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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

As we walk into classrooms throughout the day, we continue to see students who are engaged in the learning activities and staff who are working diligently to get to know their students as learners. Smiling students can be seen everywhere! The staff of each grade level is eager to share information about what has been planned for this school year. We hope you will be able to join us for our Back to School Nights in the coming week on the dates indicated below. While this event is not the time to find out specific information about how your child is settling in to school, it is the time to learn more about the learning expectations and direction for the team. If, after listening to the team presentations you find you have questions specific for your child, don't hesitate to contact the teacher to have these questions answered. A strong home-school partnership is a priority for the West Friendship Elementary School community.

We are looking forward to having parent volunteers work with us in different areas of our school in the months ahead. Don't forget to go to our WFES website to take the training for all HCPSS volunteers that is required each year. Turn in your completed certificate to the office and you will be ready to serve. Thanks, in advance, for your help in supporting the learning of our boys and girls.

If you would like to join the WFES staff as a lunch/recess monitor, please contact Mrs. Ann Steger for details. We have two open positions.

The first day of autumn will be arriving next Thursday. Happy Fall!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 20	Back to School Night for K, 1, 2 & Related Arts – 6:00 p.m. (please continue reading for locations)
Wednesday, September 21	Back to School Night Band & Strings – 5:00 p.m. G/T Orientation for School-Wide Program – 5:30 p.m. Grades 3, 4 & 5 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 29	Individual School Portraits – Payments Envelopes Go Home Today
Thursday, September 29	Kindergarten Stuffed Animal Day
Monday, October 3	Schools & Offices Closed – Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, October 6	Interim Progress Reports Issued
Wednesday, October 12	Schools & Offices Closed – Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 18	Flu Vaccine Clinic at WFES
Monday, October 31	No School for Students – Professional Learning Day
Friday, November 4	End of Marking Period
Monday, November 7	No School for Students – Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, November 8	Schools & Offices Closed – Election Day

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

Emergency Contact Information

If you have not already done so, **please take time to complete your child's emergency contact information via Family File.** Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to login and for other helpful user information. You may contact the school office for additional assistance.

2016 Lead Test Reports – West Friendship Elementary

Ten (10) lead water samples were collected at our school to assess lead levels in drinking water. All tests came up negative. Visit for <http://www.hcpss.org/f/facilities/lead-tests/wfes-lead-testing-sample-result.pdf> for the complete report.

Back to School Nights

Mark your calendars! We invite you to join us at Back-to-School Night. Our Back-to-School dates and schedule are as follows:

Tuesday, September 20 – Grades K, 1, 2 & Related Arts

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Grade Level Presentations Kindergarten will meet in Mrs. Peterman’s Room #130 First Grade will meet in the Cafeteria Second Grade will meet in the Media Center
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Classroom Visits
6:45 p.m.	PTA Welcome & Meeting in the Cafeteria

Wednesday, September 21 – Grades 3, 4, 5, Band, Strings, Gifted/Talented

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Band/Strings Orientation in Room #120
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	G/T Orientation to school-wide program in Mr. Crivelli’s Room #124
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Grade Level Presentations Third Grade will meet in the Media Center Fourth Grade will meet in the Cafeteria Fifth Grade will meet in the Art Room
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Classroom Visits
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	G/T Math Orientation in Mr. Crivelli’s Room #124
6:45 p.m.	PTA Welcome & Meeting in the Cafeteria

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/>.

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 call Ann Steger at 410-313-5512 if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed

The Health Room is looking for several volunteers to help with the Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 18th. If you are available, please contact the school nurse, Beth Collora via email, elizabeth_collora@hcpss.org.

School Portraits – Memories that Last a Lifetime!

Our school photographer will be at WFES to take individual student photographs on Thursday, September 29th. A flier was sent home with all students today, and order forms/envelopes will go home in this week’s Friday folders. **ALL** students will be photographed, as these are the photos that will be published in our yearbook. However, if you wish to purchase pictures, the completed order forms/envelopes must be returned to school on or before Thursday, September 29th. Purchasing school pictures benefits our school, as it is a fundraiser. Take care of some upcoming holiday gift giving needs with school photos, and support our school at the same time!!!

From the Office of Health and Physical Education

GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE DRESS IN PE CLASS

The student should wear clothing and footwear that allows for safe and free movement. The following should be adhered to:

- Appropriate athletic and supportive footwear is needed for safety, protection, and performance. Students should wear an athletic shoe with a non-marking molded rubber sole. Heeled sneakers or fashion style sneakers are **not** acceptable. Sneakers need to be on, laces tied. Sandals, Crocs, flip Flops etc. are **not** acceptable.
- Appropriate athletic clothing that allows for free and safe movement.
- Nothing around or on the:
 - Neck (necklaces, lanyards, garments)
 - Wrist (watches, bracelets)
 - Hands (gloves, rings)
 - Ears or head (earrings except for stud earrings, hard sharp hair holders)
- No dangling clothing (scarves or clothes that are baggy).
- No jewelry of any kind may be worn during physical with the exception of stud earrings.
- For the safety of the students medical alert bracelets/necklaces are to be removed during physical education. The rubber bracelets can be worn.
 - No food products in the mouth

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 _____

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fall 2016 After-School Program Held at West Friendship Elementary!

Register ASAP to save your spot and ensure these classes have enough children to run.

To Register: Go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/> and type in the course number of the program (ex RP3379.601), or you may register over the phone at 410-313-7275 (8am-4:30pm).

Science & Technology Science Club After School with Club SciKidz

All Things Extinct and Animal Instincts

Explore the lives of animals past and present! Create, bury and unearth imitation dinosaur fossils and their footprints, and reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton. Learn the intricacies of animal behaviors, survival instincts and how animal anatomy supports their lifestyles. (No class 11/8, 11/22)

Info: www.clubscikidz.com or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or

awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-2 Classes: 8 RP3355.115 September 27 3:50-5:05pm Tuesday \$149

Bricks4Kidz LEGO® After School Laws of Motion

We doubt you'll "stay at rest" with these challenging projects designed to accelerate the learning with the force of fun! Test some of Newton's Laws Of Motion with models that illustrate the concepts of inertia, force, mass, acceleration and the observation that "every action has an equal and opposite reaction".

Launch paper footballs at targets with the catapult model, give your mini-figures a ride on motorized see-saw and swing carousel rides, and build a clock model. Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based program using LEGO bricks.

Info: www.bricks4kidz.com/central-md or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or

awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 RP3379.105 Oct 7 3:50-4:50pm Friday \$99

Daisy Girl Scouts for Kindergarteners

The West Friendship 5th grade Girl Scout Troop will host an interest meeting for Kindergarten girls and parents/guardians to learn about Daisy Girl Scouts. The meeting is Friday, September 23rd, 3:45-4:45 p.m., in the Art Room. Please RSVP to Sharon Stewart, SLSTEW88@gmail.com or 410-489-5614 or Margaret Hargrove, margarethargrove@verizon.net by September 22nd. We will be setting up this year's troop at the meeting, so come ready to register and join in the fun!

Girls on the Run is coming back to West Friendship Elementary this Fall!

What is Girls on the Run (GOTR)?

GOTR is an afterschool running program for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. But it's about SO much more than running. The GOTR training program teaches girls about self-esteem, confidence, respect, teamwork, fitness, and nutrition. The GOTR team will meet twice a week after school for 10 weeks in the spring. At the end of the 10-week program, the girls will run a 5K in Howard County. More information can be found on the GOTR website: <http://gotrcentralmd.org>

When can I register my daughter?

NOW!!! Visit <http://www.gotrcentralmd.org/get-involved/register-your-girl> to sign up.

When does it start?

Practices start the week of September 18th and will be twice a week (Mondays & Wednesdays) after school at WFES from 3:45 – 5:00.

If you are interested in helping with this amazing program or have questions, please e-mail Andrea Bennett at benneal2@gmail.com.

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.

Still Curious After 75 Years!

2016 marks the 75th birthday of everyone's favorite monkey—Curious George! Celebrate with stories, songs, and activities.

Ages 4 & up; 45 minutes.

Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.

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, September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 4 – 18, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 1 – 15, 10:30 a.m.

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

Choose Civility the Elephant and Piggie Way!

Learn how Elephant and Piggie "Choose Civility" and are always kind to each other.

Ages 3-5; 30 minutes.

Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 28, 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