



Tiger Tales

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From the Principal's Desk

A Chinese proverb says, "Behind every man, there are always other able men." In the case of the WFES Field Day, it is men and women that made it happen. We were very fortunate on Thursday that the weather cooperated and Mr. Talbert had everyone ready to go. We are grateful for the many parent volunteers who stepped forward to help run the games. The children have great fun on field day and it would not be possible if parents didn't step forward. Thank you for your wonderful volunteer spirit! It was a terrific day!

The last day of school is June 20th. We have many activities on the calendar before that time. We also know how many children are now involved in team sports, dance, and scouting. Teachers also have grading deadlines to meet and objectives to complete. The end of the year can be stressful on everyone. Clear communication helps ease the confusion and a calendar plan helps minimize the last minute tension. It is a good time to sit with your child and review what is coming up in the next few weeks. Here at school we have:

May 21st – 4th grade field trip & Walking Wednesday

May 23rd – 2nd grade field trip

May 29th – Vocal concert for 4th and 2nd grade, Adv. Chorus and Drum club

May 30th – Simulated Congressional Hearing in 5th grade

June 4th – Days of Taste – 4th grade

June 5th – Screen Free Challenge celebration

June 6th – Band and Strings concert

June 10th – Night of Excellence (School wide)

Picnics also start on June 10th

We will also have spirit days to have some fun. We will announce the theme on Tuesday for the following Friday. For example, tomorrow you will see that Friday, May 23rd is crazy sock day. Start looking for those crazy socks now!

Staffing for next year is still not firm, therefore I am not saying which teacher is teaching which grade. Please send your consideration cards to school so that we have your thoughts. We always look at reading levels when making homeroom placements and the strengths/needs of the children. We are planning for the 2014 – 2015 school year now. I can't believe it's here already!

Lunch Menu ***Elementary Lunch \$2.75 **Milk \$.50*** Adult Lunch \$4.50

<u>Monday, May 19</u> Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl w/ Roll Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Tuesday, May 20</u> Macaroni & Cheese Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Wednesday, May 21</u> Barbeque Rib Sub Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Thursday, May 22</u> Toasted Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Soup Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Friday, May 23</u> Beef Tacos w/ Flour or Corn Tortillas w/ Rice Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel
<u>Monday, May 26</u> Schools Closed Memorial Day	<u>Tuesday, May 27</u> Chicken Stir Fry w/ Rice Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Wednesday, May 28</u> Burgers: Plain, Cheese or Veggie Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel	<u>Thursday, May 29</u> Beef Tacos w/ Flour or Corn Tortillas Chicken Patty on Roll Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni	<u>Friday, May 30</u> Sloppy Joe Popcorn Chicken Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Fruit & Bagel

SCHOOL NEWS

Night of Excellence

The Night of Excellence is June 10th from 6:30-7:30. The evening is an opportunity for students who participated in G/T extension units, seminars, and math to spotlight the work they have done this school year. If your child participated in any of the above groups, we will be sending out a link soon for students to sign-up for a time. In addition, the Science Fair projects will also be on display for the Night of Excellence. More detailed information will follow.

HCPSS Adjusts 2013/14 Calendar Due to Inclement Weather Days

The HCPSS is adjusting the school year calendar by two additional days. **The last day of school for students and staff will now be Friday, June 20.** High school exams will take place Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20. Additionally, all schools will close three hours early Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, June 20, with no Pre-K/RECC. Summer school will now begin on Wednesday, June 25 and will end as scheduled on Friday, August 1.

Five inclement weather make up days were built into the 2013-2014 school calendar. Schools were closed nine instructional days due to weather. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) allowed school systems to request waivers of up to five instructional days from the 180-day state requirement. HCPSS applied for a waiver of four days, but modified the request to two days after MSDE denied waiver requests from several other school systems. The revised request stipulated extending the school year in June by two additional days. Today, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lillian Lowery approved our request.

Additional information is provided on our website at www.hcpss.org/news/calendars/faq.shtml.

Giant Foods, Martin's & Safeway (eScrip)

West Friendship continues to participate in the Giant Foods A+ Bonus Bucks, Martins A+ School Rewards, and Safeway Club Card for Education Programs. If you have not already designated West Friendship as the organization you wish to support for this 2013-14 school year, please take time to do so now. You must choose desired designation each year. Please use the following web sites to register:

Giant	www.giantfood.com/aplus	ID Code 01764
Martin's	www.MartinsAplus.com	ID Code 00454
Safeway	www.escrip.com	Group ID 6585129
Target	www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home	

Shop at eScrip merchants & earn **all summer long** for West Friendship Elem School! If you haven't signed up for eScrip yet, please take a few minutes and do so now by visiting escrip.com/signup. There are many ways to earn, and there is no cost to you. If you are already an eScrip supporter, make sure all your participating grocery club and payment cards are registered and up-to-date. Remember, to earn, you will want to use your registered cards at every opportunity. Thank you. We appreciate your time and support!

What a wonderful way to support our school without spending additional money! Be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Thank you for your continued support!

Harris Teeter VIC Card

Link up to our Together In Education account number at Harris Teeter! Our **TIE Account Number is 2240**. During checkout, simply tell the cashier you want your VIC card linked to our school account. Once your card is linked to the school account, every time you shop at Harris Teeter and use your VIC card, 5% of the store's Private Label purchases will be contributed to our school. Thank you for supporting West Friendship!!!

Comprehensive Summer School

The HCPSS Comprehensive Summer School Program offers programs for acceleration and enrichment to students in elementary school at all instructional levels.

Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten is for students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, and will support school readiness. *Let's Get Ready for First Grade* is for students who have successfully completed kindergarten. Students will focus on math, reading, writing, science, personal and social development, and art and music activities.

Students in Grades 1-5 are provided educational opportunities for review/enhancement classes in the core instructional areas of reading and math. Students of all instructional levels are welcome. More information is available at www.hcpss.org/summer.

DATES: June 23-July 18, 8:15 am-1:15 p.m.

Session I - 8:15-11:45 am

Session II (optional) - 11:45 am-1:15 p.m.

Location: Hammond ES

Onsite Registration: Homewood Center

K-8 Registration Dates:

Wednesdays -- May 21, June 11, and 18; 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays -- June 14 and June 21; 9:00-11:00 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 21	Walking Wednesday
Wednesday, May 21	Grade 4 Days of Taste Trip to Buppert's Farm
Friday, May 23	Grade 2 Trip to Maryland Historical Society & Ft. McHenry
Friday, May 23	School Spirit "Crazy Sock" Day!
Monday, May 26	Schools Closed – Memorial Day
Thursday, May 29	Chorus Concert (Grades 4, 2, Advanced Chorus & Drum Club) – 2:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 30	Grade 5 Simulated Congressional Hearings
Wednesday, June 4	Grade 4 Days of Taste
Thursday, June 5	Screen Free Challenge Celebration – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 6	Band/Strings Concert – 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10	Grade 1 Picnic – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 10	Night of Excellence – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 11	Kindergarten Ending Program – 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, June 11	Grade 3 Picnic – 12:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 12	Grade 5 Closing Followed by Picnic – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 12	PTA Sponsored Town Hall Meeting in the Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 13	Flag Day Ceremony – 9:20 a.m.
Friday, June 13	Kindergarten Picnic – 9:45 a.m.
Monday, June 16	Grade 2 Picnic – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 17	Move Up Day – 9:25 a.m.
Tuesday, June 17	Grade 4 Picnic – 2:00 p.m.
June 18, 19, 20	3-Hour Early Dismissal (12:45 p.m.)

PTA NEWS <http://wfespta.yolasite.com>

PTA Executive Board Election

There will be a general PTA meeting to elect the 2014-2015 Executive Board Officers at **6:30 p.m. on May 29th in the Cafeteria**. This is 30 minutes before the chorus concert. The candidates are:

President:	Mrs. Dana Keiner
1 st Vice President:	Mrs. Kathy Baur
2 nd Vice President:	Mrs. Stephanie McDonald
Treasurer:	Mrs. Amy Grutzik
Corresponding Secretary:	Mrs. Lisa Cumberland
Recording Secretary:	Open
PTACHC Delegates:	Mrs. Hina Naseem and Mr. Michael Scott

The Recording Secretary position is open. This officer attends and records the minutes of Executive Board and monthly general PTA meetings, maintains copies of previous minutes, and forwards minutes to the web editor once minutes have been approved at PTA meetings. He/she also acts as a liaison and coordinator for assigned committees and may serve as a committee chair. If you are interested in Recording Secretary, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Valerie Eshleman at Veshleman@healthlawyers.org.

Community Outreach Program

Registration for WHC Soccer's Fall 2014 season is now open. Through the new WFES PTA Community Outreach Program, WHC Soccer will make a donation to the WFES PTA for each registered player from West Friendship Elementary. A \$20 discount will be given to each player registered by June 30th.

Save the Tiger

The WFES PTA "Save the Tiger aka Save our School" Advocacy Committee sent out over 1300 postcards to our community requesting survey responses. Due to the font used, there was some confusion with the link for the survey. Below is the request sent along with a clearer link:

*The West Friendship Elementary School PTA needs your data **whether you have school aged children or not**. We are working very hard to keep WFES open, and our community together, but we really need your help. If WFES closes, our children may be reassigned to new middle and high schools as well. **Data is needed from ALL our neighbors.***

PLEASE take the online survey at: <http://bit.ly/18CiGeK>

COMMUNITY NEWS

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WHCYBSL Registration Open

Registration for youth baseball and softball is ongoing for ages 4-18. Please visit www.whcsports.com for information and to register your child.

Head Start

Head Start is a national federally funded program that provides comprehensive services to low-income pre-school children between the ages of 3-5 and their families. It promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. Administered by the Community Action Council of Howard County, Head Start has four centers – three in Columbia and one in Ellicott City. Two of our sites have classes that are 4 hours long and two have 6-hour programs. Howard County Head Start program serves 264 income eligible families who are at or below the Federal Poverty guidelines. (410-313-6482)

Early Bird Registration Extended!!

Registration is now open for the Marriotts Ridge Booster Summer Sports and Music Camps. Early bird registration continues through May 22nd. Many new music and vocal camps added this year. For a complete list and registration information, check out the website:

<http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps>

Summer Reading Kickoff

Howard County Public Library's Summer Reading Kickoff will take place on Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Miller Branch 410-313-1950. Please visit

www.hclibrary.org/summerreading for more information.

National Aquarium's Annual Grade A Student Night

Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6-9 p.m.

Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free admission into the National Aquarium for students with qualifying report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5. Register online at www.aqua.org/gradeastudent or call 410-659-4200.

Dragon Elite Field Hockey Camp

June 23-27 and June 30- July 3, this camp is designed for both Beginner and Experienced Field Hockey Players. Catered lunch, contests, and daily swimming are included in camp fees. Camp hours are 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. before and after camp care available.

Dragons Elite Boys' Basketball Camp

Glenelg Country School, 12793 Folly Quarter Road Ellicott City, MD. 410-531-8600

www.glenelg.org/summer. Weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Session I: June 23 - June 27 (\$325)

Session II: June 30 - July 3 (\$260) Session III: July 7 - July 11 (\$325)

Colonial Market Fair Committee

History comes alive at the Colonial Market Fair on June 14-15, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, in Catonsville. Watch a blacksmith at work, dip candles, and see a Revolutionary War surgeon and Benjamin Banneker himself.

Try your hand at colonial games and chores. There is something for the whole family at this free event offered by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum.

Have FUN in the SUN!

The Wilde Lake Watercats, of the Columbia Association Neighborhood Swim League, invite you to become a member of our summer swim team. Preseason practices begin on May 27 at Faulkner Ridge Pool. CA members and non-members are welcome to join. If you interested in learning more about the league and our team, please visit www.CNSLswimming.org and www.wlwatercats.org. Any questions can be directed to Traci Pellegrini at traci713@yahoo.com.