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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

We had a fun day of Halloween activities at West Friendship Elementary! The school was filled with lots of princesses, Power Rangers, witches, and Super Heroes! We offer our sincere thanks to the Room Parents and volunteers who provided assistance this afternoon. This type of activity could not happen without your dedication to our students!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, November 14th and continue through Tuesday, November 22nd. 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 chairing this annual fundraiser for our school. Many volunteers are needed to operate the Book Fair. Please look for volunteer sign-up information that will be sent out early next week. Your support of the Scholastic Book Fair is appreciated.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 21st. HCPSS will be using the Synergy Conference Management System to schedule parent teacher conferences. This system provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting on November 9th at 3:00 p.m., West Friendship Elementary parents will be able to log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teachers for their conferences. Additional step-by-step instructions will be available soon.

We have had reports of several vehicles that were parked adjacent to our school, behind the old fire department and others parked across Rt. 144 on Wellworth Way suffered vandalism and theft. These incidents occurred this afternoon during our Halloween festivities. The parents are filing police reports. This is a reminder to please not leave visible valuables in your vehicles.

Enjoy a beautiful fall weekend with your families!

Sincerely,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, "Tale of Despereaux Family" – 6:30 p.m.
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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Federal Impact Aid Forms

Federal Impact Aid Forms were sent home today. Please complete them and return to your student's homeroom teacher by next Friday, November 4th.

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 photos 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](mailto: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.

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 _____

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

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/>