

## October 13 Newsletter

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Interim reports were sent home yesterday with your child. We ask that you review the progress report with your child, and take this opportunity to talk with them about their progress, celebrate their achievements, and develop goals for the second part of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Our 1st Annual S.T.E.A.M. Night was a HUGE success! We had a whopping 388 people in attendance and it was incredible to watch so many staff members, students, families, and community members engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics themed stations and demos! Thank you so much to our incredible community that stepped up and helped out in countless ways. We had over 40+ staff members who directly supported this endeavor under the leadership of our Math Instructional Support Teacher, Lindsay Kelley. Mrs. Kelley would like to acknowledge our PTSA for their support, advertisement, supplying the pizza, which always draws the crowds, and for your expert pizza serving skills! We also had many National Honor Society high school volunteers who stepped right in to assist our teachers with their stations. This event reminds us how fortunate we are to have a community that lives and learns together, and supports one another!

**Did you know** that WLMS received a grant for the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company to do an acting residency with 8<sup>th</sup> graders this spring! Here's a picture of Ms. Blazucki, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher, picking up the grant from the Howard County Arts Council!

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### **Family File (Emergency Update)**

On Wednesday, paper copies were given to students if their family had not yet updated their family file for the 2017-18 School Year. Even if the information has not changed since last year, we need for you to sign and verify. This is about our ability to reach you during the school day and your child's safety. We have received a good response from many families. Thank you! You can either return the form, signing/dating to confirm that information is correct and still applies for your child or you can go online to update the information . . .

<http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2015/08/hcpss-connect-launch/>

**Your child will NOT be permitted to attend field trips/special grade level events until the Family File is updated. This includes the 7th Grade Zoo Field Trip on October 19th, 6th Grade Outdoor Education on October 25-27, and the 8th Grade Lock In scheduled for later on in the Fall.**

## **APPLICATIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS DUE OCTOBER 19**

Free and Reduced Meal services will expire on Thursday, October 19. If you have not renewed your application for the 2017-2018 school year, [click here to reapply](#). Students who have not renewed their application will pay full price for lunch beginning on Monday, October 23.

Thank you for your support and please reach out to the school if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,**

**Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey**

### **Important Dates:**

October 17 – Flu Clinic

October 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Fieldtrip – National Zoo

October 20 – Professional Work Day – School Closed for students

October 24 – Band Concert 7:00pm at WLHS

October 25-27 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Ed

October 27 – Spirit Day

### **October 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA is making sure that students in our own school community and their families stay warm and dry this winter. If you have winter coats, gloves, hats, etc... Please donate them for those in need in our community.

**Donations can be sent in with students or dropped off at Wilde Lake Middle School (There will be a labeled bin in the school lobby).**

See attached flyer for more details.

**\*\*Please make sure coats are clean and ready to wear\*\***

We are also looking for volunteers to help sort the coats. Please sign up below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44adaf2ea1fd0-wlms>

### **WLHS News**

Please join the WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL Boys Soccer Team for their annual Homecoming Pancake Breakfast. Saturday, October 14th, 8 am - to 10:45 am.; WLHS School Cafeteria \$5.00 at the door gets you:

Pancakes, sausage, Oj, coffee or tea. Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during this event. Please enter through the doors inside the school-Any questions?

Contact [Ellen\\_Mackey@hcpss.org](mailto:Ellen_Mackey@hcpss.org)

## **WLHS Concerts**

**October 18th** - Fall Jazz Concert - 7:30pm JRT - FREE!

Music from many different jazz styles and eras.

**October 25th** - Fall Percussion Concert - 7:30pm - JRT - FREE!

Three different Percussion Ensembles, the Marimba Ensemble, and the “Island Cats” Steel Drum Band. A great night of percussion music.

**November 29th** - Winter Band Concert - 7:30pm - JRT - Tickets Required

Featuring our large ensembles the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. An evening of outstanding band repertoire.

## **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

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

The **Council of Elders and HCPSS** are sponsoring parent workshops and an opportunity fair beginning on October 7<sup>th</sup> - the topic is Navigating HCPSS. Other upcoming topics include, social media, opioids and supporting your child’s social and emotional development. Please see the attached TCOE flier for more information.

**HC DrugFree’s program, “Not My Child...Yes, Your Child”** presented in partnership with **Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA and Mount View Middle School PTA** will be held on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 pm** in the Marriotts Ridge High School auditorium. This event is free and open to high/middle school parents, family members and any adults working with teens who think their children will never get involved with drugs and those who are already suspicious or dealing with a child’s experimentation! Hear facts, strategies, experiences and encouragement and get your questions answered by HC DrugFree and its community partners, as well as parents and others with stories to share. For more information and to understand the importance of attending this event, view HC DrugFree’s video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408> and contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org), or visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

**HC DrugFree’s Convenient Drive-Thru “Sharps”\* and Medication Collection** will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near The UPS Store and Slayton House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will direct traffic around the parking lot as **Howard County Police** receive and secure your medications for proper disposal and medical staff handle your sharps for proper recycling. To understand the importance this event, view HC DrugFree’s video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408>. For more information about this event, how to dispose of medications throughout the year and more, contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org), or visit the Events-Take Back Day page at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org). \*(Sharps: needles, syringes and EpiPens)

**HC DrugFree Is Looking for Parent/Adult Volunteers**, so whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please **email only** to [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) to let us know your availability. Be sure to say if you can type, are willing to drive to pharmacies or liquor stores, and if you have any special skills or interests.