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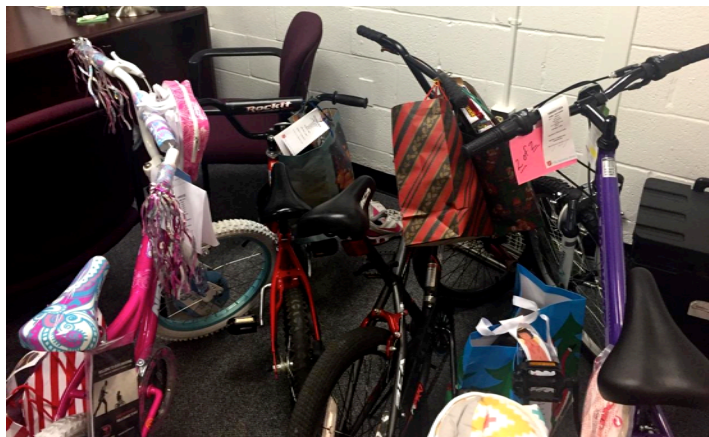
December 9, 2016

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving. It was nice to see our students return to school full of energy and ready to learn!

We offer thanks and congratulations to our Vocal Music Teacher, Mr. Umla and all the students who participated in the concert that was held Tuesday evening. We were entertained by the vocals of our Fifth Grade Chorus, the Advanced Chorus, Third & Fourth Grade Percussion Ensembles, Third Grade students, and recorder selections by Third and Fifth Grade students. It was a musical wonderland!

WFES families adopted 25 "Angels" and participated in the **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program**. The program is an adoption of individual "Angel" children. We are truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity. Thank you to all who participated! As you can see by the photos, 25 "Angels" are going to have a wonderful holiday!



In keeping with the spirit of giving, please continue to support our troops by participating in our latest Community Outreach Project. Please refer to the "Support our Troops" information that can be found on the following page of this newsletter. We will continue to accept donations until December 16th.

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon, Principal
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 13	WFES Night at E.W. Beck's in Sykesville
Friday, December 16	School Spirit "Inside Out Day"
Tuesday, December 20	Kindergarten Trip to Toby's Theatre – 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21	Interim Reports Issued
Mon., Dec. 26 – Fri., Dec. 30	Schools Closed - Winter Break
Monday, January 2	Schools Reopen
Tuesday, January 10	PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11	Band/Strings In-School Concert – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11	Band/Strings Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 13	WFES Spelling Bee – More info TBA
Sunday, January 15	WFES Roller Skating Party
Monday, January 16	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, January 20	School Spirit Wear Day (visit https://www.wfespta.com/shop)
Wednesday, January 25	Family FIT Night – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 26	End of Marking Period
Friday, January 27	Schools Closed – Professional Work Day

SCHOOL NEWS

Cloth Grocery Bags Needed for Packaging Fort Meade USO Donations

The WFES Community Outreach Committee is in need of 60 cloth grocery bags to create care packages for our troops. If you have some new or gently used cloth grocery bags, please consider donating them to our troops. Thank you for your support! WFES Community Outreach Committee

Support our Troops!

Our school is partnering with the Fort Meade USO to supply items that our troops need. Please help us thank the men and women who serve our country by donating some of the requested items. We have grouped the requested items by grade level.

Kindergarten: winter hats and scarves

1st Grade: candy (gum, gummy bears, M&M's, Lifesavers)

2nd Grade: hot chocolate mix (box) and lip balm (tube)

3rd Grade: toothbrushes (individually packaged) and toothpaste (medium size)

4th Grade: Soup (canned ready-to-serve soup and Ramen Noodles)

5th Grade: Snacks (beef jerky, cheese & cracker packs, granola bars)

All items are needed by December 16th, so our 5th graders can create care packages to distribute to our troops this holiday season. Thanks for your support! -- WFES Community Outreach Committee

School Spirit Day

WFES will have **Spirit Wear Day on Friday, January 20th**! Join in the fun and wear your WFES spirit wear to school! Many of you already have WFES spirit wear, but for those who do not, or those who wish to acquire new spirit wear, please visit our PTA's spirit wear sale at <https://www.wfespta.com/shop>.

Family FIT Night at WFES!

Mark your calendars for a FREE Family Wellness event on Wednesday, January 25, 2017! Please see the attachment for more information.

Home & School Connection

Please view the attachment to read the December issue of Home & School Connection.

Dismissal Arrangements

This is a reminder that notes are needed if you want your child to follow a different dismissal arrangement. Advising a student of a dismissal change is not satisfactory. **Notes must be sent to school if you wish for your child to be dismissed to Circle Drive or attend an afterschool activity.** The office is receiving too many last minute telephone calls. Arrangements via telephone will only be honored in the event of an emergency.

Parent Volunteer Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at West Friendship Elementary! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and staff.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools, as well as a Child Abuse and Neglect Training. Please complete these courses before volunteering or chaperoning field trips. The courses take a few minutes to complete. To complete your training courses please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>.

PTA NEWS

Restaurant Night Fundraiser

Come join us on Tuesday, December 13th at E.W. Beck's in Sykesville to support the PTA of West Friendship Elementary. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the school. Dine in or carry out and take advantage of this special fundraiser! Print this page and present it at the restaurant to participate.

West Friendship Family Night Fundraiser on December 13, 2016



Come join us on **Tuesday, December 13th** at E.W. Beck's to support the P.T.A. of West Friendship Elementary. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the school. Dine in or carry out and take advantage of this special fundraiser! **Please bring your flyer to the restaurant to participate!**

Hours: 3:00pm - close
7565 Main Street
Sykesville, MD 21784

Community Outreach Liaison

The WFES school staff has created a community outreach program committee at the school, and the WFES PTA is looking for somebody to act as a liaison between the PTA and the WFES community outreach program committee. Essentially, the liaison would be keeping the WFES PTA Executive Committee informed about what the PTA can do to help with the community outreach projects that WFES staff are planning in the future. If you would like to help the WFES staff and the WFES PTA give back to our community, please contact the WFES PTA.

WFES Spirit Wear

With WFES Spirit Week coming up on January 20th, it seems like the right time to let you know about the bright orange hoodies and t-shirts you see running around at WFES, the ball fields, the mall, etc. This year, instead of a myriad of Spirit Wear selections, we opted to go with the same scheme on a hoodie and a t-shirt. Both are bright orange and they have Tuffy's smiling face and the school's name on them. Both the t-shirt and the hoodie are available to be purchased online at the WFES PTA website, <https://www.wfespta.com/shop>. The WFES PTA will send them home promptly via backpack mail so your favorite student(s) will have them in time for spirit week.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Actors & Actresses Needed

Marriotts Ridge High School seeks middle and elementary aged children to audition for their spring production of Meredith Wilson's **THE MUSIC MAN**. There are a variety of roles available to **students in grades 4-8** attending those schools in the MRHS Cluster (MWES, WES, WFES, MVMS, BMMS). To read more information regarding character roles, audition materials, general rehearsal requirements and to schedule a 5-minute audition, copy and paste the link below into your web browser.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bada62fa6fe3-themusic1>

MRHS Music Foundation Last Citrus Sale

The MRHS Music Foundation will be offering their last citrus fruit sale. Once again, the sale will have Navel Oranges and Red Grapefruit in 20 or 40 lb boxes and also a 20 lb combo box of both. All fruit will be delivered from Texas and will be comparable to the high quality Florida products from previous years.

Sign up to receive emails when each citrus sale starts at www.mrhsfruit.com. Orders are online only this year with payment through Paypal and all major credit cards at www.mrhsfruit.com.

Sale ends Saturday, December 17

Delivery Saturday, January 21* (*Tentative)

Please email mrhsfruit@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

Mustang Flea Market – Saturday, February 27

8:00am - 1:00pm • Marriotts Ridge High School Cafeteria • 12100 Woodford Dr • Marriottsville, MD 21104

\$1.00 donation per person upon entry. Cash only sales and no early birds, please! Refreshments are available. In case of inclement weather check <http://www.mrhsmusic.net> for details.

Donations are need! Gently used items can be dropped off at the storage units in the parking lot next to the cafeteria at the following times:

- Saturday, February 11, 9 am to 12pm
- Saturday, February 18, 9 am to 12 pm
- Friday, February 24, 4pm to 8pm

Please hold approved large items (e.g., furniture, etc.) until Friday, February 24, 4pm to 8pm. Please drop them off in the Commons. Donation receipts available upon request.

Slayton House Theatre Camp of the Arts

Slayton House Theatre is offering a **FREE** Summer Sampler on Monday, January 16 from 9AM to 12PM!!!

Drop your camper off and let the staff provide a morning of musical theatre fun! This opportunity is available for students in Grade 1 and up. Learn a song, do some dancing, and take part in some theatre exercises to get a sneak peak of the camp day. Please RSVP by January 9, 2017. Registration is FREE!!!

For more information visit www.campofthearts.com, call 410-730-3987, or email camp@wildelake.org.

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.

I'm Going to Be a Big Brother or Sister

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Prepare for the arrival of a baby in this class for new siblings. Enjoy stories and activities, and bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal to practice holding a baby. There will be resources for parents, too.

In partnership with Howard County General Hospital: A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Families; 30 - 45 minutes

*Registration is required.

Kid's Coloring Hour

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Express yourself with crayons, markers, and colored pencils to improve fine motor skills, color awareness, and hand-to-eye coordination.

Ages 7-10; Allow 30 minutes.

No registration required.

Sloppy Saturdays

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5-10; 20 minutes - Register for each class separately.

*Registration is required.

Hacking Fashion: Fleece

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Discover your inner "hacker!" Design and create a soft warm fleece scarf while imagining the endless possibilities using old fleece fabric.

Ages 9-13; Allow 60 minutes

*Registration is required.

Celestial Searchers Young Astronomers Club

Date: Monday, December 19, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Local astronomy educator Dr. Joel Goodman discusses our solar system and beyond, with engaging hands-on activities. Explore a different astronomy theme each month. Grades K-8 with adult; 60 min.

No registration required.

Frozen Fever

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Celebrate Anna's birthday with stories, singing, and dancing. Learn about Snowgies, then make an Olaf and Snowgie craft.

Ages 4-8; 45 minutes

*Registration is required.

Muggle Zoology

Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Draw artistic inspiration from J.K. Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* as you explore mythological, strange, and amazing animal facts then create a furry, feathered, or scaly beast.

*Registration is required.

Tundra Science

Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016 (Howard County schools closed)

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Learn about the tundra and the animals that live there. Watch a video, participate in activities and an experiment, and then make a craft.

Ages 6-8; 45minutes

*Registration is required.

Noon Year's Eve Penguin Ball

Date: Saturday, December 31, 2016

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Branch: Glenwood Branch

Description: Dress in black and white and ring in the New Year penguin style with stories, music, a craft, a special countdown, and an apple juice toast.

Ages 3-7; 45 minutes

*Registration is required.