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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Family Reading Night “*Book and Cocoa Tasting*” was held this past Wednesday evening. Many WFES staff gave book talks and piqued students’ interest in a variety of books. Each student that attended was given a bookmark and the opportunity to create an “I Want to Read” wish list. Hot cocoa was served to make the evening of tasting complete! Thank you to our Reading Committee for organizing this great evening. Also, thank you to parent volunteer, Mrs. Elizabeth Burns for offering an Internet safety session that night. So much learning and fun in one evening!

Our 4th Annual JA in a Day was held on March 20th. Students in each grade level participated in the Junior Achievement in a Day Program. Many thanks to the WFES PTA for providing a continental breakfast and lunch for the Junior Achievement volunteers. This unique hands-on education program operated by Junior Achievement of Central Maryland exposes students to key concepts of financial literacy and business management. This is an in-classroom event that encompassed important elements of community, economy, and work readiness. All of this was done using age appropriate materials led by volunteers. By the end of the day, WFES students had completed 5 JA sessions and earned a Junior Achievement certificate. We are grateful for this year’s JA volunteers and thank them for all their time and effort: **Mrs. Darlene Heflin, Mrs. Kendra Albert, Mrs. Abigail Braswell, Mrs. Nancy Janson, Mrs. Bavani Murari, Mrs. Alicyn Hodges, Mrs. Alice Snyder, Mrs. Dana Keiner, Mrs. Sara Kallay, Ms. Hina Naseem, Ms. Arifa Ahmed, Mrs. Kathy Baur, Mrs. Krista Patterson, Ms. Julie Pistorio, and Mr. David Yungmann.** A special thanks to our JA Coordinator and WFES parent **Hina Naseem** for organizing the program.

A number of parent volunteer and field trip chaperone opportunities are available in the coming weeks. 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. If you have not already done so, [please complete these courses before volunteering or chaperoning field trips.](http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/) The courses take just a few minutes to complete. To complete your training courses please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>.

There will be lots of activity taking place at WFES in the coming months. Please review the Calendar of Events section of each newsletter to keep up to date. New events are added each week!

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon, Principal
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 5	Gr. 5 Field Trip to Mount Vernon – 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 6	Jump Rope For Heart
Thursday, April 6	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7	School Spirit “Crazy Hair” Day
Friday, April 7	Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm) – End of Marking Period
Mon., April 10 – Mon., April 17	Schools Closed – Spring Break
Tues., April 18 – Fri., April 28	Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai Community Outreach Collection
Tuesday, April 25	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday, April 26	Gr. 2 Field Trip to the Howard County Conservancy – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28	Gr. 3 Baltimore Museum of Industry Field Trip – 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS

WFES Community Outreach for April

Our community will be collecting items April 18th – 28th to support The Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai. Let's show our support for children suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses by donating items to brighten their day. Collection boxes will be outside of the office. Here is a link to a complete list of items requested by the children's hospital:

<https://www.elitetournaments.com/sites/default/files/u6/Donations%20list.pdf>
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STEM DAY

On May 10, 2017 WFES will be having our annual STEM Day. As always, we would love to involve you, the parents on this fun day for students! The students love your hands on informative activities! If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Ms. Lauren Watts at lauren_watts@hcpss.org and let her know what grade level you would be interested in presenting to and what ideas you have in mind. Our goal is to have at least two presenters for each grade in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and/or math. Please let us know by April 20th so we can ensure that we have enough volunteers. We are looking forward to a great day!

2017 Screen-Free Week Challenge

The Maryland General Assembly, Delegate Bob Flanagan, Delegate Trent Kittleman, and Senator Gail Bates invite elementary school students in District 9 to participate in the “Screen-Free Week Challenge.” Younger siblings are also encouraged to participate. We hope interested students will accept the challenge by giving up television (and other electronic devices with screens, unless it is school-related) for seven consecutive days and engaging themselves in more productive, creative, and educational ways to spend their time. A perfect time to do this is in conjunction with National Screen-Free Week 2017 from May 1st thru May 7th. Students who successfully complete the “challenge” will receive a personalized certificate. If we have enough participants, an ice cream social may be held at West Friendship Elementary! **You may download the attachment or pick up a form from the school office. Please complete it and return it to Penny Jones in the school office by Friday, May 12th.**

Home & School Connection

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

Dismissal Arrangements

This is a reminder that notes are needed if you want your child to follow a different dismissal arrangement. Telling 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.** Please do not email this information. If our Internet is not working or if a teacher has a substitute, your message will not be received in a timely manner. Arrangements via telephone will only be honored in the event of an emergency.

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Do you have a child who will be 5-years old by September 1, 2017? Every child who is 5 years old by September 1 must be enrolled in kindergarten this fall or have an approved waiver. Kindergarten Registration is underway! Please contact Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or colleen_green@hcpss.org to schedule an appointment. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/enroll/> for additional information. Students must be registered by a custodial parent (biological, adoptive, legal guardian), and the parent must live within the school attendance area. Please be prepared to spend about 30-minutes completing paperwork. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: original 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 (original birth certificate, passport/visa, physician's certificate, baptismal or church certificate, parent's affidavit or birth registration).
- 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 doctor, health care provider, day care provider or school official.
- 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 contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or colleen_green@hcpss.org to schedule an appointment. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/enroll/> for additional information.

PTA NEWS

Exciting After-School Classes to Round off the School Year!

Sign-up soon! There is still time to register for fun and educational after school activities for your kids starting in April.



1. Chess Club by Silver Knights Chess

Research shows that chess can dramatically improve elementary students' levels of concentration, boost problem-solving skills and develop their thought processes. It is also believed that chess can boost mathematical literacy levels with amazing benefits across other subjects, including reading — all while having fun! The weekly sessions will be a mix of learning and play.

- The classes will be held on Fridays, April 21st to June 9th (except May 19th, school closed for a professional day) at 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- The cost for the 7-week session is \$98

Find out more at: www.skenrichment.com.

Register online at: <https://skenrichment.com/clubs/howard/product/3989-west-friendship-elementary-school-spring-2017.html>

2. P.E.T. Club Kid Empowerment

Empower your Kids! Children will unleash their Kid Power at this fun, hands-on program that teaches them how to create their own P.E.T.s Positive Empowering Thoughts! Through charming animations and experiential activities, children learn valuable life strategies that build resilience, confidence and a success mentality. Each child gets to choose and personalize his/her own stuffed pet, while learning important skills such as perseverance and mindfulness. Discovery activities like the Beach Ball Up game and the yummy In-Out Marshmallow game, give kids a chance to reinforce their new skills!



- The classes will be held on Thursdays, April 27th to June 1st (6/8 for a possible make-up day) at 3:55 – 5:25 pm
- The cost for six-weeks of 90 minutes classes (9hrs) is \$159 including materials

Details, Specific Topics and Online Registration at: www.SmashingANTs.com



3. Robot Rumble After School with Club SciKid – (Grades K-3)

Do your kids wonder how robots think? With Robot Rumble, students become engineers and learn the true definition of a robot. They will learn how programming is used to control robotic functions when they build and program simple robots. Robots come home with students!

- The classes will be held on Thursdays, April 27th - June 1st at 3:50 - 5:05pm
- The cost of 6-week session is \$119.00

More Info: www.clubscikidz.com or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Register online: https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/Activity_Search/robot-rumble-after-school-with-club-scikid/63492 (Activity Code: RP3345.308)

4. Minecraft Animation After School C3 Cyber Club (Grades 1 -3)

Do your kids want to become animators? Using Mine-imator software, they will enjoy being introduced to basic animation techniques with Minecraft characters and stages! The students will expand their observation skills and imagination by studying motion in reality and how it influences motion in animation. They will create various short animation exercises and projects by applying basic acting theories and animation principles.



- The classes will be held on Mondays, Apr 24th Jun 5th, (except May 29th) at 3:50 - 4:50pm
- The cost of 6-week session is \$145.00

More Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4718 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Register online: https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/Activity_Search/minecraft-animation-after-sch-c3-cyber-club/63471 (Activity Code: RP3328.305)



The PTA has started planning for next year and we have executive board positions and committee head positions that will need to be filled. If you are interested in getting more involved in the PTA and helping our staff, students, and community have a great year, we would love to hear from you! Please contact a member of the nominating committee:

Hina Naseem hnaseem@mac.com * Penny Jones penny.jones@hcpss.org * Kathy Baur kdbaur@gmail.com



Friday, May 12th for our annual SPRING FESTIVAL! Details coming soon!



It is finally T-Shirt weather (*well, almost* ☺)! Get yours at the

WFES Spirit Wear Online Store

Both, t-shirts and the hoodies are available for purchase online at the WFES PTA website: www.wfespta.com/shop. We have all sizes -- 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 mail Jen @ jlowther4@gmail.com.

Western Howard County Soccer



Registration for Western Howard County Soccer opens at the end of April. For every player registered from West Friendship, WHC Soccer will donate \$10 to WFES PTA! Stay tuned for April registration!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marriotts Ridge High School Boosters Summer Camp

MRHS Boosters sponsored summer camps with MRHS Athletic Coaches and Fine Arts Teachers take place each summer. We offer a complete selection of Sports and Music/Fine Arts Camps to choose from for students in 1st - 12th grades. In addition to all our traditional sports and music camps, NEW THIS YEAR, we are offering Let's Get Cooking Culinary Camp and a Multi-Sport camp. MRHS offers the ideal atmosphere for an exceptional summer camp experience with exposure to MRHS facilities and excellent staff. Most camps run for 5 days with weekly sessions beginning June 9th and ending the week of July 31st. Early Bird Registration Special of \$140.00 a week ends 5/19/17 so sign up today to get the deal! To register and get more information including the camp descriptions and schedules, please go to the MRHS Booster's web page www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps or for questions, email summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com.

"Columbia Gives" Annual Bingo!

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 28th. "Columbia Gives" Annual Bingo will be held at Wilde Lake High School in the cafeteria. Enjoy an evening of fun bingo, silent auction, raffles and door prizes! The doors open at 5:45 and bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit local community resources, including HCPSS's Pupil Personnel Workers' Fund, food banks, Grassroots, etc. Please call Long & Foster Columbia for tickets, 410-730-3456. Dinner and dessert will be available for purchase. Canned goods will be collected for the Howard County Food Bank.

Howard County Public Library – Glenwood Branch

The *following presentations require registration* (which begins one week prior to class). Registration is required unless stated. Please register by phone (410-313-5579) or on-line, www.hclibrary.org.

Elephant & Piggie; Foolish Friends?

Date: Monday, April 03, 2017

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Description: Learn how Elephant and Piggie celebrate April Fools' Day with stories and activities based on Mo Willems' loveable characters.

Ages 4-7; 30-minutes

Elephant & Piggie; Foolish Friends?

Date: Tuesday, April 04, 2017

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: Learn how Elephant and Piggie celebrate April Fools' Day with stories and activities based on Mo Willems' loveable characters.

Ages 3-5; 30-minutes

All Together Now (Ticket required - *Limited space; tickets available at Children's Desk 15-minutes before class)

Date: Friday, April 07, 2017 (and every Friday)

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: Stories, songs, and activities for children and adults to enjoy together.

All ages; 30-minutes

Book Bingo

Date: Friday, April 07, 2017

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Description: Play Bingo featuring book characters, and maybe win a book!

Ages 5-10; 45-60 minutes (Howard County schools close early)

All Together Now (Ticket required - *Limited space; tickets available at Children's Desk 15-minutes before class)

Date: Saturday, April 08, 2017 (and every Saturday)

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Description: Stories, songs, and activities for children and adults to enjoy together.

All ages; 30-minutes Ticket required.

Build & Create Workshop

Date: Saturday, April 08, 2017

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Description: Explore unique STEM building materials and recycled objects to design and build a creative masterpiece.

Ages 9-12; Allow 30-minutes

Book Bingo

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Description:

Play Bingo featuring book characters, and maybe win a book!

Ages 5-10; 45-60 minutes (Howard County schools closed)

Bunny Bonanza

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: Celebrate spring with rabbit stories, activities, and a craft.

Ages 2 - 5 with adult, 30-minutes

Can You Dig It, Amelia Bedelia?

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Description: Zany stories and activities about everyone's favorite mixed-up housekeeper.

Ages 5-9; 45-60 minutes

Storybook Friends (Register for each class separately)

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: A story and craft to enjoy with your child.

Ages 2-5 with adult; 30-minutes

April 19: Olivia

April 26: Knufflebunny

Project Runway: Earth Day Edition

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Description: Reduce, reuse, and recycle on the runway! Learn no-sew techniques and fashion design principles to create your own recycled fashion. Show off your fashion at our runway show on Earth Day. Arrive at 3 pm to put finishing touches on your fashion before the runway show.

Ages 9 -12; allow 60-minutes

April 19 (6 - 8 pm): Workshop

April 22 (3 - 4:30 pm): Fashion Show

Project Runway: Earth Day Edition

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Description: Reduce, reuse, and recycle on the runway! Learn no-sew techniques and fashion design principles to create your own recycled fashion. Show off your fashion at our runway show on Earth Day. Arrive at 3 pm to put finishing touches on your fashion before the runway show.

Ages 9 -12; allow 60-minutes

April 19 (6 - 8 pm): Workshop

April 22 (3 - 4:30 pm): Fashion Show

3D Art Lab (Register for each session separately. If you would like a reminder for this class, please provide an email address.)

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Description: Create an open-ended art project that pops out, stands up, swings from the ceiling, or makes you walk around it.

Ages 9-11; 60-minutes

April 24: Paper Bead Figures

Celestial Searchers Young Astronomers Club

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Description: Local astronomy educator Dr. Joel Goodman discusses our solar system and beyond with fun and engaging hands-on activities. Explore a different astronomy theme each month.

Ages 5-14; with adult; 60-minutes

Just for Me (Register for a session at a time.)

Date: Tuesdays, April 18 and 25

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: For children who are ready for an independent class that includes creative expression, listening comprehension, and early reading skills.

Ages 3-5; 30-minutes

Minecraft Mania!

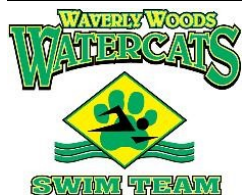
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Description: Explore the exciting world of Minecraft EDU where the only limit is your imagination.

Ages 9-12; 60-minutes

Summer Swim Team at Waverly Woods!



Come join the fun and be a part of our team. For swimmers aged 5-18, we offer morning and evening practices, Pep Rally's, Flap Jack Fridays, Watercat Buddy Program, swim meets and so much more. Visit our website for details: www.watercatsswim.com. Summer 2017 registration runs from April 1 - May 11. Hope to see you at the pool!

Glenelg Boosters Sports Camp 2017

New This Year!! Camps open to incoming 4th-9th graders (2017-2018)

The Glenelg High School Booster's Club is once again pleased to offer summer sports camp instruction. Players will improve their technical and tactical skills in an encouraging, educational, and positive environment. The emphasis is on developing important fundamentals through many activities, challenging games and small-sided-scrimmages, and all participants will be grouped according to age and ability. For more information, visit: www.glenelgboosters.com/2017boosterscamp/