

October 6, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Our students completed Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing this week. Staff will use the information to plan more meaningful instruction to meet students' math and language arts' needs.

Our next PTSA meeting is Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. Please come and get involved in our PTSA.

WLMS is looking forward to our first **STEAM Night** next **Thursday, October 12 from 5:30-7:30**. We hope you have plans to join us for a FREE night of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics through hands-on stations and demonstrations. Free pizza and Sub Zero ice cream! Also on **October 12th**, PTSA is sponsoring a fundraising night at the new **Smoothie King (Wilde Lake Village Center) from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** The PTSA will receive 25% of all sales. Stop by Smoothie King on your way to or from STEAM Night!

Family File Update:

We now only have 49% (down from 57% at the end of September) of our students who still need to have their Family File Emergency Card updated for the 2017-18 school year.

Parents, please take care of this as soon as possible. Here is the link . . . [Family File](#) If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency File Card, please contact our front office or guidance, and they will be happy to assist you.

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

October 10 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm – Media Center
October 10 – Booster Meeting 6:30pm – Media Center
October 12 – Interim Progress Reports Issued
October 12 – S.T.E.A.M Night
October 12 – PTSA Smoothie King Fundraiser
October 17 – Flu Clinic
October 19 – 7th grade Fieldtrip – National Zoo
October 20 – Professional Work Day – School Closed for students

The PTSA is holding a **Smoothie King** fundraiser on Thursday, October 12th from 6:30-9:00pm. Stop by and support the PTSA after **S.T.E.A.M. night at WLMS**. The PTSA will receive 25% of the sales. See the attached brochure for more information.

Flu Clinic Information: It is not too late to sign your student up to receive this years Influenza Vaccine !! The new date for our Flu Clinic here at WLM is **Tuesday, October 17th** . Paper

consent forms were sent home and are due back no later than **Wednesday, October 11th** . Please complete it in its entirety and do not forget to sign! **_IF** you want to make sure that your child is already signed up to receive the vaccine OR if you have any questions please call the Health Room at 410-313-6957.

Wilde Lake Middle School Honor Society Invitation letters were handed out Friday, October 6, 2017 to all 8th 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 student must have attended WLMS for two quarters prior to the application deadline, and not have any serious 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, October 13, 2017.

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser This fundraiser benefits the student programs here at WLMS including PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support), Activity Day, Field Day and other student activities. It is too late to turn in brochures, but you can still order on line using the following link:

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>

If you order on-line, the products will be shipped directly to your home.

WLMS Bricks – the next order of engraved bricks to be placed in front of the school will be placed soon. See the attached order form to order a brick. Proceeds of the sale will benefit the PTSA.

WLHS News

WLHS Robotics Club – WLHS has invited WLMS 7th & 8th graders to join. See attached flier from Wilde Lake HS.

WLHS Concerts

October 18th - Fall Jazz Concert - 7:30pm JRT - FREE!

Music from many different jazz styles and eras.

October 25th - Fall Percussion Concert - 7:30pm - JRT - FREE!

Three different Percussion Ensembles, the Marimba Ensemble, and the “Island Cats” Steel Drum Band. A great night of percussion music.

November 29th - Winter Band Concert - 7:30pm - JRT - Tickets Required

Featuring our large ensembles the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. An evening of outstanding band repertoire.

College & Career Opportunity Night will be held on Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30-9:00pm at Long Reach High School. See the attached flier for more information.

The **Council of Elders and HCPSS** are sponsoring parent workshops and an opportunity fair beginning on October 7th - the topic is Navigating HCPSS. Other upcoming topics include, social media, opioids and supporting your child's social and emotional development. Please see the attached fliers for more information.

To ALL students,

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to the Hunger Games. The forum will be held at the Homewood

School on October 11, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on November 8th. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd like more information, email student_member@hcpss.org and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

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, October 11 from 7- 8:30 pm at the Homewood Cafeteria, 10914 MD 108 Columbia, 21042. For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Community Notices:

HC DrugFree's program, "Not My Child...Yes, Your Child" presented in partnership with **Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA and Mount View Middle School PTA** will be held on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 pm** in the Marriotts Ridge High School auditorium. This event is free and open to high/middle school parents, family members and any adults working with teens who think their children will never get involved with drugs and those who are already suspicious or dealing with a child's experimentation! Hear facts, strategies, experiences and encouragement and get your questions answered by HC DrugFree and its community partners, as well as parents and others with stories to share. For more information and to understand the importance of attending this event, view HC DrugFree's video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408> and contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit www.hcdrugfree.org.

HC DrugFree's Convenient Drive-Thru "Sharps"* and Medication Collection will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near The UPS Store and Slayton House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will direct traffic around the parking lot as **Howard County Police** receive and secure your medications for proper disposal and medical staff handle your sharps for proper recycling. To understand the importance this event, view HC

DrugFree's video at <https://vimeo.com/231604408>. For more information about this event, how to dispose of medications throughout the year and more, contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040, Admin@hcdrugfree.org, or visit the Events-Take Back Day page at www.hcdrugfree.org. *(Sharps: needles, syringes and EpiPens)

HC DrugFree Is Looking for Parent/Adult Volunteers, so whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please **email only** to Admin@hcdrugfree.org to let us know your availability. Be sure to say if you can type, are willing to drive to pharmacies or liquor stores, and if you have any special skills or interests.

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.