

September 8, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Thank you for contributing to a great first week of school at “The Lake”! Our students have quickly learned their new schedules, new locker combinations, and new learning routines. We are especially pleased with how well the sixth graders and all new students are adjusting. Way to go! **Please note that some changes may need to be made in students’ schedules during the first few weeks of school as we balance class sizes and ensure the best instructional matches for students.**

We would like to personally invite you to attend “Back to School Night” at Wilde Lake MS next **Thursday, September 14th**. This will be an evening to meet your student’s teachers, see their classrooms, and learn about academic programs & expectations. Here is our schedule for the evening . . .

5:30-6:00 – Outdoor Education Parent Information Session

from the 6th Grade Team. This presentation is for **6th Grade Parents only** and will take place in the **Media Center**.

6:00-6:30 - Gifted & Talented (GT) Program Presentation

from Mrs. Rawlings – (Cafeteria) **All parents are invited to attend.**

Grade 6

- 6:35 - 6:45 - Period 1
- 6:47 - 6:57 - Period 2
- 6:59 - 7:09 - Period 3
- 7:11 - 7:21 – HCPSS Connect Presentation (Synergy & Canvas) from our Media Specialist, Mrs. Russo- in the Cafeteria
- 7:23 - 7:33 – Periods 5
- 7:35 – 7:45 – Periods 6
- 7:47 – 8:09 - Periods 7 & 8
 - *(Related Arts A/B Day Class Presentation in Gym)*
Classes held every day will meet w/ assigned teacher.
- **8:15 – 8:35 – Messages from Admin. & PTA – Cafeteria**

Grade 7

- 6:35 - 6:57 - Periods 1 & 2
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Because we will be on a tight schedule, we encourage parents to arrive on time so that you can meet ALL of your student’s teachers. We also ask you to remember that the purpose of “Back To School Night” is for parents to learn about student’s courses and classroom procedures, and for the teachers to meet you! Unfortunately, teachers will not have time to engage in conversations about individual student’s progress. If you would like to check in about how your student is doing in a given class, please call or email the teacher to set up a conference appointment. Thank you for your cooperation!

Anne Swartz
Lexi Couch
Denise Young
James McVey

Important Dates:

Sept. 11 – Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins
 Sept. 12 – Back to Band night 6:00pm
 Sept. 12 – Boosters Meeting 6:30pm
 Sept. 12 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
 Sept. 14 – Back to School Night
 Sept. 18-20 – Fall Play Auditions
 Sept. 19 – Fall Student Pictures
 Sept. 21 – Schools & Offices Closed – Rosh Hashanah
 Sept. 22 – Schools closed for Students – Professional Learning

Fall Student Pictures will be taken on September 19th. More information will be coming home soon. Can't wait? You can pre-order portraits on line. Go to www.schoolpix.com, click on the button that says "Preorder Portraits Online Here" and type in the pre-order code: KWXHE79U

A Notice from the Health Room

WLMS Health room is in need of volunteers for the 8th grade Vision and Hearing screening. The screening will take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 8-230. The rescreening is on Monday October 2nd. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Godwin at 410-313-6957 or email at heather_godwin@hepss.org

PTSA

COME JOIN US!! Wilde Lake Middle School (WLMS) Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Meeting Tuesday, September 12th @7pm in the Media Center.

It's been a great first week of school for our WLMS students and now it's time to for the first WLMS PTSA meeting for the 2017-2018 school year! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12 @ 7pm in the Media Center. Please come to hear about the PTSA activities for the year and how you can get involved. We have lots of opportunities for parents* to get involved in supporting the school. Look forward to seeing you there!!!!

*We still need a CAC Representative and a Spelling Bee Coordinator. If you are interested, please contact brent_f_coleman@msn.com.

Please follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/PTSAWLMS> WLMSPTSA (@PTSAWLMS) | Twitter twitter.com

The latest Tweets from WLMSPTSA (@PTSAWLMS). The PTSA serves as a voice for our children, the PTSA is most visible in the WLMS community through the diverse events and programs we support. Columbia, MD

Brent F. Coleman
WLMS PTSA President

Performing Arts Boosters

The Boosters is having their first meeting of the year, Tuesday, September 12th immediately before the PTSA meeting. See the attached flier for more information.

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>

Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 9/13 7-8:30 at the Homewood Cafeteria 10914 MD 108 Columbia, 21042.

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Community News

Wilde Lake Community Association is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Old-Fashioned Family Picnic on **Saturday, September 16, 2017**. See the attached flier for more details.

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.