

February 1, 2019

Greetings WLMS!

Happy February! It was a sputtered start to quarter 3 this week with all of the weather interruptions. We are looking forward to getting back into full day routines next week. Please note that HCPSS has moved the date for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards to be issued from February 6<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Ms. Dice and all of the WLMS students who participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilde Lake Community String Fling! The middle school students shined last evening in their performances and it was a beautiful event to celebrate the strength of our Wilde Lake School Cluster Orchestra Program and the evidence talent progression from elementary to high school.

This month, WLMS will have the opportunity to participate in activities to celebrate Black History Month. We will be using a variety of inclusive resources to engage all of our diverse learners and enrich instruction throughout the whole year, not just one week or one month.

- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Kick Off – Bridges to Success/Leadership – WLHS student mentors meet with WLMS students.
- February 4-8 - Black Lives Matters in Schools Week
- February 11-15 – “Did You Know . . . ?” Content Based Curricular Activities
- February 19-22 – PBIS- Respect Week – Tribute to Aretha Franklin “Queen of Soul”
- February 22 – Wilde Lake MS & Bryant Woods ES “Taste of Soul/We Are Family” event – 6:00-8:00 p.m. **\*PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WLMS TRADITION!**
- February 25-28 – HBCU Week – A Salute to Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Please also find attached proclamations recently approved by the Board of Education:

Anne Swartz, James McVey, Nan Brown

### Important Dates:

Feb. 5 – County Wide Professional Day – No school for Students

Feb. 7 – Report Cards Issued

Feb. 8 – Activity Day

Feb. 8 – Spirit Day – Decades

Feb. 11-13 – MAP ELA Testing

Feb. 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting 6:00pm

Feb. 11 – Booster Meeting 7:00

Feb. 13 – PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser – MOD Pizza

Feb. 15 – Hoops for Heart

Feb. 18 – Schools & Offices Closed – Presidents’ Day

Feb. 19-21 – MAP Math Testing

Feb. 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Ceremonies

Feb. 22 – Taste of Soul 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

### **2019 Summer School Information**

Please find all information about summer programs here:

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

**Comprehensive summer school (Grades 9-12):**

Online registration for English, mathematics, science, and social studies courses opens at **6:00 p.m. on February 1**. In-person registration will be held at the Homewood Center from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Online registration for Art, CRD, ESOL, Gear Up for 9th Grade, Health, Lifetime Fitness, and world language courses opens at **6:00 p.m. on March 1**. In-person registration will be held at the Homewood Center from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**GT Summer Institute**

G/T Summer Institutes provide interested students with advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year. The curriculum is focused on talent development and provides academically and artistically rigorous activities. Teaching strategies represent best practices in the fields of gifted and talented and arts education.

For students who are on reduced meal plans, or need other financial assistance, funds area available as this incredible opportunity is not free. Before and after care is available and the programs will again be held here at Wilde Lake Middle School.

The registration for the program, and all summer programs for kids offered by HCPSS, opens on Feb 1. These sessions fill up fast and we would love to have the WLMS student body represented.

To register, follow this link <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> and click Gifted and Talented on the left hand side-bar. More about each program offering will be available by following that link.

Remember, spots fill up quickly so log on to [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) on Friday, Feb 1, 2019 to register your student. **Let's fill the house with WLMS students!**

**Registration and Information – (K-9) Summer Institute:**

Online registration opens on **February 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents will also be able to complete a registration application in person at the Homewood Center on February 1 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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**PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser**

On Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> the PTSA will be holding a fundraiser all day (10:30am – 10:00pm) at MOD Pizza at the Columbia Mall. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go back to the PTSA.

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February is busy in Wilde Lake High School's band department, with three free concerts to liven up the dark winter nights. On Feb. 6, steel drum bands from Wilde Lake, Howard and Centennial high schools will play island music and more to warm up the audience. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in **Howard High School's** auditorium. On Feb. 11, the award-winning Wilde Lake Jazz Ensemble plays a hot night of cool jazz, starting at 7 p.m. in the James Rouse Theatre, with special guests, the Northfield Elementary School Jazz Band. Numbers will include "Blue Skies" and "A Child is Born." And on Feb. 16, the band department is introducing a night of chamber music with percussion ensemble and marimba ensemble players, featuring music arranged by

students an 80s medley and a funk song. The concert is at 7 p.m. in the James Rouse Theatre in Wilde Lake.

**Community News:**

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.