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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Yesterday, I was honored to accept an award from the Howard County Library on behalf of the students of West Friendship Elementary. Our school had the second highest level of student participation in the 2016 Summer Reading Club! This is an amazing accomplishment for our small school. Stop by the office to see our trophy the next time you are at school. Congratulations to everyone who participated.



American Education Week is November 14th - 18th. The theme for 2016 is *"Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility."* It is a time when we celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Each grade level has planned a day/time for you to come participate in your child's learning. You will receive an invitation with information about this special time. We ask that while you are in the classroom that cell phones be silenced and also understand that it 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!

Report cards go home next Tuesday. This report card reflects your child's progress during the first quarter of the school year. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 21st. HCPSS is using the Synergy Conference Management System to schedule parent teacher conferences. This system provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. WFES parents can now log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teachers for their conferences. Parents may use this scheduling tool now through November 16th at 4:00 p.m. Instructions were sent home last week.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, November 14th and continue through Tuesday, November 22nd, in room #122 (Mrs. Walker's Room). Daily shopping hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Extended hours will be available on November 21st and 22nd with the Book Fair open until 6:30 p.m. We are grateful to Ms. Hina Naseem for once again chairing this annual fundraiser for our school. Many volunteers are needed to operate the Book Fair and make it a success. Please sign-up to help at our book fair by visiting <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/westfriendshiyelementarysch>. Your support of the Scholastic Book Fair is very much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 14 – Fri., Nov. 18	Book Fair in Room #122 – 9am to 3:45pm
Tuesday, November 15	Report Cards Issued
Friday, November 16	Gr. 2 Fire Safety House Activity
Friday, November 18	Gr. 5 Career Day
Monday, November 21	School Spirit “Crazy Hat Day”
Monday, November 21	PBIS Celebration – 9:30 to 10:30am
Mon. & Tues., Nov. 21 & 22	Book Fair in Room #122 – 9am to 6:30pm
Mon. & Tues., Nov. 21 & 22	Schools Close 3 Hrs. Early - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 23	Schools Closed for Students
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25	Schools & Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 28	Absentee/Retake Photos
Monday, December 5	In-School Chorus Concert – Time TBA
Thursday, December 8	PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 9	Gr. 5 Trip to Robinson Nature Center – 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13	WFES Night at E.W. Beck’s in Sykesville
Friday, December 16	School Spirit “Inside Out Day”
Tuesday, December 20	Kindergarten Trip to Toby’s Theatre – 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21	Interim Reports Issued
Mon., Dec. 26 – Fri., Dec. 30	Winter Break

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?

HCPSS students and their families can now view menus and nutrition and allergen information for meals served in all HCPSS schools through Nutrislice, a website and free Smartphone app. This upgrade to school menus benefits school health professionals and parents who can easily access nutritional information and make informed choices for their child’s nutrition. Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services> or download the HCPSS App for free.

Parents may prepay for student meals by setting up an online account at myschoolbucks.com. Parents can make payments by logging in to their existing accounts.

<i>Student Breakfast</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.00 – Breakfast • \$0.30 – Reduced Price Breakfast (Reduced Price Meals) 	<i>Student Lunch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.75 – Elementary School Lunch • \$0.50 – Milk (1/2 pint) 	<i>Adult Lunch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.50 – Regular Lunch
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SCHOOL NEWS

Important Message Regarding Report Cards

Please take time to review your child’s report card **with your child**. It is helpful for children to know what areas they are doing well and where they need to work harder. Don’t feel the need to reward their hard work with a tangible item. Most children respond well to praise for their persistence and hard work. Please focus on the effort behind the grade and not for the grade itself. If a child is lacking in an area, it may be helpful to set a goal to improve a grade or learning behavior. Please feel free to call or email Carita Carlyle, School Counselor with questions or assistance in this area.

Federal Impact Aid Forms

Federal Impact Aid Forms were sent home last week. Please complete them and return to your student's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

School Photos – Make-Up & Retakes - November 28th

On Monday, November 28th our school photographer will be at WFES to take photos of students who were absent on our original picture day on September 29th. They will also do retakes for any student that was dissatisfied with the portrait that was taken in September. **Students requesting a retake will need to return the original portrait package to the photographer** (so they will know which package to produce with the image taken). Any student that was absent on our original "picture day" can bring in a picture order envelope to have a package produced or can just have the portrait taken for the yearbook. If you wish to purchase pictures, the completed order forms/envelopes must be returned to school on or before Thursday, November 20th. Purchasing school pictures financially benefits our school, as it is a fundraiser. Please consider school photos for your upcoming holiday gift giving needs.

Read WFES eBooks from Home

The Media Center has 46 new eBooks! We have graphic novels, fiction, and nonfiction titles. Students can access these fantastic interactive eBooks by doing the following:

- Go to <https://hcpss.me/>.
- Select the PAC (Public Access Catalog) button.
- If the West Friendship Catalog doesn't come up, select the **HCPSS Catalog Homepage** link in the upper left corner of the screen.
- Under the **Select an Elementary School**, choose **West Friendship Elementary** from the dropdown menu.
- Once you're in the **WFES PAC**, type "Capstone eBooks" into the search box. This will bring up a list of available eBooks.
- To read an eBook title, click on the **More Options** button.

The books are read by actors and are very engaging. We look forward to hearing feedback from the WFES community on books. If you have any problems accessing the eBooks, contact Mrs. Petrilla at Amy.Petrilla@hcpss.org. Happy Reading!

Dismissal Arrangements

This is a reminder that notes are needed if you want your child to follow a different dismissal arrangement. Advising 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.** The office is receiving too many last minute telephone calls. Arrangements via telephone will only be honored in the event of an emergency.

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/>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Just For Me!

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

Ages 3-5; 30-minutes.

Tuesday, November 1 – 15, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 29 – December 13, 10:30 a.m.

All Together Now

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

Ages 3-5; 30 minutes.

Fridays, Ongoing, 10:30 a.m.

No class on November 25

MRHS Music Foundation Citrus Sale

Once again, the MRHS Music Foundation is pleased to offer citrus fruit. This year's sale will have Navel Oranges and Red Grapefruit in 20lb or 40lb boxes and also a 20lb combo box of both. All fruit will be delivered from Texas and will be comparable to the high quality Florida products from previous years.

Sale starts Wednesday, November 9

Sale ends Friday, November 18

Orders delivered Saturday, December 17* (*tentatively) just before holidays!

Upcoming Fruit Sales - January Citrus Sale - Delivery on January 21*

Please email mrhsfruit@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

A Midsummer Night's Dream at Marriotts Ridge High School

Marriotts Ridge High School proudly presents William Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on November 17-20, 2016.

This classic tale of love, mayhem, and magic features a cast of over 20 actors. Don't miss Shakespeare's most popular work set against the backdrop of Central Park in the roaring 1920's with a carnival twist! This whimsical comedy is sure to bring joy to audiences of all ages. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* plays 7:00 p.m., November 17-19 and 3:00 p.m. on November 20.

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

Chef Paolino's Fundraiser to Benefit the MRHS Music Foundation!

Chef Paolino's Café in Ellicott City (3419 Plum Tree Drive) is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Marriotts Ridge Music Foundation! 10% of all dine in sales on Saturday, November 19th from 3:00 to 9:00 and Sunday, November 20th from 12:00 – 8:00, will be donated!!! Please take advantage of this opportunity to support a local small business and the Marriotts Ridge Music Foundation all at the same time! Please bring a copy of this ad with you, or just mention MRHS Music Foundation!

Chef Paolino's offers authentic Italian cuisine from recipes direct from the Chef, including New York Style Pizza, in a casual family friendly atmosphere! If you like Italian food; you will LOVE Chef Paulino's!

Visit <http://ellicottcity.chefpaolinoscfe.com/> for more information!