November 16, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

We would like to thank you again for your communication and trust this week with the social media hoax that impacted our school community. As important as the education of your children is to us, it is equally important that your children are safe, well, and feel genuinely loved in our building. Please continue to reach out to administration or our counselors if you or your children have questions or need support. We also encourage you to continue to speak to your children about using social media responsibly and the importance of “If you see something, say something.”

It was excellent to see many of you this week during American Education Week. The staff were pleased to see you, and we hope that you enjoyed visiting some of your child’s classes.

We look forward to seeing you again next week during the Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 19th through 21st. When you enter the building, a staff member on duty will be glad to assist you with your child’s schedule and provide a map of the building. While you are here, check out the lost and found if your child is missing a jacket or lunch box. Monday and Tuesday, November 19 and 20th are 3 hour early dismissal days for students – their classes end at 11:45. There is no school for students on Wednesday, November 21st.

Our next School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting will take place on **Wednesday, December 5th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Parents are invited to join us! The mini version of the WLMS School Improvement Plan (SIP) is posted on our website. Be sure to take a look under the tab, ABOUT.

The next newsletter will go home on November 30th. Have a terrific Thanksgiving Holiday! We are grateful for your support, trust, and partnership.

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

**Important Dates:**

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

November 19 – WLMS Turkey Trot (during Related Arts Class periods)

November 19 – Booster Club Restaurant Night - Chipolte

November 21 – No School for Students / Parent Teacher Conferences

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

November 26 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:30pm

November 27 – Student Award Ceremonies (during Related Arts Class periods)

November 27 –Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Chick Fil A 5-9pm

November 30 – Spirit Day – WLMS Spirit wear or school colors (blue and gold)

November 30 – Tiger Shark Pep Rally

December 4 – 6th grade Fieldtrip to Miller Branch Library

December 5 – SIT Meeting

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Congratulations to our fifty-two new **Wilde Lake Middle School Honor Society Members**! These 8th grade students have maintained a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all middle school years and have submitted a completed application by the deadline. The Induction Ceremony will be Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

The **WLMS Book Fair** arrived on Friday, November 9th! Purchases began on November 15th during Homeroom and Lunch, and continue until November 21st.  Cash, Checks, eWallet (and for adults, Credit & Debit Cards) will be accepted. More information and online shopping at our website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/wlms>

Support the **Wilde Lake Middle School Performing Arts Boosters**! Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser. Come to the Chipotle at The Columbia Mall on **Monday, November 19th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm.** Bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Wilde Lake Middle School Performing Arts Boosters. Hope to see you there!

**From the PTSA** - Whether you are new to WLMS or a returning family, on behalf of WLMS PTSA Board we would like to thank you for your contributions, time, and commitment to the students of WLMS as well as the teachers and staff.  If you are a PTSA member or have volunteered with the PSA, we are very thankful for your contributions. WLMS PTSA would encourage everyone to become a part of the PTSA team. The main reason to join the PTA is to benefit the children.  Please see the attached PTSA Membership Form and you can also join online via <https://www.gotigersharks.com/membership>.

When volunteering with the PTA, you will be able to make positive change and not only help the students of WLMS, but you will gain valuable experiences.

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

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Please fill out the attached Membership form and return to school if you would like to join. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Mr. Hyung Chang, Membership Chair at membership@gotigersharks.com

Thank you, wishing you a great year!

WLMS PTSA is having a donation drive in the month of November through 11/30/2018.

Please see attached donation flyer & form. Donations can be made:

       Online:   with credit or debit card at [www.gotigersharks.com/donate](http://www.gotigersharks.com/donate)

       Or Send form with check to school: make to WLMS-PTSA

   Any questions?   Please contact     vp@gotigersharks.com       or president@gotigersharks.com

Thank You in advance for your donation.

Although the donation drive is in November, donations can be made anytime even after the drive either online or via sending in the form.

**Community Notices**:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Coat Day and Homeless Resource Fair is being held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 10am-2pm.  The event will take place at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center

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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.