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From the Principal's Desk

I'm looking forward to our 90th celebration ceremony tomorrow and our Dance through the Decades tomorrow night in the cafeteria! Thank you to the 90th Planning Committee for all your support and thank you PTA for hosting our dance.

Since report cards came home this week and parent conferences are coming up, now is a great time to do some goal setting with your child. Please share those goals with your child's teacher so that we can support you and/or provide you with resources to support you at home. A large component of our professional development work this year is to help students always put forth their best effort and to help them feel comfortable with that productive struggle. When developing those goals with your child, please take some time to describe the type of effort needed to reach those goals!

American Education Week is next week! You are welcome and invited to visit classrooms throughout the week. Each teacher will communicate to you a "special" time to visit, but please know you are welcome to come in other times too. Also, our generous PTA is providing coffee and treats on Thursday. Thank you, PTA!

Book Fair: Our book fair opens next Tuesday and runs for one week! We will be open late during the parent conference nights. I hope you can purchase some items for the holidays. All the profits do go directly to the school. The money we make will go to support our classroom libraries. Furthermore, we have partnered with a school in Baltimore, Mary Ann Winterling Elementary, who really can use more books in their media center. Please consider purchasing and donating a book or two for a great cause. We can use some volunteers! Please click here to help:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1clon0fEPIYwHmL5tfCXVbpQIEekpqBdQt8AkwhCyQKU/edit#gid=0>

The goal of No-Shave November is to grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free. Donate the money you typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle. <https://no-shave.org/> Here is day 11 of No-Shave November!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 13	90 th Anniversary Celebration – 10:00 a.m.
Friday, November 13	PTA Dance Through the Decades – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri, November 16-20	American Education Week (see above for details)
Tuesday, November 17	Absentee/Retake Photo Day
Tues-Fri, November 17-20	Book Fair in Room #122 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20	Gr. 4 Art Field Trip to National Portrait Gallery – 8:30 a.m.
Monday, November 23	School Spirit “Crazy Hat” Day
Mon/Tues., November 23 & 24	Book Fair in Room #122 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Mon/Tues, November 23 & 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Schools Dismiss 3 Hours Early
Wednesday, November 25	Schools Closed for Students
Thurs/Fri, November 26 & 27	Schools Closed – Happy Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 1	PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7	In-School Choral Concert for Students – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8	Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9	Double Tuffy Ticket Day!

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.

School News



PBIS News: What is PBIS? One of the foremost advances in school-wide discipline is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. Instead of using a piecemeal approach of individual behavioral management plans, a continuum of positive behavior support for all students within a school is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom settings (such as hallways, buses, and restrooms). Positive behavior support is an application of a behaviorally based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities to design effective environments that improve the link between research-validated practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs. Attention is focused on creating and sustaining primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results (personal, health, social, family, work, recreation) for all children and youth by making targeted behaviors less effective, efficient, and relevant, and desired behavior more functional.



Math at Home!: Thanks to all the students who brought in their work to share last week!! Remember, if your child brings in their math work, they may be featured on the morning news at WFES.

K-Grade 2: National Potato Day is celebrated at Kelly’s Baked Potato House by giving out free baked potatoes to all their customers. Jeremy and Sean decide to share one because they are not very hungry. Using a picture, show where the boys should cut their baked potato so they both have the same amount to eat. If Sean’s little brother decides to come with them, how could the boys cut 1 potato into 4 pieces that are the same size?

Grades 3-4: Pretzel Day is celebrated in October, so Carlos and Maria made homemade pretzels with their father. First they made the pretzel dough. The dough recipe said that they would need $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of flour for each pretzel they plan to make. If there are 12 people in Carlos and Maria's family, how many cups of flour did they need to make the pretzels? How many pretzels could they make with 8 cups of flour?

Grade 5-6: For National Dessert Month, Carla's Bistro is featuring 3 desserts: chocolate cake, apple pie and banana pudding. On Saturday night, 200 people dine at the bistro and $10\frac{1}{4}$ of the guests order chocolate cake, $\frac{3}{8}$ order apple pie, and $\frac{1}{8}$ order banana pudding. How many people order each featured dessert. If 400 people dine at the bistro, on Sunday and eat the same amount of each dessert as people did the previous night, how many servings of banana pudding will the crowd eat on Sunday?

90th Celebration Ceremony - Tomorrow

You are invited to join us as we celebrate West Friendship Elementary School's 90th anniversary on Friday, November 13th at 10:00 a.m. We will have special guests and student performances to commemorate our school's history. Student designed celebration t-shirts will be distributed to all students in the morning. We look forward to seeing you at this fun and festive occasion!

American Education Week

American Education Week — November 16-20, 2015 — presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility". West Friendship invites you to participate in your child's learning. You will receive an invitation with your child's schedule. This is a great opportunity to see the thinking that happens each day. We ask that while you are in the classroom that cell phones be silenced and also understand that it is not a convenient time for the teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is a time for you to see your child in action!

- Kindergarten invites you to join them on Thursday, November 19th from 10:50-11:20 for author share and/or 12:50-1:30 for math games.
- First grade is inviting parents to join them on Thursday, November 19th from 10:00-11:30 to write a family book review and do a turkey project.
- Second grade invites parents in on Thursday, November 19th from 10:00-11:50 to watch their child's fairy tale reader's theater and see a little math.
- Third grade invites parents to join them on Wednesday, November 18th from 10:20-12:20 for a fun morning of engaging and rigorous learning.
- Fourth Grade hopes you can join them on Wednesday, November 18th.
- Fifth Grade invites you in on Thursday, November 19th.

While scheduled activities are planned for the above noted dates/times, please feel free to come in any time during the week. The WFES PTA is hosting a hospitality table on Thursday, November 19th. Please stop by for refreshments if you are at school.

Online Payments Now Available!

Many of you have asked for it and we strive to deliver! You may now make field trip and other payments to West Friendship Elementary School online. Please visit <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/> to set up an account with Online School Payments (OSP). The system is very user friendly and no more lost checks via backpack mail! You may contact Penny Jones at Penny_Jones@hcpps.org or 410-313-5512 for assistance.

Annual 5th Grade Career Day

We need presenters for our **Annual 5th Grade Career Day on Friday, December 18, 2015**. If you're willing to present, please send in the tear off or contact carita_carlyle@hcpss.org. Your presentation should be 25 minutes in duration and include:

- A general description of your job.
- Description of what knowledge and skills are required to do your job (reading, writing, math, problem solving, communication).
- A hands-on activity and/or demonstration related to your job.
- Time to answer students' questions.

Helpful hint: Students are better able to attend when hands-on activities or visuals are used as part of the presentation. Visuals may include tools / equipment used on the job, posters, video clips, power point, etc.

Return to Carita Carlyle, School Counselor

_____ is able to present at Career Day on Friday, December 18, 2015.

Parent or Guardian Name

Phone # _____ Email address _____

PTA News

Holiday Gift of Thanks - Deadline TOMORROW!!!

This program provides a convenient way for you to express your gratitude to the dedicated staff that teaches our children. Your contributions are pooled and converted into gift cards selected by the staff. Participation is not mandatory, and families are welcome to give individual gifts if they prefer. The intent is to simplify seasonal gift giving for families and allow the staff some flexibility. The WFES PTA then receives a percentage of every gift card purchased.

Here is how the program works:

- Go to: <http://www.wfespta.com/online-forms/gift-of-thanks/>
- Choose how much money you would like to give the staff members. Any amount in \$1 increments is appropriate.
- Follow the payment instructions. You can pay with **credit card** or **check**. If you choose to pay with a check, make payable to *WFES PTA* and deliver the printed copy of your confirmation form with your check to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "Gift of Thanks."
- Staff members will receive a certificate with the total amount of gift card dollars they can redeem from an extensive list of retailers. Each contributing family is recognized on the certificate by **name only**, *not* amount given. The Gift of Thanks coordinator will be the only person who sees the individual contribution amounts and will ensure that each staff member who receives donations will not receive less than \$10.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:

The last day to submit is TOMORROW -- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th at MIDNIGHT!

We will send a reminder email. **This deadline will NOT be extended!** If paying by **check** - your order must be completed online by midnight (Nov. 13th) and your check needs to be delivered to the school by *Monday, November 16th by 3:30 p.m.* If it is not received by this date and time, your order will be **deleted**. Thank you for following these necessary guidelines as our volunteers navigate through this new online system.

Questions? Contact Kathy Baur (kdbaur@gmail.com) or Lisa Cumberland (lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com).

Dance Through the Decades - November 13th - 6:30 p.m.

Please join the WFES PTA as we Dance Through the Decades in celebration of the WFES 90th Anniversary! The dance will be held on Friday, November 13th from 6:30-8:30pm in the school cafeteria. You can RSVP by returning the form that was sent home or by visiting this link: <http://www.wfespta.com/events/5/dance-of-the-decades/>

We also still need volunteers!!!! Events like this cannot happen without the help of our wonderful families!! Please use this link to sign up for a volunteer shift: <http://vols.pt/3wYkuC>

Period costumes encouraged! All students must be chaperoned by an adult.

Community Outreach

Thank you to all of those who participated in donating their extra candy from Halloween. We collected several boxes of candy that was delivered to Ft. Meade for use on base and also to be sent to our soldiers overseas. Thanks for bringing a smile to our heroes' faces!

Please refer to your Book Fair announcement letter for details for our next Community Outreach project. We are collecting new and gently used books to donate to Mary Ann Winterling ES in Baltimore City. Please consider buying a book or books from the Book Fair to donate to this worthy cause and bring in your own nearly new books to stock up the city school's media center. We will have a collection box at the WFES Book Fair, which runs from November 16th - 24th. The Book Drive for Mary Ann Winterling ES is a yearlong endeavor so please keep collecting your books and look for collection dates in our news blasts. If you would like more information about either the Book Fair or the Book Drive, please contact Hina Naseem at hnaseem@mac.com.

BOX TOPS NEWS: A New Collection Procedure & Big Prizes Await!



Through the start of Winter Break, WFES will run a different type of Box Tops Race. As opposed to rewarding a grade level for the most submissions, we will conduct a raffle to determine individual race winners. **One student winner and one staff winner will be declared. The winner of the student raffle will win a \$25 Toys 'R Us gift card; the winner of the staff raffle, a \$25 Kohl's gift card!** This is how it works. For every ten (10) Box Tops submitted, you will earn one (1) raffle entry. After all entries have been collected, drawings will be held "live" during the Morning Announcements on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Effective immediately, please begin submitting all Box Tops in an envelope or plastic bag labeled with a first and last name and the number of Box Tops inside. Collection boxes can be found in all classrooms as well as in the PTA Room. As the submissions are processed, entries into the raffle will be made. The more Box Tops you submit, the more entries you earn and the better your chances of winning! Thank you and good luck to everyone who supports our school with the Box Tops for Education Program. Questions? - Please contact Lisa Cumberland via lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com.

PTA Staff Appreciation Volunteers Needed

The Staff Appreciation committee is a great way to get involved and help with the PTA if you have limited time to offer, or lots! We usually provide one meal per month for the staff for things like back-to-school night and parent-teacher conference night. A Google doc goes out with items we need donated and you can sign up to provide something if you are able. Items usually include simple purchases like paper products, drinks, and ingredients needed to make a certain dish. We also like to see your culinary skills by providing homemade items like side dishes and desserts. There is no obligation to help with every staff appreciation event, just help when you can!

For questions or to join our committee, please contact Kathy Baur kdbaur@gmail.com or Jessica Fitter jessicafitter@yahoo.com.

West Friendship Elementary School PTA Membership

By becoming a member of the WFES PTA, you will be helping your child and the entire school community. The WFES PTA sponsors many wonderful programs and activities, such as the Back to School Dance, Cultural Arts Assemblies, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Spring Festival, and much more! In addition, recent policy changes prevent teachers from using their class mailing lists for non-school activities. However, members of the PTA will receive a membership book and classroom mailing list, which is about the only way to obtain these items.

We are moving to an online registration process this year (you can pay by credit card or check):

<http://www.wfespta.com/join/>

While you're on our website, feel free to follow us via Twitter, Facebook or E-mail to stay informed.

If you would prefer to complete your registration via paper, please leave a message at 443-396-3707. Someone from the membership committee will contact you.

Community News

Free Winter Coats!!

Free winter coats are available for children, women, and men on Saturday, November 14th. Visit Lisbon United Methodist Church located at 15875 Frederick Road, in Lisbon, Maryland between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. This opportunity is co-sponsored by the Lisbon United Methodist Church, HCPSS Pupil Personnel Services, and the Howard County PTA Council.

Marriotts Ridge High School Proudly Presents *Twelve Angry Jurors*

Based on the television movie starring Henry Fonda, the play made its Broadway debut in 2004 and opened on London's West End in 2013. Critics and audiences, alike, praised both productions. This classic drama examines the intense deliberation of 12 men and women sifting through evidence to decide one young man's fate. As tempers flare, dark truths are revealed as one woman attempts to convince the other jurors of reasonable doubt. The cast of *Twelve Angry Jurors* includes: Johanna Alonso, Zach Altenburg, Will Barker, Nick Brusco, Cameron Crow, Garrison Ferrell, Aidan Evans, Kavya Kumaran, Anna Lee, Makarand Parigi, Julia Mann, Jack Rinaldi, Zach Seals, David Stephens, Isabelle Stevens and Taylor Wach.

***Twelve Angry Jurors* plays at 7pm November 19-21 and at 3pm on November 22.**

Tickets are \$10, available at the door or online at seatyourself.biz/marriottsridge.

Before the show, come out for Sunday Tea in the MRHS Commons, November 22nd, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10 includes a handmade teacup! For reservations email [Laverne Miers-Bond@hcpss.org](mailto:Laverne.Miers-Bond@hcpss.org). Only sold in advance. Proceeds benefit Howard County Grassroots Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Glenelg Marching Unit Restaurant Fundraiser

Come support the Glenelg Marching Unit Restaurant Fundraiser on November 18th at Ten Oaks Tavern, located at 3900 Ten Oaks Road in Glenelg. This is an all day event and you may dine in or carry out! No flyer needed. Just mention the Glenelg Marching Unit fundraiser and we will get money from the sale!

Swing over to Glenelg High School for Disney's Tarzan the Musical!

Bring the whole family to see over 60 students perform in Disney's "Tarzan" at Glenelg High School on December 3rd and 4th at 7pm and December 5th at 2pm & 7pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase in advance at Glenelg, online at <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/>, and at the door. Call GHS at 410-313-5528 for more info. Please don't miss the high-flying excitement that is fun for the whole family!

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.

FINGERPAINT FRIDAYS (Register for each session separately)

Ages 2-5 with adult; 15 minutes

Friday, November 13; 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

SLOPPY SATURDAYS (Register for each session separately)

Seasonally themed crafts.

Ages 5 -10; 20 minutes

Saturdays, November 21; 3:00 p.m.

TURKEYS AND TRIMMINGS

Thanksgiving stories, activities and a holiday craft.

Ages 2-5 with adult.

Tuesday, November 24; 10:30 a.m.