

October 5, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Our students showed positive efforts on the English/Language Arts MAP testing this week. MAP scores are one of many data measures that our teaching staff uses to identify overall strengths and weaknesses in our academic program. The information is also used to inform classroom skill instruction and groupings. Next week, students will participate in Math MAP during math classes.

It is hard to believe we have already reached the midway point of quarter one. Interim reports will be issued on Tuesday, October 9th. Please look for this next week in your child's backpack.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 9 – First Quarter Interim Reports Issued
- Oct. 12 – Hispanic Heritage Night 6:30pm (Date Change)
- Oct. 15 – Flu Vaccine Clinic
- Oct. 16 – Fall Band Concert – 7:00pm @ WLHS James Rouse Theatre
- Oct. 17 – PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct. 19 – Professional Day – School closed for students
- Oct. 26 – GOTCHA Store
- Oct. 26 – Spirit Day – wear pink

Please note that Hispanic Heritage Night has been rescheduled to Friday, October 12th, in hopes of giving more people a chance to sign up and participate. Please find the link to sign up for dishes or to volunteer below! Thank you!

PTSA is sponsoring **Hispanic Heritage Night on Friday, October 12th. Help us share and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with our students.** We hope to have displays, performances, and a WLMS community Chili Cook-Off! The Chili Cook-Off will have cash prizes for first (\$100) and second place (\$75), and a special 'crowd favorite' prize (\$50). We hope to see you there!

Date: 10/12/2018 (Fri.)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm EDT

Location: Wilde Lake Middle School

We hope you'll plan to attend! Please click on the link below for more information, to RSVP, & volunteer! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CA4AB2DABFB6-hispanic>

Parents: If you have not applied for **FARMS** (Free and Reduced Price School Meals) this year, and wish to receive this service, or continue to receive the service, please make sure you have completed the 2018-2019 application. Blank forms are available in the front office if you need one. If you did not re-apply this school year, eligibility from last year will expire October 15th.

WLMS Yankee Candle Fundraiser. The last day to turn in paper orders for the Yankee Candle PBIS Fundraiser is Tuesday, Oct. 9th. You can still order on-line. See the attached information.

A special note from our GT Teacher, Mr. Doug Spicher. Our terrapins arrived on Monday! At present, they are both in one tank. On Oct 9th they will be moved into two separate tanks, one warm and one cool. Some background information -- we are participating in a study, collecting data for a professor at Ohio University. He is studying the effect of water temperature on the growth of the terrapins in the Chesapeake Bay. Our students are collecting growth data for this study. These data will be used by Dr. Wilem Roosenberg and his graduate students to determine the effect of rising seawater temperatures. The Terrapin crew has to keep everything the same including percentage of food given, air temp, basking temp and salinity of the water. The only thing that we have different is the temperature of the water. Kids are learning about animal care and they are learning patience. Each student involved in this program had to submit a written or verbal reason for wanting to be a helper and they were chosen based upon what they wrote. The terrapins will be released back into the wild when they are about the size of a 3 year old terrapin. In this way, we are giving them a headstart. The terrapin helpers will be invited to go on the release trip to take place in Mid-April or Early May. Next time you are in the building, stop into the Media Center and check them out!

We are making progress, but thirty percent of our students still need to have their Family File Emergency Card updated for the 2018-19 school year. **Students will not be able to participate in field trips or after school activities if this is not updated. Parents, please take care of this as soon as possible. Here is the link www.hcpss.org/connect If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency File Card, please contact our front office or guidance at 410-313-6960, and they will be happy to assist you.**

Please join us at the upcoming **HCASC meeting** on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. In addition to sharing leadership skills and service opportunities, Ms. Kathy Hanks, Board Administrator and our Student Member of the Board, Ambika Siddabathula will lead our October meeting and teach students how to provide feedback on HCPSS policy, present testimony, and participate in public forum when they have ideas they want the members of the Board of Education and Superintendent to hear.

Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 10/10 7-8:30 at the Board of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042 For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

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.