

October 26, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

On Monday, we were honored to welcome a group of administrators and teachers from Hangzhou, China. The visit was organized by the HCPSS International Office. They loved our beautiful building, enjoyed interacting with students and staff, and were fascinated by our sophisticated technology. We learned a lot about some similarities and differences between our educational systems. Did you know that class sizes in Chinese schools can go up to 50 students?

Communicating with you and our community is a top priority for us. Our front office secretary team is on duty to answer phone calls and relay messages to staff from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. If you call beyond these hours, you will have the opportunity to leave a phone message for administrators and staff. The messages are checked the following morning & relayed to the appropriate staff members. Should you have an emergency situation after school hours, please feel free to email one of the administrators and we will respond as soon as we can . . .

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Denise Young – [denise\\_young@hcpss.org](mailto:denise_young@hcpss.org) - Assistant Principal – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Last Names N-Z

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Have a lovely weekend!

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

**Important Dates:**

October 31 – Wacky-Tacky Spirit Day – (school appropriate clothing and no masks)

November 5 – End of First Quarter

November 6 – Election Day – Schools and Offices Closed

November 7 – Professional Day – No school for students

November 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lock-in

November 9 – JROTC to visit 8<sup>th</sup> graders

November 13 – Student Pictures (absentees and retakes)

November 14 – Report Cards Issued

November 15 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Zoo Fieldtrip

November 16 – Activity Day

November 19 & 20 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal / Parent Teacher Conferences

November 21 – No School for Students / Parent Teacher Conferences

November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

**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>

### **WLMS Honor Society**

Wilde Lake Middle School Honor Society Invitation letters were handed out this week to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are eligible. In order to become a WLMS Honor Society Member, a student must be an eighth grader with a middle school cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. The candidate must have been a student in HCPSS for two quarters prior to the application deadline and/or attend WLMS for one quarter prior to the application deadline. Honor Society candidates should have minimal, preferably no disciplinary referrals. The purpose of the WLMS Honor Society is to recognize students who have demonstrated the qualities of knowledge, leadership, service, citizenship, and character and encourage them to continue to develop these characteristics. After being invited to apply, the application must be completed properly and submitted with two teacher recommendations by the application deadline of **Friday, November 2, 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted. Please contact Ms. Karen Baldwin, Honor Society Advisor and FACS Teacher, if you have any questions.

### **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.

### **Boosters Contest**

The WLMS Performing Arts Department is holding a contest to see who can get the most members. Don't forget to come out and support our Performing Arts Please see the attached flier for more details.

### **National PTA Reflections Contest**

The National PTA Reflections is urging all students to present their talent. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me." The URL immediately below showcases their efforts and accomplishments.

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections/awards>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E8sK7Fv7ZOG6ihr4IUTS1uTTUoPiHpYtQw-TMw0XWds/edit>

<http://mdpta.org/documents/Appendix3RulesSheetsforSixArtsAreas.pdf> (Dance Choreography Guide)

<http://mdpta.org/documents/Appendix4SpecialArtistDivisionRules.pdf> (Special Arts Division Rule)

<http://mdpta.org/documents/18-19ReflectionsOfficialRules.pdf> (Reflections Official Rule)

**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.