

September 22, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

Now in the 3rd week of school, our students have mastered their schedules, locker combinations, and are settling into a productive learning routine. We encourage you to make sure homework routines are established and study skills are practiced to ensure success. Although interim reports will be issued on October 12th, please contact your student's teacher at any time to discuss areas of concern that arise.

Over half (57%) of our students still need to have their Family File Emergency Card updated for the 2017-18 school year. **Parents, please take care of this as soon as possible. Here is the link . . . [Family File](#) If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency File Card, please contact our front office or guidance, and they will be happy to assist you.**

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

September 26 – Hearing & Vision Screening

October 10 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm – Media Center

October 10 – Booster Meeting 6:30pm – Media Center

October 12 – Interim Progress Reports Issued

October 12 – S.T.E.A.M Night

October 17 – Flu Clinic

Superintendent Martirano will be speaking at Long Reach High School on Monday, September 25th from 6-8pm. The topic: Educating Every Student Through the Lens of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. See the attached flier for more details.

WLMS Mathalon Team

Love math? Then, we have an exciting opportunity for you! Mrs. Kelley, our Math Instructional Support Teacher, will be organizing a Mathalon Team to compete at the October 28th Maryland Mathalon at Meade Middle School. We are searching for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders that love math and enjoy problem solving with their peers. Students will participate in engaging math problems as a team and individual, as well as, work together to solve engineering design problems to prepare for the competition. No experience necessary...just come with a love of math! Where can you get more information, you ask? Well, look no further than your math teacher! He/she has copies of the Mathalon Team permission slips. Please get these completed and signed by a parent/guardian and give them to your math teacher and/or Mrs. Kelley. The session starts next Tuesday and meets every Tuesday from September 26th - October 24th. We hope you will join!

WLMS S.T.E.A.M. Night

Looking for a fun, free, and educational night out as a family! Then, look no further! WLMS presents its first S.T.E.A.M. Night on Thursday, October 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in the cafeteria. Participants will engage in a hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics stations and demonstrations. Some stations include building mini siege machines, making art using coding and Sphero, dissecting an owl pellet and so much more! We hope to see you then!

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser is coming. This fundraiser benefits the student programs here at WLMS including PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support), Activity Day, Field Day and other student activities. Brochures are coming home next week. You can also order on line using the following link:

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>

The Flu clinic originally scheduled for September 29 has been rescheduled for October 17. Paper copies of the consent form will be sent home soon.

Booster Club has a Thanks-Scrip-ing Day coming on September 26. Money raised will be used to help support the Hershey Park Trip in May. Please see attached flier.

College & Career Opportunity Night will be held on Wednesday, October 25h from 5:30-9:00pm at Long Reach High School. See the attached flier for more information.

Community Notices:

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

Heart & Sole is Coming to WLMS!

Girls on the Run's® middle school program, Heart & Sole, is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in 6th-8th grade. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. Heart & Sole is designed specifically to focus on the complex needs of middle school girls. Heart & Sole addresses the whole girl – body, brain, heart, spirit, and social connections – and creates a positive, structured space for girls to learn about themselves, build self-esteem, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections, and develop life skills that will help them as they navigate the challenges of adolescence and beyond. The girls will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00 pm for 10 weeks, with the season ending 5k to be held on December 2nd in Columbia, MD. The season starts Monday, September 18, but girls can enroll into the second week if necessary. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. If you have questions or need financial assistance, e-mail susan.michel@girlsontherun.org.

TEEN AUDITIONS ages 12-18 for **Toby's** Young Columbian's a performing arts ensemble. Auditions will be held Wednesday, September 27 from 5:30 - 6:30 at Howard County Arts Council for address and to sign up please go to our website **CCTARTS.org** scroll down to audition. We look forward to seeing you.

Atholton High School Poms will be holding a restaurant fundraiser on Monday, October 2nd from 6-9pm at Panera's. See the attached flier for more information.