

September 14, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

Thank you to all parents who came out to participate in last evening's "Back To School Night" events! We feel very fortunate to have such an involved and supportive parent community. Thank you to our PTSA and WLMS Boosters for their awesome presence and support! We hope you will consider becoming members of both PTSA & Boosters. We truly believe that our students will thrive when the school partners with families and community to foster academic, social, and emotional growth. Please reach out to your child's teachers or to administration if you have questions or concerns. Your child benefits the most from our collective, open communication! The large group "Back-To-School Night" presentation PowerPoints will be available on the WLMS website beginning next week: Gifted & Talented Program, Administration & PTSA Presentation.

If you have not done so, please remember to complete your Family File. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the school and we can assist you in completing this task. We thank the 332 families who have completed this important information, but we still have 300 families who have not verified/updated their information. If you need assistance, or would like a paper copy to complete, please let us know. We are striving for 100% completion by the end of next week.

Anne Swartz, James McVey, Denise Young

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 19 – Schools and Offices Closed – Yom Kippur

Sept. 27 – Student Fall Pictures

Oct. 3 - Professional Work Day – 3 hour Early Dismissal

Oct. 4 – Hearing and Vision Screening

Oct. 15 – Flu Vaccine Clinic

WLMS Fundraiser –

WLMS is holding a Yankee Candle Fundraiser to support our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. Forty percent of the profits go directly to our PBIS student program. The sale begins on September 14 and goes through September 28th. See the attached flier for more details.

Student Fall Pictures

Student pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 27th beginning at 8:30 am. For more information, please see the attached flier.

Seminars are coming!

Today at lunch (9/14) students were be introduced to the instructional seminars that WLMS GT office will be offering this school year. The forms for sign up will be available at all three

lunches Friday, Monday and Tuesday. These forms need to be signed and returned to Mr. Spicher in room 212 by interested students. The Signup sheet is also attached to this announcement. As always, please feel free to contact Mr. Spicher with any questions regarding these seminars.

WLMS Maker Space

The Wilde Lake Middle School Maker Space is focused on making items for our community this year. As part of an ongoing focus on community service, we are hoping to make 50 'blessing bags' before November to bring to the Grassroots Day Resource Center. Students will craft the bags at school, and write encouraging notes. We are hoping for donations of items to stuff the bags with. Please bring any items to WLMS media center. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for our students to give back. Sarah Russo, Library Media Specialist

What we're hoping for (in the bags) is listed here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ca4ab2dabfb6-essentials>

or if you shop on Amazon...

<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/7Sz2YIp>

Heart & Sole Registration Now Open:

Girls on the Run®'s middle school program, Heart & Sole®, creates a positive, structured space for girls in 6th-8th grade to develop life skills using a running-based curriculum. Teams of up to 16 girls meet twice weekly after school for 10 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5k run. The spring season will start the week of September 16, with the season-ending 5k scheduled for December 1 in Columbia, MD. Registration opens on Sunday, August 19 at 12:00 noon. Program registration fee is \$175 and includes 5k registration, water bottle, t-shirt, and all program materials. Financial assistance is available – no girl is turned away. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org for a list of program sites and to register. Questions? Call 443-583-7740.

AACR - African American Community Roundtable Forum will be held at WLHS on September 24th from 6:30 – 8:30pm. See the attached flier for more details.

Saturday Math Academy

The Saturday Math Academy is held Saturday's 9-noon at Oakland Mills Middle School. The program is open to all HCPSS student's grades 3-12. Registration is required. See the attached flier for more details.

Community Notices:

Please visit the 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.