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**January 6, 2017**

## ***FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS***

Thank you for sending your children back to us last Monday after the holiday. Students were excited to be back in school and they were ready to learn! We look forward to seeing many of you at the Band and Strings concert the evening of Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Our students have worked very hard to prepare for this performance.

Before the holiday break, our school community collected items for our troops and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students assembled care packages that will be delivered to Fort George G. Meade USO tomorrow. Harris Teeter on Resort Road donated 60 cloth grocery bags that were used to assemble the packages. We thank Mrs. Petrilla for organizing this wonderful outreach program. I want to share with you the message we received from Fort Meade, as your caring and generosity made this possible.

On behalf of all the volunteers here at the Fort Meade Center & USO-Metro staff I would like to thank you for the amazing gift bags your school put together for our service members! The service members that received the gift bags were sincerely grateful for the thoughtfulness of your students.

I have attached a few photos I took here at the center. Unfortunately I was not able to find a single service member in uniform that day as a result of the holiday, however they were happy to pose for a photo. You can also find the photos on the USO Fort Meade Facebook page.

Please feel free to contact me if you come up with any other projects that may benefit our service members here on Fort Meade or elsewhere in the Maryland-Virginia area.

Thank you again & Happy Holidays!

Best Wishes,

**Melyssa Haubenstricker**  
**Center Supervisor, Fort Meade**

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon, Principal  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 10	PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 10	Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night at MVMS – 6:30 p.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
Friday, January 13	Family FIT Night Registration Opens
Sunday, January 15	WFES Roller Skating Party – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, January 16	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, January 20	School Spirit Wear Day (visit <a href="https://www.wfespta.com/shop">https://www.wfespta.com/shop</a> )
Friday, January 20	Club Pictures Will Be Taken
Wednesday, January 25	Family FIT Night – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 26	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
Friday, January 27	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Work Day
Friday, February 3	Report Cards Issued

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night

As part of the ES to MS transition, all middle schools will be holding Parent Information Nights for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students during the month of January. These meetings will include general information about the school as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade program of study. A portion of the presentation will be dedicated to the G/T program and 6<sup>th</sup> grade world language instruction at middle schools that have world language in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **Mount View Middle School's incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation will be held on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

### School Spirit Wear Day

WFES will have **Spirit Wear Day on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**! 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>.

### Attention WFES Families

We are in the process of planning our **Family Fitness Night scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>** and are hoping our WFES families can help us gather door prize donations from businesses in the area. If you have a connection to a business in the area or a favorite business that you frequent, please let me know. I would like to provide you with a letter requesting a donation. Thanks for helping us make our first Family Fitness Night a success. -- Carita Carlyle, School Counselor

### Chess Club

Mrs. Carlyle, our school counselor will be offering **Chess Club for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade** students on **Mondays** during recess. This is a good opportunity for students to learn how to play chess or challenge friends who already know how to play. Students may also choose to participate for part of their recess and still get some exercise outside before settling down for lunch. If your child is interested in being a part of Chess Club, please ask him/her to see Mrs. Carlyle in the counseling office.

## **Looking for a Good Book?**

Is your child looking for a great book to read? 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](mailto:Amy.Petrilla@hcpss.org). Enjoy having you 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***

### **PTA General Meeting Reminder: Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us at the next PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. We are voting on the changes to the ByLaws and must have a quorum to pass the proposed changes. Details can be found <http://www.wfespta.com/formal-notice-of-bylaws-update/>.

Why come to the meeting? Because with YOU, we all make a difference!

Not a PTA member yet? Consider becoming one NOW!



Please visit [www.WFESPTA.com](http://www.WFESPTA.com) to find out more about our PTA.

## **Little Scholars After-School Classes**

### **Registration deadline is extended through today -- Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Check out the Little Scholars after-school enrichment classes at West Friendship Elementary School to be held the weeks of January 16 – March 6 (Make-up week: March 12):

**App IT:** Gamers, amaze your family and friends with your app-designing skills as you take an app from your imagination all the way to your device. Develop, create, design, and test your creation on your personal device. Gamers will build their technology skills while reinforcing their confidence in new challenges. Gamers will also have some time to un-plug and interact with fellow students.

**Talking Heads:** Through a cool combination of comedy improv, witty interviews, debate challenges, and amusing games you will gain the confidence to tackle the fear of public speaking. With a focus on critical thinking and concise communication, we will lay the groundwork toward becoming a confident public speaker.

**Whiz Kids:** Join us on a science discovery mission! We will explore the world of science through everyday objects, experiments and encounters. This program will enhance STEM education philosophies with a big punch of fun. Physics, biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy, and zoology will all be covered in the Whiz Kids program.

For more information and to register, please go to [www.wfespta.com](http://www.wfespta.com).

### **Box Tops Submission deadline is Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

With your help, we have collected \$312.00 for our school during the 1<sup>st</sup> Box Top Drive! Thank you!

The next Box Tops Raffle Drawing is happening soon! So don't be left out in the cold, submit your completed sheets of 25 Box Tops by Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win cool prizes!

*Collecting **BOX TOPS** is simple as 1-2-3-4...and each one is worth 10¢!*

1. BUY quality products from brands like these and look for Box Top coupons:

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| • General Mills® | Ziploc®    | Betty Crocker® |
| • Annie's®       | Pillsbury® | Kleenex®       |
| • Hefty®         | Scott®     | Reynolds®      |
| • Green Giant™   | Lysol®     | Land O'Lakes®  |
| • Yoplait®       | Mott's®    | Nature Valley™ |

Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of participating brands and to learn more about how you can help our school.

2. CLIP and collect the Box Tops coupons and *tape or glue* them on the attached collection sheet.

3. SUBMIT completed sheets to your child's teacher.

4. WIN **cool prizes**: for each completed sheet of 25 Box Tops submitted, your child will be entered in a raffle!

Box Top Collection forms can be found at [http://www.wfespta.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/BTFE\\_collectionsheet\\_25\\_personalize.pdf](http://www.wfespta.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/BTFE_collectionsheet_25_personalize.pdf)

## **Spirit Wear Online Store**

Hurry! Order your WFES spirit wear, so you'll have it for the **roller skating party on January 15** and **Spirit Day on January 20!**

Both the t-shirts and the hoodies are available to be purchased online at the WFES PTA website: [www.wfespta.com/shop](http://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. ☺



## **Mark your calendars!**

### **West Friendship PTA Sponsored Family Roller Skating Party: Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!**

We would love to see you there!

When: Sunday, January 15, 2017 (no school the following day)

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Wheels Skating Center in Odenton

1200 Odenton Road~ Odenton, MD 21113 - 410-674-9661, [www.wheelsrsc.com](http://www.wheelsrsc.com)

**\*\*Admission is FREE!\*\*** Skate rental: \$3.00 for quad skates or \$4.00 for in-line or speed skates

The snack bar will be open during our private session. Meal Deals are offered for \$3.00 and consist of one small soda and either a slice of cheese pizza or a hot dog. Minimum \$10 purchase for credit cards

Please go to these links to fill out the PTA Event Waiver prior to arriving at Skate Night\*\*

Students: <http://www.wfespta.com/sp-content/uploads/2014/04/Student-Waiver-Form.pdf>

Adults: <http://www.wfespta.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Adults-Participant-Waiver-Form.pdf>

For more information contact Alicyn Hodges - [asampsonhodges@gmail.com](mailto:asampsonhodges@gmail.com) or Jessica Schwendeman - [jlschwendeman@gmail.com](mailto:jlschwendeman@gmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/clarksville) or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or [awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **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](http://www.campofthearts.com), call 410-730-3987, or email [camp@wildelake.org](mailto: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](http://www.hclibrary.org).

### **Discovering Great Artists: Vincent Van Gogh**

**Date:** Monday, January 9, 2017

**Time:** 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Learn about the life and methods of one of history's greatest artists, then use his techniques to create a piece of art.

Ages 7-10; 45-minutes; Registration is required

### **Sloppy Saturdays**

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5-10; 20-minutes; Registration is required. If you would like a reminder for this class, please provide an email address.

### **LEGO® Challenge**

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2017 (Create a wacky winter creature)

**Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Bring your best building skills to our LEGO® challenge!

Ages 9-17; 60-minutes; No registration required.

**Kid's Coloring Hour**

**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

**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