

December 15, 2017

Greetings WLMS!

We learned this week that WLMS has achieved LEED Platinum! We received 81 LEED points to make the “Platinum Status”. LEED schools are designed to conserve energy, water, and materials, thus reducing negative impacts on human health and the environment. They provide natural daylight, enhanced classroom acoustics, improved indoor air quality, and thermal comfort. The LEED Platinum status that WLMS has achieved is actually the highest rating that can be given to a project by U.S. Green Building Council. Congratulations WLMS Community!

<http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/12/wilde-lake-high-school-earns-leed-premium-environmental-rating/>

Did you know that Wilde Lake Middle School has a new drama department? The “WLMS Tiger Shark Theater Company’s” first production, “The Good Doctor” opened this week. Tickets are still available for this weekend’s shows: Saturday matinee at 1:00 pm & evening performance at 7:00 pm. Due to HCPSS schools closing early today, the drama department has arranged a special show on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 pm. They will honor all Friday night “snow” tickets at the Saturday matinee and evening show and also at the Sunday show. Tickets are available at the door for all performances. Don’t miss this spectacular show. Good luck to the cast and crew! Break a leg . . .

We held a successful practice lock-down drill today. The Howard County Police Department assisted us in walking the building and making sure all was safe and secure. HCPSS Policy requires us to perform fire, modified lock-down, and lock-down drills throughout the year.

Have a good weekend and hope to see you at the drama production and also next week at the chorus and orchestra concerts.

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Important Dates:

Dec. 16 – “The Good Doctor” Drama Production – 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Dec. 17 – “The Good Doctor” Drama Production – Special Show at 5:00pm
Dec. 18 – Winter Chorus Concert – 7:00 pm WLMS
Dec. 19 – Winter Orchestra Concert – 7:00 pm WLHS – James Rouse Theater
Dec. 20 – Interim Progress Reports Issued
Dec. 22 – GOTCHA Store
Dec. 22 – Spirit Day – Holiday / Ugly Sweater
Dec. 23- Jan. 1 – Winter Break – Schools Closed for Students

Tis the Season...

The giving season has arrived and we want to reach out to our families in need. Please consider donating a gift card from Target, Walmart, Giant, Safeway, Visa, Mastercard, or any store you feel will best provide help to our families.

Our Guidance office will gladly receive any donation you can provide and see to it that our families receive help with a holiday meal and gifts for their children.

Any donations need to reach the Guidance Office no later than December 20th so that we can distribute them to our families. As always, your generosity and caring is appreciated and goes a long way in making the holidays merry!

PTSA KidStuff Coupon Book Fundraiser

We are half through our KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser. As a reminder, the WLMS PTSA is asking each student to sell a minimum of one coupon book for \$25 each. These coupon books offer hundreds of dollars in discounts on clothing, shoes, toys, books, electronics, sporting goods, activities, food and more! Remember half of the proceeds will go to the PTSA to support ongoing activities for the students. See all 30 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>

Howard County HiTech

In conjunction with the Howard County Public Library, students can receive additional support in math and other projects. See the attached fliers for more details or go to hclibrary.org/hitech_events

In Math Labs, students can get help from our HiTech instructors with any level of math up to AP Calculus. They can bring their homework and study materials, or we can provide materials for practice and studying as well.

In Programming Labs, students can work individually at their own pace, or work in groups on projects. Our HiTech instructors are there to help guide students and to give them ideas. This is a great opportunity for students who are interested in learning how to code, or for advanced students who want to work on projects or create their own games or apps. The possibilities are endless!