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From the Principal's Desk

It was so nice to have a full week of school. This is the first full week since winter break! The good news is that the staff persevered and rearranged schedules as much as possible to support student learning. This was a great challenge and the staff handled it with patience and professionalism.

PARCC is off to a great start! There have been a few technology glitches here and there, but Mrs. Steger and her team were there to trouble shoot and keep things flowing. I'm proud of the students – they are trying their best! Thanks for your support at home as it really makes a difference.

Thank you PTA for funding our cultural arts assembly we had today! *Didgeridoo Down Under* is an Australia-themed education program that teaches students about the music and traditions of native Australians. Through music and acting, the performers also promote an anti-bullying message and stress the importance of treating others with respect. The students and staff had a wonderful time!

If you are interested in participating on our **School Improvement Team**, our next meeting is **Monday, March 23rd at 8:30 a.m.** in our media center. Please RSVP to aaron_tark@hcpss.org

Our next school spirit day is Friday, March 20 – March Madness! Please wear an item of clothing that has a school name on it. It can be elementary, middle, high school, or college.

Follow us on Twitter: @hcpss_WFES It's fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 17	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 20	School Spirit Day: March Madness! Wear clothes with a school name on it: elementary, middle, high school, or college!
Monday, March 23	School Improvement Meeting in Media Center – 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 24	PTA Sponsored Assembly, “Maryland, My Maryland” – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 27	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45) – End of Marking Period
March 30 – April 6	Schools Closed – Spring Break
Tuesday, April 7	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 8	Jump Rope for Heart – More Details Coming
Tuesday, April 14	Middle School Program Overview for Parents at MVMS – 7:00 p.m.

What's for Lunch?

For the latest menus, and information regarding food services, please go to: <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services> or download the HCPSS App for free.

Monday, March 16	Tuesday, March 17	Wednesday, March 18	Thursday, March 19	Friday, March 20
Breakfast (\$2.00) Banana Muffin Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Baked Ziti with Bread Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges Hot Vegetable: Oven Baked Potatoes Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Frosted Flakes® Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Beef Taco with Flour Tortilla Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Diced Peas All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges Hot Vegetable: Corn and Refried Beans Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Breakfast Break Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) BBQ Pork Rib on Sub Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Spinach Salad, Celery Sticks, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges Hot Vegetable: Broccoli Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Apple Muffin Top Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Hot Dog on Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Romaine Salad, Cucumber Slices with Tomato Wedges, Mixed Fruit All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges Hot Vegetable: Baked Beans Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white	Breakfast (\$2.00) Strawberry Yogurt Breakfast Break Fresh Fruit Milk Lunch Entree Choices (\$2.75) Chicken Nuggets with Roll Yogurt/Fruit/Cheese Combo Cheese Pizza Featured Items: Tossed Salad, Green Pepper Strips, Cinnamon Apple Slices All lunches include Fresh Apples and Oranges Hot Vegetable: Sweet Potatoes Milk (50c): fat free flavored, fat free unflavored, or 1% white
Monday, March 23	Tuesday, March 24	Wednesday, March 25	Thursday, March 26	Friday, March 27
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School News

West Friendship

Tuffy Ticket

- 🌻 Respectful
- 🌻 Responsible
- 🌻 Ready to Learn



PBIS Update:

The PBIS Committee is working on the plans for our next school wide celebration scheduled for April 10. This celebration is to acknowledge the efforts students have made with our 3R's and to create an opportunity for staff to build positive relationships with students whom they don't typically work with during the week. The committee is also working our PBIS Gold Award application. So far, things look amazing! Our next school spirit day is Friday, March 20 – March Madness! Please wear an item of clothing that has a school name on it. It can be elementary, middle, high school, or college.

Making Up Snow Days

The last day of school was originally scheduled for June 10 on the 2014-2015 school calendar, which reserved five additional days through June 17 for inclement weather makeup. As of today, all five of those makeup days have been used, plus three additional inclement weather days. Once the winter season has ended, the Board of Education will make a decision regarding the makeup of the additional missed days.

News from our Music Teacher, Mr. Umla!

Kindergarten students are exploring duration (long and short notes) in music. Students will be given opportunities to display movements to music that contains patterns of long and short notes and/or sounds. They will also play and compare classroom instruments, whose tone colors have long or short sounds, to accompany songs and chants. An assessment will be administered on recognition of changes from longer notes to shorter notes and vice versa.

First grade students are studying musical form. Students will be given opportunities to move and listen to music that has AB or ABA patterns. An assessment on understanding musical form will be administered during this quarter.

Second grade students are demonstrating their understanding of three types of musical form. Students will be given opportunities to move and listen to music that has AB, ABA, or ABACA (rondo) patterns. An assessment on musical form will be administered during this quarter.

Third grade students are showing their understanding of improvisational techniques by performing simple melodic/rhythmic patterns in a call and response format. This assessment will be administered during this quarter.

Fourth grade students are showing their understanding of playing two-part music by individually performing simple rhythmic patterns against a simultaneous performance of simple rhythmic patterns played by Mr. Umla. A two-part music performance assessment will be administered during this quarter.

Fifth grade students are reading rhythms that are a combination of sixteenth notes and eighth notes. The eighth note followed by two sixteenth notes and two sixteenth notes followed by an eighth note are the rhythms on which we will be focusing. An assessment on reading rhythms will be administered during this quarter.

5th Grade Parents . . .SAVE THE DATE!

Middle School Program Overview is April 14th

Mount View Middle School invites parents of 5th grade students to attend an overview of the middle school and G/T programs on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the MVMS Cafeteria. Ms. Szalecki, the 6th grade counselor, will present information on the middle school courses and schedule. Mrs. Mako, the G/T resource teacher, will discuss the G/T program and its many offerings. *This overview is designed for parents only. Students will attend a visitation during the school day on May 19th.*

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. **Please call the school office to schedule an appointment.** Every child who is **five years old by September 1, 2015** must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an approved waiver. A custodial parent must complete the registration process and must live in the school attendance area. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: driver's license, military ID, or passport.
- Signed original, current lease or deed with your address, valid dates, signatures.
- Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas and electric, cable bill).
- Student's proof of birth (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport, military ID).
- Proof of parental relationship, custody, or guardianship. If applicable, bring legal proof of custody (court order).

- ❑ Student's current proof of immunizations signed by a physician.
- ❑ Student's most recent grade report, transcript, report card from last school attended at time of withdrawal.
- ❑ Documentation of Special Education (IEP), 504, Psychological Report, or related services.
- ❑ Any additional paperwork that may be necessary due to special living arrangements or circumstances.

Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enrollment-and-registration/> for additional information

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting

We are having our next general PTA meeting next Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. We have some very important topics we need to discuss on some recent developments. We would love to hear any new ideas parents might have. Please join us even if you can't stay the whole meeting.

WF Volunteer Fire Department Dinner - Thank You!

Many thanks to the following people that contributed to the WFVFD Dinner: **Lisa Anderson, Shannon Angarita, Carmen Armiger, Kathy Baur, Julie Bennett, Yvonne Cotto, Alicyn Hodges, Cheryl Ketterer, Krista Patterson, Julie Pistorio, Cathy Rayburn, Selena Rhine, Lynne Roman, Ashley Royle, Rachel Seaboch, Hayley Turner, Kara Williams and Daisy Zhao.** The Community Outreach Committee appreciates the extra step you took to make our local volunteer fire department feel special and appreciated for all their hard work in our community. Another thank you to the WFES students that made cards. The firefighters loved your beautiful work!

STEM Day

The West Friendship Elementary annual STEM Day is scheduled for June 5, 2015. We are looking for parents and special guests to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. If you are interested in volunteering for STEM day, or have any questions, please contact Annmarie Ottman at wfesstemday@yahoo.com.

Science Fair

The WFES PTA is sponsoring a Science Fair on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The Fair is open to all students in all grades. Students will present to judges from MRHS National Science Honor Society, teachers, and classmates during the school day. Science Fair projects will be on display for the community at the Evening of Excellence that evening. All participants will receive a ribbon and a certificate.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UKfa5CXggwo1UP7-wtKt0OqT0wgP-IqfruloUTp7etw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

To register for the Science Fair, please go to the PTA Website at wfespta.com and follow the link to the Science Fair on the left-hand menu; once there, click on "Online Registration Form" at the top of the page.

The WFES PTA Science Fair page also has information and suggestions on conducting your experiment and preparing your display board. You can go directly to the PTA Science Fair page here: <http://www.wfespta.com/science-fair/>

Registration deadline is on Friday, April 24, but don't wait! Register today! We hope to see you all the WFES Science Fair. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Burns at elpego@mac.com or 410.489.6785.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Girls on the Run Spring Season is Here! Only 1 More Week to Register

Girls on the Run is an after-school character development program that uses the power of running to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. The program combines training for a 5K (3.1 miles) event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goal of the program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual, and physical development.

How Do I Register My Daughter?

Go to www.gotrcentralmd.org. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is limited to 15 students. Practices begin on March 18 and will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:45-5:00 at WFES for 10 weeks. On Saturday March 30, the girls will run a 5K in Columbia.

Questions?

Contact GOTR coaches Dave & Carmen Roberts at daveandcarmen@msn.com.

Warhawks Football

Registration is now open for the Western Howard County WARHAWKS Fall Football and Cheer program online. Join the sport with the most watched TV event in history and become a Warhawk for Life. **Come in person** on March 22nd to the Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood to register for the Warhawks Fall 2015 Football and Cheerleading season (ages 5-14) and receive an ADDITIONAL \$25 discount, on top of the early bird discount for a total of \$50 off the regular price. PLUS receive an exclusive t-shirt for all registered participants. The Gary J. Arthur Community Center is located at 2400 Route 97, Glenwood, MD 21723. Bring your family to meet our Warhawks families and coaches who are supported and trained with USA Football Certifications (in partnership with the NFL). For more information please visit www.gowarhawks.com or like us on Facebook (Western Howard County Warhawks Football and Cheer).

We will have ONSITE-registration on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 3pm-6pm.

Onsite registration will allow you to:

- 1) Register early to ensure proper division/team placement.
- 2) Meet some of the coaches for your child's team and this year's Parent Board of Directors.

We are excited to offer this program. It is extremely important that we have early registration. It allows us to plan for recruiting coaches, ordering equipment, coordinating practice fields, and prepare our fundraising needs. The earlier you register the smoother our organization can run.

If you cannot join us that day, **the easiest way to register is by calling [410-313-7275](tel:410-313-7275)**. To register online follow these steps: **(Please note you will only receive the additional registration discount only if you attend the onsite registration event).**

1. Go to www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP
2. Go to Register Now!
3. Click in the search toolbar.
4. Type in RP5305 for WARHAWK football or RP5304 cheerleading.
5. Go to the appropriate age/weight for your child.

NOTE: In order to register online, you must have an online password/account with Howard County Recreation and Parks. If you don't already have an account, click on the **Request Account** button at the link above in step #2. There is no cost to set up an account. An approval password will be emailed to you within 24-48 hours.

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, March 21, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Road, Ellicott City, MD

Get your spring-cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space available/\$20 per space. Vendors keep their profits. Donations are also being accepted at the PTA's Donation Tables. The Donation tables ONLY will be open to "Invited Guests" to shop for FREE. These guests are from local agencies that serve those less fortunate. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at FQMS Friday, March 20 4pm-8pm in the cafeteria. To reserve a space call 443-506-7394 or

<https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=QVzopBynwkCVJN78uLo8x9qwaUKSL9IIBu3bSSIbF08sp6QxUDengi9yNWM4cIFwOWyQNCswZm8.&URL=mailto%3aNeighbornetwk%40aol.com>
Neighbornetwk@aol.com.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

The Rotary Clubs of Howard County in partnership with Wilde Lake High School are hosting the seventh annual Soup'r Sundae, a family event featuring soups prepared by area restaurants, on Sunday, March 22, 12-2 p.m., Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD 21044. Tickets are at www.souprsundae.eventbrite.com or by contacting cathyvsmith@verizon.net Tickets will also be available at the door for cash and checks made out to Grassroots. www.grassrootscrisis.org

Robinson Nature Center

Anne Robinson's Centennial Spring Break Activities

All ages, Wednesday, April 1-Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with Robinson daily admission or annual pass. www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCegacy.htm 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

Butterfly Gala, all ages, Saturday, April 11, 6:30-9 p.m. The Howard County Therapeutics Division and Robinson Nature Center cordially invites families of children and adults with special needs to join in an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring.

Cedar Lane School

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center. Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Funds will go towards the purchase of specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county. Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information, please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or walkforourstars2015@verizon.net

Howard County Government

Womenfest...A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **FREE**

Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville, MD.

For more information visit the event's website at www.howardcountyyaging.org/WomenFest or call 410-313-5440.