Wednesday, April 23</u> Chicken Stir Fry w/Rice Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Thursday, April 24</u> Schools Closed for Students Countywide Professional Day	<u>Friday, April 25</u> Beef Tacos w/Flour or Corn Tortillas w/Rice Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel
<u>Monday, April 28</u> Penne w/Meat Sauce Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Tuesday, April 29</u> Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Wednesday, April 30</u> Burgers: Plain, Cheese or Veggie Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Thursday, May 1</u> Not Yet Received	<u>Friday, May 2</u> Not Yet Received

SCHOOL NEWS

HCPSS Adjusts 2013/14 Calendar Due to Inclement Weather Days

The HCPSS is adjusting the school year calendar by two additional days. **The last day of school for students and staff will now be Friday, June 20.** High school exams will take place Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20. Additionally, all schools will close three hours early Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, June 20, with no Pre-K/RECC. Summer school will now begin on Wednesday, June 25 and will end as scheduled on Friday, August 1.

Five inclement weather make up days were built into the 2013-2014 school calendar. Schools were closed nine instructional days due to weather. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) allowed school systems to request waivers of up to five instructional days from the 180-day state requirement. HCPSS applied for a waiver of four days, but modified the request to two days after MSDE denied waiver requests from several other school systems. The revised request stipulated extending the school year in June by two additional days. Today, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lillian Lowery approved our request.

Additional information is provided on our website at www.hcpss.org/news/calendars/faq.shtml.

Comprehensive Summer School

The HCPSS Comprehensive Summer School Program offers programs for acceleration and enrichment to students in elementary school at all instructional levels.

Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten is for students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, and will support school readiness. *Let's Get Ready for First Grade* is for students who have successfully completed kindergarten. Students will focus on math, reading, writing, science, personal and social development, and art and music activities.

Students in Grades 1-5 are provided educational opportunities for review/enhancement classes in the core instructional areas of reading and math. Students of all instructional levels are welcome.

After the academic morning session, an optional second session begins with many exciting enrichment opportunities for all students. The emphasis is on fun, creativity, expression and exploration in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), drama and other project-and inquiry based programs.

DATES: June 23-July 18, 8:15 am-1:15 p.m.

Session I - 8:15-11:45 am

Session II (optional) - 11:45 am-1:15 p.m.

Location: Forest Ridge ES

Onsite Registration: Homewood Center

K-8 Registration Dates:

Wednesdays -- May 21, June 11, and 18; 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays -- June 14 and June 21; 9:00-11:00 a.m.

More information is available at www.hcpss.org/summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 14 –21	Schools Closed - Spring Break
Tuesday, April 22	Schools Reopen
Wednesday, April 23	Grade 5 Students Visit Mount View Middle School
Wednesday, April 23	Grade 3 Attends Young People's Chorus at WLHS
Wednesday, April 23	Walking Wednesday
Wednesday, April 23	<i>We Got the Beat 2</i> Performance – 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	Schools Closed to Students – Professional Development Day
Friday, April 25	Jump Rope for Heart
Fri. & Mon., April 25 & 28	ERC in Grade 5
Wednesday, April 30	Walking Wednesday
Wednesday, April 30	Gr. 5 Trout Release Field Trip
Wednesday, April 30	Poem in Your Pocket Day

PTA NEWS <http://wfespta.yolasite.com>

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Please join us!

Community Outreach Program

Registration for WHC Soccer's Fall 2014 season opens April 15th. Through the new WFES PTA Community Outreach Program, WHC Soccer will make a donation to the WFES PTA for each registered player from West Friendship. A \$20 discount will be given to each player registered by June 30th.

WFES Spring Festival **Volunteers are Needed **

Friday, May 9 from 4:30pm – 8:00pm ** Rain or shine!

* B A K E W A L K *

This is your chance to make cupcakes, brownies, cakes and pies! *We need at least 50 baked goods for the event to make this tradition a success!* Bring all bake good donations to the PTA room in the front office on Thursday, May 8th or Friday, May 9th.

* S U P E R S O D A T O S S *

Soda donations may be brought in at any time. Send in between now and May 1st to help your student win free tickets for the festival. Soda donations accepted up to the day of event.

* V O L U N T E E R S * V O L U N T E E R S *

Please consider volunteering so we can run all of our planned events. Please visit

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AsDuKiMc_M7odGp5cFNWQUVIYi1IODRxOVBODc1CeGc&usp=sharing to sign-up.

PTA Leadership Roles Available for 2014-2015

Interested in taking a more active role in the PTA? Here's your chance! The current Executive Board is looking to fill vacancies on both the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 school year.

As of April 8th, the Nominating Committee has candidates for all the Executive Board positions with the exception of **Recording Secretary**.

The Recording Secretary attends and records the minutes of Executive Board and monthly general PTA meetings, maintains copies of previous minutes, and forwards minutes to the web editor once minutes have been approved at PTA meetings. He/she also acts as a liaison and coordinator for assigned committees and may serve as a committee chair.

If you are interested in Recording Secretary, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Valerie Eshleman at Veshleman@healthlawyers.org. The Nominating Committee will publish the slate of candidates for the 2014-2015 Executive Board on April 30th. A general PTA election will be held on May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

The following Committee Chair positions are also open for 2014-2015. All Committee Chairs are members of the PTA Board of Directors. These are not elected positions.

Box Tops	Plant Sale	Science Fair/STEM
Fifth Grade Memories	Reflections	Wellness
Membership	School Assemblies	

If you are interested in any of these Committee Chair positions, or would like to know more about any of the roles, please contact Valerie Eshleman at veshleman@healthlawyers.org or Cheryl Triska at cptriska@me.com. **It's your PTA! Get involved and make a difference!**

April's Outreach Effort - Howard County Animal Shelter

How can WFES support this agency?

From now through April 30th, please consider donating the following items:

- Dog toys and rawhide bones (new)
- Cat toys (nothing with catnip - new)
- Blankets, towels and small rugs (new or gently used)
- Paper bags
- Canned dog and cat food (nothing that is already opened)
- Plastic kitty litter pans (no covers necessary)
- Small Animal Supplies- rabbit, bird, hamster, guinea pig, etc
- Grooming Supplies- brushes, combs, nail clippers
- Dog and cat shampoo
- Cleaning Supplies- laundry soap, dishwasher detergent, brooms, dustpans, air fresheners, paper towels
- Medical Supplies- rubbing alcohol, digital thermometers, sterile pads and tape
- Office Supplies- pens, pencils, colored markers, white erase board markers, sharpies, colored pencils, batteries (AA/AAA)
- Flashlights

Collection boxes are in the hall in front of the office.

Questions? Contact Maribel Alonso and Erika Rauscher. Your support is always appreciated!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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WHCYBSL Registration Open

Registration for youth baseball and softball is ongoing for ages 4-18. Please visit www.whcsports.com for information and to register your child.

Howard County Youth Theatre Workshop

Saturday, May 3rd, Noon-4:30 PM

Long Reach High, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD 21045

Love theater or want to learn more? In this one-day workshop students aged 9-14 will explore aspects of theater and performance. See theatre in action with performances from local high school groups. Experienced performers will lead students through a day of hands-on instruction. Students will be placed in small groups to rotate through activity sessions. Workshop sessions include: **On Stage**: learn audition techniques, theatre terms, vocal projection & more; **Musical Theatre Dance**: learn a fun dance combination; **Drama Games & Improv**: try something new in this hilarious and high-energy session and **Acting Techniques**: learn different ways to approach a role and develop character. Parents and friends are welcome to see a short performance and Q&A session at 4:00 PM. **Workshop offered in partnership with the HCPSS Fine Arts Advisory Council.** Registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Please contact Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or hharden@howardcountymd.gov. **Register by April 25.**

Dragons Elite Boys' Basketball Camp

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL, 12793 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-531-8600 • www.glenelg.org/summer

Weekdays

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Session I: June 23 - June 27 (\$325)

Session II: June 30 - July 3 (\$260)

Session III: July 7 - July 11 (\$325)

**this includes catered lunch and a camp T-shirt*

Coach Kevin Quinlan will offer cutting-edge skills training for enthusiastic basketball players who dream of achieving success on the hardwood. Daily activities will include 5-on-5 and small-sided games, thoughts-of-the-day, fundamentals stations, film sessions on classic NCAA and NBA games, discussions of character development, warm-up & cool-down periods, swimming, freeze pops, and much more. With almost two decades of experience in high school athletics and education, Coach Q, who has trained eight Division I student-athletes and one

professional basketball player, will find a way to elevate a young basketball player's game to the next level.

For more information and a complete brochure contact Coach Q.

kquinlan@glenelg.org * **703-505-4707** * www.glenelg.org/summer

Online registration available with VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, and Discover.