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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

We are now into the second semester of the school year. Report cards were sent home with students today. Report cards are an opportunity for parents to discuss with their child areas of success and goals for the spring. Usually the third quarter presents more difficult materials. Please continue to utilize Canvas, email, and newsletters to stay informed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first-ever Family FIT Night that was held on Wednesday, January 25th! It was an extraordinary evening of wellness and fitness for the whole family. Many thanks to Mrs. Carita Carlyle and the WFES Staff Outreach Committee for organizing this fabulous event! We are still amazed by the number of students, parents, and staff who joined us for an evening of activity and fun! Sixty percent of our student population attended Family Fit Night and it was great to see so many of our staff members come back to school that evening and bring their families. This was an outstanding community effort.

The following excerpt was taken from a Facebook post...

“Tonight our elementary school hosted a Family Fitness night. I'm not gonna lie, I was BLOWN AWAY with how many people were there! I truly didn't expect that large of a crowd. Kudos to the team that put the whole thing together. The kids AND parents had a blast and it was an excellent way to show families how they can choose fitness as a LIFESTYLE... What a blessing it was to see everyone all there together checking everything out. I wish I could've done more of the workouts myself but I did get to participate in a little modified Zumba. So much fun. Bravo!”

Grade levels are organizing Valentine's Day activities. The day will allow time to exchange Valentine's and a few classroom activities. You will soon receive information from your child's teacher.

Our PTA is hosting a Valentine's dance on Friday, February 10th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of dancing with a DJ, prizes, and refreshments. This is a “family” fun event and students are required to be accompanied by an adult. Have fun with your family! Be sure to sign up to volunteer and/or RSVP at <http://www.wfespta.com/>.

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon, Principal
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 3	Report Cards Issued
Thursday, February 9	PTA Sponsored Cultural Arts Assembly, "Illstyle" Grades 3-5 at 9:30 a.m. Grades K-2 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 10	PTA Valentine's Dance in Cafeteria – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 17	WFES School Spirit "Pajama Day"
Monday, February 20	Schools Closed for Presidents' Day (May be used as inclement weather makeup day)
Tuesday, February 21	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Learning Day
Thursday, February 23	Class/Group Photos & Individual Spring Portraits

SCHOOL NEWS

Family FIT Night

Thank you to the following businesses for helping to make our first Family Fit Night a success!

- Active Health Chiropractic
- Sweet Minerals Skin Care with Kerry Plummer
- Quest Fitness Center
- Shaklee Cleaning Supplies with Lisa McCourry
- Shakeology with Katie Farrar
- Dr. Doshi, Pediatric Dentist
- Howard County's Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC)
- Howard County Health Dept. (HCHD)
- Goldfish Swim School
- Young Living Essential Oils
- I Am Fit Conditioning with Cornell Smith
- Mount View Middle School
- Marriots Ridge High School
- Chick-Fil-A
- Athleta
- Play It Again Sports
- Pinot's Palette
- Samsara Hair Salon
- Honest Tea
- G & B Wine Importers

Sixty percent of our students brought their families to learn more about yoga, martial arts, Zumba, and boot camp. WFES students and staff rock!

Cough Drop Reminder from the Health Room

Students may have non-mentholated cough drops (Hall's Breezer's or Luden's) in school *ONLY* with a parent/guardian note. They may have up to 3 cough drops per day for up to 5 days. After the 5th day we will require a new note. The remaining cough drops can be retrieved from the Health Room, or they will be discarded. **Mentholated** cough drops are considered a medication and require a **doctor's order**. The order form is available at: http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/medform_physorder.pdf
Please contact the Health Room at 410-313-5515 if you have any questions.

Home & School Connection

Please view the attachment to read the February issue of Home & School Connection. This publication is available in both, English and Spanish.

PTA NEWS

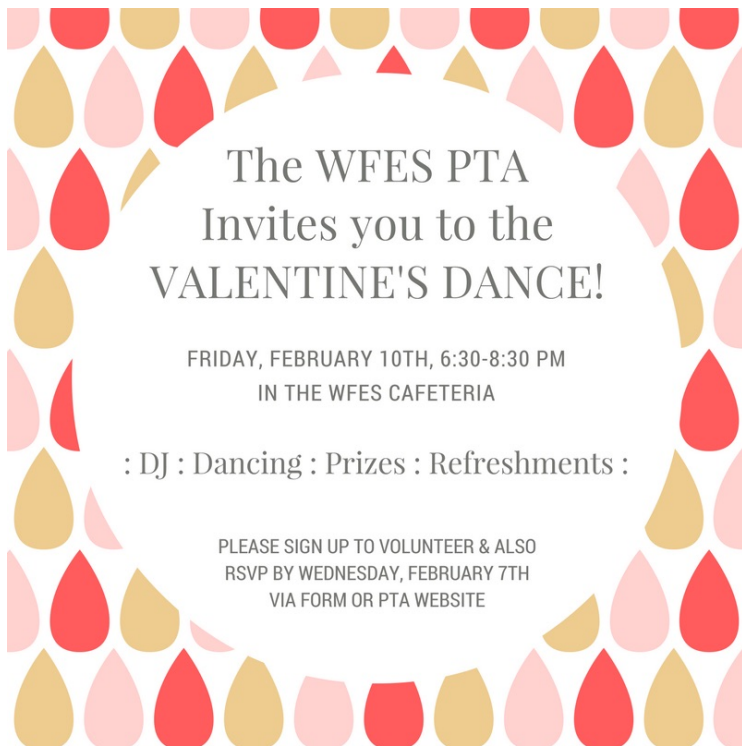
Healthy Body. Healthy Mind

First, a special thank you and shout-out to Mrs. Breon, Mrs. Carlyle, and the WFES Staff Outreach Committee for organizing an amazing and holistic fitness event at our school! We can all use the encouragement and positive reinforcement that we got at the fun event. We really appreciate all the hard work that went into making the evening a big success!

It was one of the best attended events of its kind with over 400 people attending. So, a big thanks also to all the children and their families, staff, volunteers, and vendors who participated!

You are invited!

Join us on Friday, February 10th for our fun annual WFES PTA dance!



Please RSVP by sending in the form which was sent home OR by replying online:

<https://www.wfespta.com/online-forms/school-dance-rsvp/>

We also still need volunteers and we would love it if you can help!

<http://signup.com/go/QLvApq>

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you!



The PTA Family Fun Committee

It Starts with the Arts -- WFES “Making Memories” Fundraiser

We are so excited to partner with a company called Square 1 Art for our WFES PTA fundraiser this year!

Each child’s creativity will shine through when they make their *very own* artwork that will be turned into memorable keepsakes! The parents/guardians will get a catalog of their child’s artwork on products such as potholders, phone cases, coffee mugs, tote bags, key rings, etc., which make excellent mementoes and gifts. The custom keepsakes are priced affordably from \$7.00 onwards. Plus, each child will get 20 stickers of their artwork for free, even if no orders are placed.

All items will be ready for purchase in time for Mother's and Father's Day gifts!



FREE STICKERS

If you’d like to see for yourself, some of the items are on display in the front office, or please visit the Square 1 Art website: www.square1art.com. We are super excited because this is indeed a win-win-win partnership! © Each child’s creativity is affirmed, the parents have a unique piece of their child's artwork, and our school raises valuable funds with each purchase.

How it works:

All the artwork will be done at school. However, each class will require a few parent volunteers as there are specific guidelines the kids need to follow for the artwork. If you are available to volunteer or would like more information on this fundraiser, please email Dana Keiner at dckeiner@yahoo.com.

Get involved. Have your voice heard.

Please Join Us for the
February
PTA Meeting!

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT.

Our next PTA General Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 16th.

Please note: We meet in the Media room. And if you need to bring your little ones along in order to attend, we usually have a fun movie running to keep the children engaged during the meeting. We would love to see you there!

Spirit Wear Online Store is open 24/7



Show your Tiger pride! Order your WFES spirit wear, so you'll have it for the next **Spirit Day!** Both the t-shirts and the hoodies are available to be purchased online at the WFES PTA website: www.wfespta.com/shop. We have all sizes -- all the way from youth small to adult 3XL! Order online *today* and The WFES PTA will send them home promptly via backpack mail. ☺

Restaurant Fundraiser



When you dine at Glory Days Grill (Ellicott City or Eldersburg locations) now through June 2, 2017, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food and beverage purchases to West Friendship Elementary School. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food and beverage bill. Simply ask your server for your itemized original receipt and send it to school with your child addressed ATTENTION: PTA/Jen Lowther/Glory Days.

Questions? Please email Jen @ jlowther4@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learning Together Program

Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center-Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten

The Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool and pre-kindergarten programs are now accepting applications for classes for the 2017/18 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **3-years old by September 1, 2017** or 4-years of age may contact Katie Hereth in the school office for an application package beginning mid-February.

All applications must be returned by the last Friday in March. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup on April 7, 2017 from 10-10:30 a.m. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Hereth at (410) 442-2448 or (410) 313-5500.

Mustang Flea Market – Saturday, February 25

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.