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FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

It was wonderful to see so many people at our Back to School Nights last week. We truly appreciate your desire to know more about what happens in the classroom. We hope that some of your questions were answered and you are feeling comfortable with how the year has started for your child.

It is hard to believe that we have reached the mid-quarter point already. Interim progress reports will come home to you with your child next Thursday, October 6th. Be on the look out for this communication.

If you have questions or concerns as a result of your attendance at Back to School Night or the interim progress report, please contact your child's teacher to address these questions. Thanks for your ongoing support of learning.

On a personal note, my time here at this wonderful school has come to an end. Mrs. Breon returns on Tuesday, October 4th. Mrs. Steger and I have spent time meeting with her on several occasions to share information about the beginning of the school year. She is eager to get to know the students, families, and staff of West Friendship.

I would like to thank each member of the West Friendship Elementary School community for the kindness and welcoming spirit extended to me over the past 2 months. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students of WFES. Their smiles and enthusiasm are contagious and I will genuinely miss my daily interactions with them. It has been a pleasure to get to meet some of the families of West Friendship, as well. It is clear that a strong, active PTA is part of the school's culture. Keep up the good work! Your efforts do make a difference.

It has been my pleasure and honor to work with the WFES staff. This community is blessed to have outstanding educators who are continuously looking for ways to grow and learn themselves so they can meet the evolving needs of students. In addition, they are patient, kind, giving, and caring. What a treasure! I would like to send a special thanks to Mrs. Steger, Ms. Jones, and Mrs. Green for all of the help they have given me and being willing to answer my many questions. You are fortunate to have such a tremendous group in the front office. Their assistance has been so valuable.

Thanks again, West Friendship! Go Tigers! Have a TERRIFIC school year!

Susan J. Webster

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 3	Schools & Offices Closed – Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, October 6	Interim Progress Reports Issued
Friday, October 7	Sport Team Day – Wear your favorite team shirt!
Wednesday, October 12	Schools & Offices Closed – Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 18	Flu Vaccine Clinic at WFES
Wednesday, October 21	Gr. 1 Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm
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
Monday, November 7	No School for Students – Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, November 8	Schools & Offices Closed – Election Day
Friday, November 18	Gr. 5 Career Day
Monday, November 21	Crazy Hat Day
Monday, November 21	PBIS Celebration
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> <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

Volunteers Needed

The Health Room is requesting help with the flu clinic on October 18th. Volunteers will direct students to and from the cafeteria and sit with them after they are vaccinated. Please sign up for a volunteer slot at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-2Q2E8AMyqo0aXOov_U9KR5AFuh_0J0cKpUoEc4hnh0/edit#gid=0.

School Spirit Day

WFES will have **Sport Team Day on Friday, October 7th**. Join in the fun and wear your favorite sports t-shirt or jersey to school! NFL, MLB, NBA, recreational team, etc. are all welcome!

Gallup Student Poll

Our school will participate in the Gallup Student Poll. Gallup launched the Gallup Student Poll in 2009. Gallup provides analytics and advice to organizations around the world. The Gallup Student Poll is a brief, 24-item survey available on the web for students in grades 5. One time per year in the fall, the survey is provided at no cost to schools. The Gallup Student Poll includes the following themes:

- Engagement is the student's involvement in and enthusiasm for school.
- Hope is the ideas and energy students have for the future.
- Entrepreneurial Aspiration is the talent and energy for building businesses that survive, thrive and employ others.
- Career/Financial Literacy is the information, attitudes and behaviors that students need to practice for healthy participation in the economy.

The Gallup Student Poll gives students a voice in building great schools, and results provide schools with important, actionable information beyond standard measures, such as grades and test scores, to help schools make kids ready for the future. Please visit the Gallup Student Poll homepage on the web at <http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com> to view the survey items and learn more. To date, there have been over 4 million completes of the Gallup Student Poll.

This survey is anonymous. That means Gallup cannot identify your student, and your student's individual responses will not be shared with anyone. Only grade-level and school-level information will be shared with our school.

Home & School Connection

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

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

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/>.

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).

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 seesaw 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

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, October 4 – 18, 10:30 a.m.

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

Get your tickets for the Comedy Hypnosis Show!

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

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/>