

November 3, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Hello November! We have a big month ahead of us. Here are a few of the upcoming highlights . . .

### **School Improvement Meeting**

We are having our first School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting on **Wednesday, November 8th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Parents are invited to join us!

The end of the first marking period is one week from today, November 10<sup>th</sup>. First quarter report cards will go home with students on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students.

**During the week of November 13-17**, Wilde Lake Middle will join schools across the nation in celebrating "American Education Week". The WLMS Staff cordially invites you to come out and visit your child at Wilde Lake and gain a snapshot of how he/she operates in his/her instructional setting. Please mark your calendars! You are welcome and encouraged to join us any day or time during this week.

The first round of **parent teacher conferences** will take place on **Monday, November 20th, Tuesday, November 21st, and Wednesday, November 22nd**. The window for you to schedule conferences with your student's teachers (You may sign up to meet with a maximum of 4 teachers.) opens **MONDAY November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8AM** and closes on **Thursday, November 16 at 3PM**. *The HCPSS Connect Parent Conference Registration directions are attached.* Please note ~ If teachers have had conferences both Monday and Tuesday evenings, they will not be available on Wednesday.

Last weekend, the WLMS Mathalon Team competed at the Maryland Mathalon Competition at Meade High School under the leadership of our math instructional support teacher, Lindsay Kelley. The team consisted of **Grace Allen, Dylan Cummins, Savyon Lee, Anisha Narasimhan, Rissah Remy, Alison Semel, Osei-Sekou Whylic, and Katie Wood**. Congratulations to the following students for winning awards during the Inventions Round: **Grace Allen – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Rissah Remy – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Alison Semel – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Osei-Sekou Whylic – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dylan Cummins – 4<sup>th</sup> place, Anisha Narasimhan – 4<sup>th</sup> place.**

The "Inventions Round" consists of STEM-like challenges where the students are paired up in teams with students from other schools and complete a task of their choice.

Way to go WLMS Mathletes!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

**Important Dates:**

November 10 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal (End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)  
November 13 – National Honor Society Induction 7:00pm  
November 13 – 17 – American Education Week  
November 14 – Booster Club Meeting 6:30pm  
November 14 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm  
November 17 – Report Cards issued  
November 17 – Activity Day

**NOVEMBER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

It's almost time to schedule parent teacher conferences to discuss your student's progress. The window for you to schedule conferences via HCPSS Connect will **open on Monday, November 6 at 8AM** and **close on Thursday, November 16 at 3PM**. Directions are attached.

The **conferences dates/times** are as follows:

Monday, November 20 - beginning at 12:30PM  
Tuesday, November 21 – beginning at 12:30PM  
Wednesday, November 22 – beginning at 8:00AM

Each teacher will post his/her availability for conferences on the Parent Conference Site. Please remember that you may make conferences at other times during the year by contacting the teacher or the Support Services Office.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in**

"The 8th grade Lock-In will be on **Friday, December 8th**. Permission slips and volunteer forms were sent home on Friday, October 27th. Money and slips are due by December 1st.

Reminder: Students are not allowed to attend field trips or activities until the family emergency card information is updated. Please make sure you update your form, if you haven't yet."

The credit card payment link can be found on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Canvas course on the WLMS Student Resource page on Canvas.

**WLMS Winter Coat Drive** is still going on. The PTSA is collecting winter coats, gloves, and hats to help our school community. Please make sure the coats are clean and ready to wear. For more information contact Sandy Smith at [sanrey6890@hotmail.com](mailto:sanrey6890@hotmail.com)

**WLMS Booster Fundraiser**

The WLMS Boosters' Candle fundraising campaign returns and it's **STILL** really simple - we get 50% of every sale. There's **NO** minimum so even if every one of our 300+ Booster families sells just one item, we will be well on our way to being able to provide all the needs for our Band, Chorus, Drama and Orchestra Departments. See the attached Booster Candle information Flier and the Order Form.

**WLMS Yankee Candle** fundraiser items are scheduled to arrive on Monday, November 6th. We will send out an email when they arrive. Students may pick up small orders and take them

with them on the bus. Larger orders will need to be picked up during school business hours. Thank you again for your support. The money raised will support PBIS, Activity Day, and different student activities and field trips.

### **2017-18 WLMS Spelling Bee**

"Attention students! Do you have what it takes to be the Wilde Lake Middle School Spelling Bee Champion? Come show off your spelling prowess (P-R-O-W-E-S-S)! On January 11 at 7 pm we will hold the annual WLMS spelling bee in the Media Center.

You can go to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) for word lists to study. The winner will compete in the Howard County Library System Spelling Bee and have a chance to represent Howard County in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC!"

The PTSA is also sponsoring Spelling Bee Practice Sessions on the following dates . . .

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 14, 2017

All of the sessions are scheduled to be held 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Please contact Mrs. Russo, Media Specialist, at school, or Famebridge Witherspoon, PTSA contact, at [famebridgewitherspoon@yahoo.com](mailto:famebridgewitherspoon@yahoo.com) if you have questions about the spelling bee or practice sessions.

**Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB)** Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to Harry Potter. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on November 8th, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on December 13th. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd like more information, email [student\\_member@hcpss.org](mailto:student_member@hcpss.org) and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

### **Academic Enrichment Fair – November 4**

HCPSS and the Council of Elders is holding an Academic Enrichment Fair on Saturday, November 4 at Long Reach High School. Please see the attached flier for more information.

### **STEM Festival – November 4**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN STEM EVENT** Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Wilde Lake Middle School 10481 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD

Join African American professionals and businesses at this fun and free family event! This event will show students of African American Community that there are many STEM Professionals from their Community. It will bring together African American STEM Professionals from around the area to provide inspiration and role models to the students. We will also bring elements of African American culture such as dance and music to make the event more welcoming to the attendees. This event has the strong support of the Maryland NAACP.

**HISPANIC STEM EVENT** Saturday, November 4th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Wilde Lake Middle School 10481 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD

Join Hispanic professionals and businesses at this fun and free family event! This event will show students of Hispanic Heritage that there are many STEM Professionals from their Community. It will bring together Hispanic STEM Professionals from around the area to provide inspiration and role models to the students. We will also be bring elements of Hispanic culture such as dance and music to make the event more welcoming to the attendees. The Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is the Event Sponsor.

**AKA Coat Day & Homeless Resource Fair** – the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is hosting their annual AKA Coat Day and Homeless Resource Fair on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Long Reach High School. See the attached flier for more details.