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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Thank you to our PTA Family Fun Committee, Mrs. Jessica Schwendeman and Mrs. Alicyn Hodges for hosting a wonderful evening of skating for our students last Sunday evening. We have heard many, many comments about the fun-filled evening! This is just one more thing that makes our PTA extraordinary!

We are looking forward to Family FIT Night scheduled for next Wednesday, January 25th! Please join us for a fun evening of wellness and fitness for the family. Don't miss out on the chance to win fabulous door prizes, participating in various physical activities, and obtaining information from local businesses and organizations! Please register now by visiting <http://bit.ly/WestFriendshipFFN>. **Register before 6:00 this evening and be entered in a special drawing for a prime parking space the evening of the event.** This is sure to be an exciting event!!!

This is a reminder that schools are closed for students next Friday, January 27th. This day is designated as a Professional Work Day for staff. Enjoy the long weekend with your children.

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon, Principal
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 25	Family FIT Night – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 26	End of 2 nd Marking Period
Friday, January 27	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Work Day
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 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 17	Spirit Day “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

Door Prizes Galore at Family FIT Night!!!

Be sure to come out for a FREE night of Family Fitness Fun on Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please register by visiting <http://bit.ly/WestFriendshipFFN>. Here is a list of some of the door prizes that will be offered that evening:

- Sweet Minerals skin care item
- Pinot's Palette – free class for you and a friend
- Play It Again - \$20 gift card
- Chick-Fil-A – 6 stuffed cows with gift cards
- Athleta – \$50.00 gift card, \$20.00 coupons and bags
- MRHS item from their school store
- Quest Fitness Center – 1 free month membership
- Samsara Hair Salon – gift card
- LuLaRoe item by Stephanie McDonald
- MVMS t-shirts and key chains

Have fun and get physical at various activity stations:

- Kid Friendly Boot Camp
- Karate
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Dance Party Finale
- Parent Nutrition Workshop

Many vendors will be on hand with information about their local businesses/agencies:

- Quest Fitness Center – Brenda Lee
- Sweet Minerals Skin Care – Kerry Plummer
- Shaklee cleaning supplies – Lisa McCourry
- Blood Pressure Checks – Beth Collora
- Shakeology – Katie Farrar
- Dr. Doshi – Pediatric Dentist
- Reiki/reflexology – Aysema Shade
- Howard County's Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC)
- Howard County Health Department (HCHD)
- Honest Tea
- Goldfish Swim School
- CSC Campanaro Strength and Conditioning
- I Am Fit – Cornell Smith

We hope to see you there! Please register now at <http://bit.ly/WestFriendshipFFN>.

Looking for a Good Book?

Would you like your own librarian to suggest books to match your child's interests? The Howard County Public Library has a free online service called Beanstack that will email suggested titles for your child on a weekly basis. Here's how it works:

- Visit Beanstack at <https://hclibrary.beanstack.org/>.
- Register and have your child complete the online reading interest inventory.
- Enter your email address and you will start receiving suggested titles each week.

If you have questions about Beanstack or need help, email Mrs. Petrilla at Amy.Petrilla@hcpss.org. Enjoy having your own library concierge with Beanstack!

Parent Volunteer Information

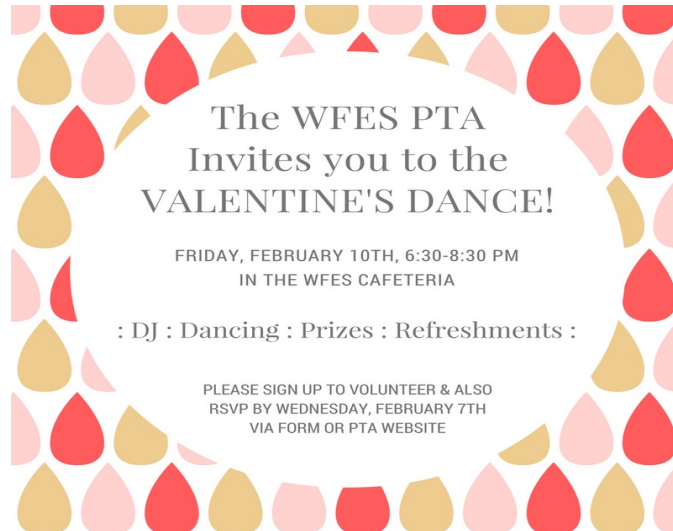
Thank you for your interest in volunteering at West Friendship Elementary! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and staff.

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

Save the date!

This is a "family" fun event. Students must be accompanied by an adult.



Volunteers are needed!

PTA General Meeting Reminder: Thursday, February 16th

Please join us at the next PTA General Meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 PM.



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 mail Jen @ jlowther4@gmail.com.

Spirit Wear Online Store

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. ☺



COMMUNITY NEWS

Road to Kindergarten Workshops – January 25, 26, and 30

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017?

Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System. At this workshop you will learn:

- Expectations for school readiness (and receive a Ready for Kindergarten toolkit).
 - Details about the kindergarten program.
 - Information about HCPSS kindergarten registration.
 - Ways that families and children can be supported during the transition to kindergarten.
- Choose a session that is convenient for you. No registration required.

Childcare is available at each session for children ages 2 and older; the session is designed for adults only. Doors open at 6 p.m. to allow time for parking, childcare drop off and check-in.

If Howard County public schools are closed for inclement weather, the session is canceled.

All sessions will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Sessions

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Oakland Mills High School, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, 21045

Thursday, January 26, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Centennial High School, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, 21042

Monday, January 30, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Road, Columbia 21046

Bricks4Kidz LEGO® After School Amazing Animals

It's a zoo in here! This is perfect for kids who love creatures. We build models of snakes, insects, mammals and more. Each week we discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build, from the chameleon that changes colors to the seal model that waddles across the table. Children love these moving models that celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom. Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO® bricks. (No class March 10) For more information, please visit www.bricks4kidz.com/clarksville or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 6 Classes RP3379.205 Begins February 3 3:50-4:50pm Friday \$99

Minecraft Programming After School with C3 Cyber Club

Looking for a fun way to learn programming? How about using a game you love. Using a custom mod called "Computercraft," learn how to program robots called "turtles" inside the world of Minecraft. Use problem-solving skills by learning how to program your robot to complete various tasks and objectives such as programming turtles to automatically build, mine and craft items and structures. Learn to program if-then-else statements, for while loops, and implement their own functions using LUA, a simple scripting language. (No class February 20) For more information, please contact Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades 4-5 6 Classes RP3326.217 Begins January 30 3:50-4:50pm Monday \$145

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.

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.

Celestial Searchers Young Astronomers Club

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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-minutes; No registration required

Magic Tree House: Night of the Ninth Dragon

Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 or Saturday, January 28, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Annie and Jack must find the gold dragon to save King Arthur and Camelot. Learn about dragons, mermaids, unicorns, and other mythical creatures.

Ages 6-9; 45-minutes; Howard County Schools are closed on January 27; Registration is required

BAG BINGO! At Glenelg High School (After-Prom Party Fundraiser)

Each prize includes bag (ex. Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, etc.), gift cards, and more donated by local businesses. Tuesday, January 31st, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

\$15 in advance; \$20 at the door -- Ticket includes 20 Games and 3 Specials; Food & Raffles also available for purchase. Tickets go on sale early January. Snow date is Thursday, February 9th.

Glenelg High School After-Prom Bingo ORDER FORM

\$15.00 x _____ tickets = Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Order forms may be sent to the school with your check (made payable to GHS PTSA):

Glenelg PTSA Bingo - 14025 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg, MD 21737

OR go to the GHS PTSA website: glenelgptsa.org to pay with PayPal

*All Tickets will be held at the door for pick up.

For additional information, please contact us at: Glenelghighschoolpts@gmail.com