

February 16, 2018

Greetings WLMS!

Students celebrated the end of the second quarter with a grade level “Awards Assembly” on Wednesday. We recognized student leadership and achievement during and beyond the school day. We also shared with students some good news about Mr. McVey, our 7th grade administrator. Mr. McVey and his wife, Kelly, welcomed a new daughter on February 6th. Her name is Carolina and she joins big brother, Henry. Mr. McVey is taking a few days of leave to be with his family and will return on February 23rd. Thank you to all of the parents who supported our students by attending an Awards Assembly!

Students loved participating in “Hoops for Heart” during their related arts’ time on Thursday. Thank you to our awesome Physical Education Team, Steve Tiffany, Mia Chiarella, and Jason West for organizing this fun and meaningful event for students! WLMS Students raised over \$4,200 for the American Heart Association!

Next week, administration will hold town hall meetings with each grade to talk about second half of the year expectations. We will share how we expect to see a change in each grade level’s behavior now that half the year is over. We expect that all students will have a strong focus on their academics in every class; that they will try their best, do their homework, and require fewer reminders each day. We will emphasize the connection between success and hard work and how this leads to success down the road and in all aspects of life. Please ask your child about these presentations: 8th grade – Tues. 2/20, 7th grade – Wed. 2/21, 6th grade – Thurs. 2/22.

Remember, no school on Monday due to Presidents’ Day. Have a super long weekend!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Feb. 19 – Presidents Day – Schools & Offices Closed

Feb. 20 – B Day (changed from an “A Day” because of inclement weather days)

Feb. 20 – 8th grade Town Hall Meeting

Feb. 21 – B Day

Feb. 21 – 7th grade Town Hall Meeting

Feb. 22 – A Day

Feb. 22 – 6th grade Town Hall Meeting

Feb. 23 – B Day

Feb. 23 – Spirit Day

WLHS Dance Auditions:

Eighth Grade students who will be attending WLHS next year and are interested in Dance are invited to audition on February 21st. The audition will be held from 3:15-4:00pm in Room 171. Students who are interested should go to the Counseling Office and see Ms. Stout for more information.

Dental Clinic at Wilde Lake Middle

We regret to inform you that will not be offering the Chase-Brexton Dental Clinic again this year here at Wilde Lake Middle.

But the good news isAs part of the Howard County Wellness Care Initiative a **FREE** Dental Health Clinic is being offered on **Saturday, March 17th**! All services including extractions, cleaning, fillings and others will be available with no cost to you. You must register beforehand (there are multiple sites available for registration). See attached flier for all the information.

Summer Institute

Online Registration Registration for Summer Institute will first be offered online during the following dates: **Today through Thursday, February 15 (11:59 p.m.)**. **Registration will be open online from the 1st–15th of each month from February–May. On-Site Registration Homewood Center** On-site registration will take place at the Homewood Center from 4:30–7 p.m Wednesdays, March 7, and April 18, and May 2. **Final enrollment in courses is pending full tuition payment by May 30. There will be NO mail-in registration. Contact: Alice Giles Phone: 410-313-6627 summer_school@hcpss.org**

Community Notices:

There will be a speakers' panel event on March 5th, 2018 called Be Unstoppable: Empowering Girls Worldwide. This event will be held at Centennial High School from 6:30-8:00pm.

Elizabeth Gore, founder of Girl Up and Dell's Entrepreneur in Residence will begin with an introduction. A panel discussion will include Susan Kennedy, Principal Professional Staff member at the Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) and Program Area Manager in the National Health Mission Area, Khalilah Harris, chief of staff and vice president of external affairs at Opportunity@Work, and Rocio Ortega, a Girl Up associate.

CAMP IMPROV- Summer comedy camp for middle school students!

Session 1: July 9-13, Session 2: July 16-20 Director: Kathryn Carlsen, Centennial Theatre Website: campimprov.org Visit campimprov.org for information and registration.

This camp is all about the joy of jumping in and finding the funny. Listening, saying "yes, and," collaboration and flexibility are key. Though there is a focus on the basics, students with prior improv experience will find an opportunity to strengthen their basic comedy muscles.

Time: Monday- Friday, 9am-12pm Students will work on teamwork, trust, support and artistic collaboration through improv exercises and short form games, like the ones played on Whose Line Is It Anyways? Students will perform a show at the end of the week featuring the games that they learned. Location:

Camp Improv takes place at Centennial High School on the stage and in theatre room.

Cost: \$195 includes a Camp Improv shirt

Performance: Students will perform on the Friday of the camp week at 7pm. All tickets to the show are complimentary!

Registration Due: June 1st. Returned check fee is \$25. Questions? Email Kathryn Carlsen at kcarlsen@hcpss.org

Camp Improv is supported by the Centennial High School Boosters.

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(<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.