

October 12, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

This week, about 40 of our students were invited to and attended a very special after school event at the Howard County Library East Columbia Branch. New York Times best-selling author Jason Reynolds shared his story to a large and excited group of middle school students from across the county. The highly popular author is a favorite among young adult readers. Our students were given a VIP Package that included priority check in, reserved seating, and a signed copy of Mr. Reynold's new book, *For Every One*. Both Reynold's personal story and those he writes are especially relatable and inspirational to his young adult audiences. He speaks openly about his transformation from a nonreader living on the edge in Oxon Hill, Maryland to becoming a literary celebrity whose promise to his young audience is "not to write boring books." Reynold's writing reflects his understanding of the fears and challenges that all young people experience. We are very proud of how our students represented Wilde Lake Middle at this once in a lifetime kind of event. A special thank you to the following staff members who made this experience possible: Sarah Russo, Meredith Schwartz, Kim Menk, Rebecca Feldwick, Melva Cole-Fleet, Megan Van Pelt, Jeremy Davis, Laura Mettle, Karen Baldwin, and Susan Hill.

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, **Elizabeth Rowe**! Elizabeth recently placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the regional championships in the first event of U.S. Figure Skating's qualifying pipeline. Your hard work is paying off!

Your student should have received his/her first quarter interim report on Tuesday. Have you seen it? If not, please ask your student to share it with you!

Have a great weekend!

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

October 15 – Flu Vaccine Clinic

October 16 – Fall Band Concert 7:00pm @ WLHS

October 18 – Council of Elders Academic Achievement Celebration – 7:00 @ CHS

October 19 – Professional Work Day – No School for Students

October 24 – PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser – Panda Express 5-9pm

October 26 – GOTCHA Store

October 26 – Spirit Day – Wear Pink

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in** - Calling all 8th Grade Parents and Guardians. The 8th Grade Lock-In is on November 9th from 7pm to 1am. We need your help! Please [Sign Up Here](#).

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054EAFAC22A4FB6-wlms>

**PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser** - "Save the Date! Please join us for Restaurant Night at Panda Express, Columbia Mall on Wednesday October 24th 5 - 9 PM. Please help us to support our PTSA and Wilde Lake Middle School. Please show Restaurant Night Flyer at the event (paper or digital on phone), Flyer is attached and can also be found at [www.gotighersharks.com](http://www.gotighersharks.com). See you there!"

**PTSA Spirit Ware Sale** - The WLMS PTSA Spirit Wear Sale is now open! You can download and print this form. Please make checks payable to WLMS PTSA and send to school with the order form in an

envelope marked "WLMS SPIRIT WEAR. " The deadline for orders is **Wednesday, October 24, 2018**. Spirit wear is neither exchangeable nor returnable. The WLMS PTSA APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SPIRIT!! Any questions, please contact Melanie Facchiano, [mafacchiano@gmail.com](mailto:mafacchiano@gmail.com)

**1st Gotcha Store 2018-2019** - Fri Oct 26, 2018 (during school)

We can't run the store without you! Please sign up now to donate or volunteer!

<http://signup.com/go/AvoRJJU> How can you help? <http://signup.com/go/AvoRJJU>

**Donations** - We accept any like new items (NO SLIME PLEASE!). Anything that you think would appeal to middle schooler. Items that are new but are collecting dust, goodie bag items. Or Donate Gift Cards: Dollar Store, Five Below, Starbucks, AMC, Dunkin Donuts, Target, Walmart etc.

**Volunteer** - Come in for set-up, 1 lunch period, or all 3. It's completely up to you & what your time allows but I think you'll find your time is well spent! It's honestly a lot of fun and a great way to pop in and see your student(s) during lunch! Thank you, Kim Patterson, WLMS PTSA

Also, see the WLMS PTSA website, all PTSA events are posted on the website.

<https://www.gotigersharks.com/>

**PTSA 2019 Reflections Contest** - Get inspired, imagine, and create! The National PTA Reflections "Heroes Around Me" contest is searching for youth to display their talents. Choose a category – Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, or Visual Arts and enter to win prizes, scholarships and more! See the attached brochure or check out the video below to enter. Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSvo7vS4Hgg>

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE**

Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA is collecting in support of the Annual HCPSS Coat Drive. Students, and their families, in our own school community are in need of WINTER COATS, HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES. Please help share the warmth by donating USED (clean) or NEW items of ALL sizes. Donations accepted 8am - 2:45pm, Monday - Friday at Wilde Lake Middle School now until October 30. Look for the collection bin in the front hallway.

Two coat distributions will be held:

November 3, 9am - 11am at the North laurel Community Center

November 17, 9am - 2pm at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center

See the attached flyer.

**WLMS Students taking High School Courses for Credit** - For students taking Algebra I, Geometry, or another advanced math course and students taking a World Language course for credit, Howard County Public School System Policy 8020: High School Grading and Reporting governs procedures related to students who withdraw from courses or change levels of a course. Any student who withdraws from any course more than seven school days after the published first quarter interim report will receive a W (withdrawal) on the report card and permanent report card. No credit shall be received by students who withdraw. If a student withdraws from a course and transfers to a different course more than one week after the first published first quarter interim report, no credit will be awarded. A W code will be assigned. For the 2018-2019 school year, the W date is October 23, 2018.

### **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.