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Tiger Tales

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October 14, 2016

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Thank you for helping kick off the 2016-17 school year at West Friendship Elementary! I will take this opportunity to repeat some of the message I sent to you on Tuesday evening.

It is with gratitude that I express my appreciation to you, our staff and teachers, and students for the professional, fun, and productive first several weeks of school. I am happy to have met many of you during these first weeks of my return to school.

Your caring thoughts, words, and other expressions of support extended to me during my absence have been a tremendous gift to me and my daughters. I recognize and am so thankful for the undeniable support that has been given to me and to you through Mrs. Susan Webster's leadership during this time.

And finally, a little about myself. I have enjoyed working in the HCPSS for 22 years, most recently as the Principal at Clarksville Elementary School. I am a PA native, which means a Penn State Fan. I have two daughters – Anna, attending McDaniel College for her Masters in Art Education and Jenna, a sophomore at West Virginia University, in finance and international business. You can imagine what our household is like on college football Saturdays! I also love dogs and have two – Casey and Cersei.

I love working with and seeing children use their imagination, learn new skills, interact with each other to make friends – some lifelong. I look forward to also meeting and working with your children and supporting our staff and teachers as we continue this journey together.

Sincerely,

Kaye M. Breon
Principal

Our families are invited to join us for our annual Halloween parade on **Friday, October 28th at 2:30 p.m.** Please gather around the blacktop to watch the parade. If there is rain on that day, the parade will be cancelled. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment during the festivities, we will be unable to accommodate visitors within the building before or after the parade. Teams will coordinate with Room Parents to assist within the building during that time. If your family does not wish to have your child(ren) participate in the Halloween parade and party, please notify Penny Jones, Principal's Secretary, so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child(ren) at school during the party/parade time. This is a no food celebration day to model health and wellness for our students. Please be reminded that our school policy, for students and adults, does not permit violent or gory costumes. Remember that costumes with weapons and masks are not allowed for safety reasons. We hope to see you there.



Sincerely,

Ann Steger
Assistant Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 18	Flu Vaccine Clinic at WFES
Wednesday, October 21	Gr. 1 Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm – 9:30am to 2:30pm
Thursday, October 27	WFES Night at Trattoria Montese in Marriottsville
Monday, October 31	No School for Students – Professional Learning Day
Friday, November 4	End of Marking Period
Friday, November 4	Gr. 4 Field Trip to National Portrait Gallery – 8:00am to 3:30pm
Friday, November 4	Family Fun Movie Night – Details coming soon!
Monday, November 7	No School for Students – Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, November 8	Schools & Offices Closed – Election Day
Thursday, November 10	Kindergarten Trip to Glenwood Library – 9:30am to 11:45am
Friday, November 16	Gr. 2 Fire Safety House Activity
Friday, November 18	Gr. 5 Career Day
Monday, November 21	Crazy Hat Day
Monday, November 21	PBIS Celebration – 9:30 to 10:30am
Mon. & Tues., November 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

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.

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

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.

Home & School Connection

Please view the attachment to read the October issue of Home & School Connection.

Paid Position Available!

Lunch/Recess Monitor Position: We are looking for a caring adult to ensure the safety of our students during lunch and recess. The daily hours are from 10:35-1:35. The hourly rate is \$10.50. Please contact Mrs. Ann Steger at 410-313-5512 if you are interested.

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. Please complete this course before volunteering. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. To complete your training course please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>.

Lending Library

Please feel free to stop in the counseling office when you are at school to browse through the Lending Library. The PTA has been very generous and we have a variety of new parenting titles:

- The Whole-Brain Child by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., and Tina Payne Bryson, PH.D.
- Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids by Dr. Laura Markham
- The Opposite of Spoiled by Ron Lieber
- Unconditional Parenting by Alfie Kohn
- 7 Kinds of Smart by Thomas Armstrong

During Back to School Nights, I will leave books on the round table in the counseling office along with the sign out sheet. Please remember to sign the book(s) out and return with your child when finished. Thank you. Carita Carlyle, LCPC WFES School Counselor

Career Day Volunteers

We need presenters for our **Annual 5th Grade Career Day on Friday, November 18th.**

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 November 18th.
Parent or Guardian Name

Phone # _____ Email _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

Comedy Hypnosis Show Tonight – Get Your Tickets at the Door!

Family fun for all ages! Sponsored by the MVMS PTA Community Outreach Committee

When: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Marriotts Ridge High School Auditorium

Price: \$10 in advance - \$12 at the door

Purchase tickets online by going to the MVMS PTA website: <http://mvmspta.yolasite.com>

We will also have a bake sale - those proceeds will benefit *Operation Gratitude!*

Questions? Contact Theresa Yodzis at tbone119@comcast.net

Free Clothing ** Thanksgiving Assistance

The Howard County MultiService Center Office of Community Partnerships has several upcoming events to offer assistance to families in need. Please see the attachments for details.

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

Kangaroo Kids Fall Jump Rope Workshop

Saturday, November 5, 2016 • 9 am – 4 pm

Gary J. Arthur Community Center • 2400 Route 97 • Cooksville, MD

We invite all kids ages 6 and up to come learn new jump rope skills - beginner to advanced - with our nationally recognized Precision Jump Rope and Competition Teams. T-shirts and boxed lunches are available by pre-order. Jump ropes, merchandise, and concessions will be available for sale at event. **It's a day of Jump Rope that you won't want to miss!**

Register online for \$45 by October 14th (\$55 after 10/14) at tshq.bluesombrero.com/kangarookids

Questions? Contact kkidsregistrar@gmail.com or visit kangarookids.org

Other Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>