

November 30, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

During Thanksgiving Week, students participated in the annual **WLMS Turkey Trot**. Students ran or walked a 2.16 mile course around the perimeter of our new and updated school grounds. Thank you to **Mr. West, Mr. Tiffany, and Ms. Chiarella**, and the parent volunteers who supported this event for our students. Here are the winners:

	<b>6<sup>th</sup> gr Boys</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> gr Boys</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> gr Boys</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> gr Girls</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> gr Girls</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> gr Girls</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Drew Holiday 16:08	Nathan Pisanic 16:14	Shea Nesbitt 14:33	Riley Smialowicz 18:44	Reese Churilla 17:24	Georgia Martin 17:30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Steven Rosas 16:30	Justin Soriano 17:27	Matt Merke 16:16	Madeline Skaggs 18:46	Maria Bebu 19:14	Brooke Wenig and Penelope Kolb (Tied) 17:40
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Evan Figueroa 17:00	Omar Palmer 17:36	Spencer Krasnick 16:24	Ellie Aballo 19:33	Hallie Getty 19:37	

First place finishers received turkeys. Second place finishers received pies. Third place finishers received a box of stuffing. Congratulations!

**Also prior to Thanksgiving, the PTSA provided staff with an Italian style dinner during parent teacher conferences. Everything was delicious! Thank you to all of the parents who contributed.**

It's also been a fantastic post-Thanksgiving week at WLMS!

On Monday evening, fifty-one 8<sup>th</sup> graders were inducted into the WLMS Honor Society. Thank you to **Karen Baldwin, Laural Clark, and Jackie Benz** who are the staff sponsors for this program. Congratulations to the following inductees:

Tele Abe  
Mariam Abimbola  
Mark-Elysee Adja  
Sandra Bailey  
Cassandra Baldwin  
Ke'mari Banks  
Sydney Barnes  
Erickson Bawi Hrin  
Maria Betz  
Ashley Beyer  
Anna Bobo  
Ivan Cho  
Alexei Clark

Aminah Coleman  
Alexander Cosentino  
Grace Dunbar  
Marcelle Epangue  
Nyela Graham  
Patrick Gray  
Madison Harshaw  
Gabriela Hernandez  
Kyra Holtje  
Alondra Jaramillo Martinez  
Penelope Kolb  
Alayzia Kuria  
Isabella Lamertina

Timothy Landers  
Rachel Lang  
McKenzie Lawings  
Nokomis Lipscomb  
Allison Lyons  
Georgia Martin  
Allison McQueeney  
Heather McQueeney  
Shea Nesbitt  
Jordan Nguyen  
Kayofoluwa Ogunmola  
Molly Panepento  
Isabella Rivera

Nathaniel Rivera  
Elizabeth Rowe  
Joseph Soriano  
Kristina Staussi

Jessica Stewart  
Larissa Suarez  
Shiane Sullivan  
Jacob Sultan

Beverly Tudela  
Sajana Vigna-McLaughlin  
Brooke Weinig  
Osei-Sekou Whylie

Another highlight of the week was celebrating our students' first quarter success at Tuesday's awards assemblies. We were thrilled to have so many parents join us.

Finally, all students enjoyed today's Tiger Sharks' Pep Rallies. WLMS has a partnership with HCYP Basketball for the Wilde Lake Tiger Sharks Boys' Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Girls' Basketball Teams. We are grateful to have **WLMS parents Robert Worthington and Steve Smith** as coaches whose program supports our students on the court and in the classroom. Today's pep rally was an opportunity to spotlight our basketball players' skills, showcase a program based on the principles of GRIT (The power of passion and perseverance), and build all around school spirit. Thank you to the WLMS Dance Team (under the direction of staff sponsors **Adrien Johnson-Brown and Melva Cole-Fleet**) for their awesome performance during the intermission!

December starts tomorrow! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

**Important Dates:**

December 3 – WLMS Booster Meeting – 7:00 pm

December 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Fieldtrip to National Zoo

December 5 – SIT (School Improvement Team) Meeting 3:00pm

December 6 – WLMS Booster Club Barnes & Noble Fundraiser 4-8:30

December 13 – Memory Book Club Pictures

December 13, 14, 15 – 7:00 pm –WLMS Drama Production - The Triangle Factory Fire Project

December 17 – Winter Chorus Concert – 7:00 pm at WLMS

December 18 – Winter Orchestra Concert – 7:00 pm at WLHS

December 20 – UNOS Pizza Fundraiser

December 21 – Spirit day – Holiday Wear & PJ's

December 21 – GOTCHA Store

December 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Field Trip – 8:00-11:45 – Miller Branch Library

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**Holiday Gift Card Donation** We are so blessed to be surrounded every day with caring, giving people who reach out to help our community and families. This year the need seems to be even greater than in the past. If you are able to help, our Guidance Office will gladly accept gift cards in any denomination for Giant, Safeway, Walmart, Target, or Amazon. Our list of families in need is growing daily so anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

We will hang our Giving Wreath outside the Guidance Office and for each donation we receive, we will place a snowflake on the wreath anonymously with the words "WLMS Family" or "WLMS Staff". We will start receiving donations now and end on Wednesday, December 19, so we have time to get the

gift cards to the families. As always, thank you for your generosity and caring.

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**The Dentist is Coming to Wilde Lake Middle on Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

We are pleased to announce that our school has partnered with **Smile Programs** to offer in-school dental care. Best of all, in most cases there is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP! Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available.

We know you are busy parents so having your child seen by the in-school dentist saves you valuable time. Top quality care is provided by local, licensed dentists' right in the familiar surroundings of your child's school. Dental care includes:

- Complete exam
- X-rays
- Cleaning
- Fluoride and Sealants when needed.

In addition, restorative care such as fillings may also be provided. On Thursday of this week (November 29), your student will be bringing home a Smiles Program Consent Form. Please complete the permission form and return it to school no later than **FRIDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Or... you can register online at [www.myschooldentist.com](http://www.myschooldentist.com)

**Taking Care of your child's teeth is an important part of keeping them healthy!!**

If you have any additional questions contact either Ms.Thomas or Ms.Grzybinski in the Health Room.

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HCPSS will recognize **National Inclusive Schools Week** from December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. This national campaign recognizes the meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities in academics, athletics, clubs, and all facets of our school community. While we recognize the importance of inclusion across gender, race, ethnicity, and culture, this particular campaign will focus primarily on celebrating the abilities of all students.

The theme for this school year is "Kaleidoscope of Friends." If you look into a kaleidoscope, you see an infinite array of patterns of brilliant light created by repeated reflection. Kaleidoscope comes from two Greek words: kalos, meaning "beautiful," and eidos, "shape." And indeed, education takes on a beautiful shape when all children belong and are valued as contributing members of the school community. That is the vision of inclusive education; it drives decisions, actions, and core beliefs. Repeated reflection helps shape effective practices to meet the needs of all students. When we add the word "friends" to that image, the result is a myriad of relationships that provide opportunities for the support and growth of all children.

<https://inclusiveschools.org/inclusive-schools-week/>

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The **Free and Reduced-Priced Meals (FARMS)** program provides access to an array of services for qualified families including free and reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, free SAT and ACT registration, free tuition to take college courses at Howard Community College while still enrolled in high school, free college applications, reduced AP exam fees, reduced costs for a number of services provided by Howard County Rec and Parks, Columbia Association and Comcast, and much more. Visit the [HCPSS website](#) for more information and to apply.

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Support the WLMS students in the Arts and please join us for our **Holiday Pajama Party on December 6th at Barnes & Noble, 4:00-8:30pm**, for a Fundraiser benefiting Wilde Lake Middle School (WLMS) Performing Arts Boosters. Wear your favorite holiday pajamas (appropriate for public viewing of course). We will have performances from the school's performing arts groups throughout the evening, face painting, gift wrapping and holiday story time. Before the big day, make a list of your Barnes & Noble shopping needs-holiday gifts, birthday or other special occasion gifts or teacher wish lists items!

Pre-order and prepay your Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake and be the hit of your Holiday party, or most beloved guest, make a great hostess gift! Order form attached- email to [sharonbarnes227@msn.com](mailto:sharonbarnes227@msn.com). **Deadline December 6, 2018**

Shop the **Columbia Mall, Barnes & Noble** and WLMS Performing Arts program will receive a percentage of the proceeds to support the chorus, band, orchestra and theater programs.

Use the Bookfair voucher in-store on December 6th, 2018.

\* Also included are all Barnes & Noble Cafe sales by our supporters. Please USE BOOK FAIR ID# 12465217 (bring or show attached voucher for all purchases). Clearance items not included.

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### Community Notices:

Columbia Association Summer Camp Registration is now open. See the attached brochure for more information.

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](https://www.hcpss.org/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.