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School Hours: 9:15 am – 3:45 pm

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families and Community Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday with family and friends. My first week as Principal of West Friendship Elementary School has been exciting. The smiles and conversations have reinforced what a truly special school I have the opportunity to serve. Below are meet and greet dates and important items for West Friendship Elementary School. I am excited for our first meet and greet just next week.

I look forward to getting to know the students and collaborating with parents, teachers, and community members. As you can see, several fun meet-and-greet activities are planned in the coming weeks.

- West Friendship Elementary School - July 11, 2023, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
"Popsicles with the Principal" (Sponsored by the WFES PTA)
- Virtual Reading Night - "Surprise Guest Readers" - July 25, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 pm (Link TBA)
- Snowball Stand, 1970 Woodstock Road, Woodstock, MD - August 9, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
"Tiger Meet and Greet"
- Virtual Reading Night - "Surprise Guest Readers" - August 16, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 pm (Link TBA)

Always for children,  
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## Important Information

### WFES Arrival/Dismissal Feedback

It is important for our school and community to collaborate in providing an orderly and safe arrival and dismissal process. To help us better serve the community and ensure the safety of our students and families during arrival and dismissal for the upcoming school year, [please use this form to provide feedback](#).

### School Supplies

The first day of school is Monday, August 28th. Visit the link below to learn how to order your child's school supplies and have them sent to your home...no fuss, and support West Friendship Elementary School. You can order through mid-August and still receive your supplies in time for the start of school.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zAxpTi1YtO9M-BR5wN3ndFJ6bbdFWEqq/view?usp=sharing>

If you prefer to shop on your own, please click here for the [WFES School Supply List](#).

## Did You Move? Are You Planning to Move? Transferring to a Private School

Families leaving the Howard County Public School System should contact our front office to let us know you will be withdrawing your child. Parents/guardians will need to complete a [Withdrawal Request Form](#) and will be provided with documents to take to your student's new school for registration.

Families moving to a new address within the Howard County Public School System should contact our front office and complete a [Change of Address Form](#). Parents/guardians will need to provide new proof of residency documents.

Please contact the front office by calling 410-313-5512 and speak to our registration secretary, Mrs. Colleen Green, or email her at [Colleen.Green@hcpss.org](mailto:Colleen.Green@hcpss.org). Please do this as soon as possible so your child's educational records can be prepared and transferred in a timely manner.

## Employment Opportunity at WFES

### Temporary Employee (Working one-on-one with students)

- Start Date: 8/28/23 through the duration of the school year.
- Hours: 9:15 am - 3:45 pm
- Hourly Pay Rate: \$15.00

### Lunch and Recess Monitor

- Start Date: 8/28/23 through the duration of the school year.
- Hours: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Hourly Pay Rate: \$15.00

If interested, please contact Mrs. Sara Cox, Assistant Principal at West Friendship Elementary School at [sara\\_cox@hcpss.org](mailto:sara_cox@hcpss.org) or 410-313-5512.

## Summer Curriculum Resources

The elementary curriculum offices have compiled several activities and strategies for students to enhance their learning during the summer. The resource can be found on the Canvas [Parent Pages](#) linked below. Resources can be viewed by grade level and subject. Additional resources and suggestions can also be found on the Parent Pages. These resources include games, strategy instruction tips, field trip suggestions, and much more. We hope you find this information helpful.

- [Prekindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)

## Free Summer Meal Program

HCPSS will run a free summer meal program weekdays June 21-Aug. 4. Meals will be served only on days schools are open; there will be no meal service on Tuesday, July 4. There are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, but children must be present to receive free meals. [Additional information](#), including a list of meal sites, is available online.