

December 22, 2017

Seasons' Greetings WLMS Family!

As 2017 comes to a close, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break! We eagerly await the start of 2018 and an incredible remainder of our school year.

By now, you have heard the great news that the HCPSS Board of Education has hired Dr. Michael Martirano as our permanent superintendent. He is a true advocate for children, challenging all staff to know our students, as both people and learners.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by a selection committee made up of their peers and the principal to serve as a delegate and representative leader to the Convention of the Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education for 2018-2019.

6th Grade – Abisola Ayoola

7th Grade – Patrick Gray

8th Grade – Juliana Baglione

Alternate – Noah Adeyeye

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sharon Barnes and the WLMS Music Boosters for their amazing support of our students and fine arts' programs during December! We appreciate your loyalty and sponsorship of "The Good Doctor" performances, the Winter Choral Concert, and the Winter Strings Concert. Your partnership truly makes the difference as evidenced by our students' performances and pride in their accomplishments!

WLMS Students were treated to delicious hot cocoa (and/or hot apple cider) at lunch on Thursday, December 21st to kick off our 'Winter Reading Challenge'. THANK YOU to Mrs. Russo and her crew (Mr. Russo, Mrs. Kris Hammill, & Mrs. Kim Patterson)!

Students are encouraged to read **10 times** over winter break for a minimum of 10 minutes each time (students can set their own goal).

Each reading session = 1 marshmallow! You can download the form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/wlmswinter>

Any student completing the challenge can bring their completed 'hot cocoa' (signed by a parent/guardian) to their homeroom teacher on Tuesday, January 4th. Participants will earn 25 "gotchas".

Please join with us in encouraging your student to read over winter break!

More details at:

<http://wlms.hcpss.org/news/2017/12/wlms-winter-reading-challenge>

Winter Break Advice: "Take A Book Wherever You Go!"

See you in 2018!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 – Winter Break, Schools Closed

Jan. 9 – PTSA Meeting - 7:00pm

Jan. 9 – Booster Meeting – 6:30pm

Jan. 11 – Spelling Bee – 7:00pm

Jan. 15 – MLK Holiday – Schools & Offices Closed

Jan. 18 – Celebration of Academic Excellence – Hammond High School 7:00pm

Jan. 19 – 8th grade Lock-in

Jan. 23 – Incoming 6th grade Parent Orientation – 6:30pm

Eighth Grade Parents:

The time is coming to help 8th grade students register for their high school classes.

During the week of January 8th, I will be going into the science classes to work with students on their course registrations for next year. Students will bring home their course recommendation

sheets. Please review these sheets with your child as they need to return them to school with a parent signature by Monday, January 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or email

Mr. Deyton at 410-313-6960, matthew.deyton@hcpss.org

See the attached PDF of all the important 8th grade dates for registration.

WLMS Spelling Bee

Wilde Lake Middle will be hosting it's annual Spelling Bee on January 11 (snowdate of January 18). Students in all grades are invited to participate. One final (optional) practice session is available on January 4. See wlms.hcpss.org for more details and permission slips to attend the last practice session.

Saturday Math Academy

Registration for the BSAP sponsored Saturday Math Academy is right around the corner. See the attached flier for more details.

MLK Holiday Celebration

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 14th at Reservoir High School. See the attached flier for information on the Day of Service.