

October 27, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Congratulations to Mr. Messick and his symphonic and concert bands on two enjoyable fall concerts Tuesday evening at the Rouse Theater! Our students are off to a strong start with their instruments.

6th Graders did a great job at Outdoor Education this week, & they had awesome fall weather to match. THANK YOU to the 6th Grade Team, and WLMS Staff, and many parent chaperones for making this trip a success! It takes a huge amount of planning, collaboration, and teamwork to make a field trip of this magnitude work.

Halloween is almost here, please remember not to send candy, cookies or snacks with your child. Also, please monitor the amount of candy that comes into school for lunch after Halloween.

Picture retake day is Wednesday, November 1st. If your child was absent or needs their picture retaken, forms are in the front office. If you need a picture retake, please bring in the original photo package. See the attached flier for more information.

Have a great weekend.

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

- November 1 – School Picture Retake Day
- November 10 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal (End of 1st Quarter)
- November 13 – National Honor Society Induction 7:00pm
- November 14 – Booster Club Meeting 6:30pm
- November 14 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
- November 17 – Report Cards issued
- November 17 – Activity Day

NOVEMBER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

It's almost time to schedule parent teacher conferences to discuss your student's progress. The window for you to schedule conferences via HCPSS Connect will **open on Monday, November 6 at 8AM** and **close on Thursday, November 16 at 3PM.**

The **conferences dates/times** are as follows:

- Monday, November 20 ~ 12:30PM to 4:00PM and 5:00PM to 7:30PM
- Tuesday, November 21 ~ 12:30PM to 4:00PM and 5:00PM to 7:30PM
- Wednesday, November 22 ~ 8:00AM to 4:00PM

WLMS Winter Coat Drive is still going on. Please see the attached flier for more information.

WLMS Boosters: Wilde Lake Middle School Boosters would like to remind parents of our ongoing scrip card fundraiser. Information about the program that helps you earn rebates towards your child's Hershey trip can be found at www.shopwithscrip.com. How to enroll? Click on the "Family Account" button and sign in on the left. Use the **WLMS Enrollment Code 4C5AL9383855L** to sign up. All orders for October are due on the 31st of October. Payment needs to be given to Ms. Yokum in the front office by the same date. Next month should provide extra savings, so be on the look out for special deals as the company celebrates Thanksgiving.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Educators,
The Maryland Stem Festival is looking for volunteers to help with the Maryland Stem Festival Event on Saturday November 4th. We need STEM Professional or STEM Educators and Event Volunteers too.

When: Saturday November 4th

Where: Wilde Lake Middle School 10841 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia MD 21044

Time volunteers are needed (Choose One):

9:30 AM -1:30 PM or (African American Event)

1:30 PM -5:30 PM (Hispanic Event)

How/Who to contact: If you or someone you know can volunteer on November 4th please send email to zmatta2@ymail.com with your Name, email and telephone contact information. In the email, please indicate if you would like to help with the event (set up, clean up, organizing) or if you are a professional or Educator in the STEM fields or an educator in the Stem field. Also, if you have any Art that can be displayed at the event, please include the information in the event or your interest.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STEM EVENT Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Wilde Lake Middle School 10481 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD

Join African American professionals and businesses at this fun and free family event! This event will show students of African American Community that there are many STEM Professionals from their Community. It will bring together African American STEM Professionals from around the area to provide inspiration and role models to the students. We will also be bring elements of African American culture such as dance and music to make the event more welcoming to the attendees. This event has the strong support of the Maryland NAACP.

HISPANIC STEM EVENT Saturday, November 4th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Wilde Lake Middle School 10481 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD

Join Hispanic professionals and businesses at this fun and free family event! This event will show students of Hispanic Heritage that there are many STEM Professionals from their Community. It will bring together Hispanic STEM Professionals from around the

area to provide inspiration and role models to the students. We will also be bring elements of Hispanic culture such as dance and music to make the event more welcoming to the attendees. The Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is the Event Sponsor.

Community Notices:

REMINDER: This Saturday, October 28 is the next convenient drive-thru medication and “sharps” (needles, syringes and EpiPen) collection, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome; just report in that day. Community service hours available! Howard County Police will receive, secure and transport your medications for proper disposal and medical staff will handle your sharps for proper recycling. For more information, contact HC DrugFree at Admin@hcdrugfree.org, www.hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040.

In partnership with the Howard County Public School System, HC DrugFree has prepared a three minute video for parents/adults to view. As you may be aware, Howard County is not unlike many areas facing an opioid crisis. We strongly encourage you to view this important message: <https://youtu.be/SxdSHAUn8s>. For more information, contact HC DrugFree at Admin@hcdrugfree.org, www.hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040.