Greetings WLMS!

Congratulations to the 93 7th and 8th grade orchestra students who performed beautifully at last night's String Fling! This annual event is coordinated by our very own **Mrs. Kela Spiro**, who also works at Wilde Lake HS. String Fling features orchestra students from all feeder schools in our community. What an amazing celebration of Wilde Lake, our students, and the strength and power of youth music! Thank you to everyone who came out to help Mrs. Spiro and support our students.

Students just finished the second marking period, which marks the halfway point of the school year for them. Are you happy with their progress? Do you have any concerns? Please get in touch with your teachers, counselor or an administrator so we can help. Our goal is to see every student meet their full potential as they prepare for high school and strong communication will help us know who may need some extra support. Two ways you can check on progress in the near future will be grades (Report Cards come home February 5) and MAP testing (February 5th-7th for Reading; February 12th-14th for Math). Both are good indicators of readiness for being successful in high school courses.

Quarter 2 Awards Recognition Assembly – will take place on Wed. February 14th. The WLMS Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee invites parents to attend the awards recognition assemblies. The event is very informal and will recognize students for the following 2nd quarter accomplishments: Principal's Honor Roll – All A's, Gold Honor Roll – All A's and B's or 3.0 or higher grade point average, Silver Honor Roll - A's, B's, and one C with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. In addition, teachers will choose students from each grade level to receive the following awards: Citizenship, Most Improved, Spotlight Awards, Students of the Month, Positive Office Referral Recipients

A separate assembly will be held for each grade level:

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Feb. 5 - Report Cards Issued

Feb. 5-7 – MAP Reading Testing

Feb. 9 – Activity Day

Feb. 12-14 – MAP Math Testing

Feb. 14 – Awards Ceremonies

Feb. 15 – Hoops for Heart

Feb. 16 – Countywide Professional Day – No School for Students

Feb. 19 – Presidents Day – Schools & Offices closed

WLMS Spiritware:

The PTSA is currently holding a WLMS spiritware sales. See the below link for ordering information. The sale is scheduled to end February 7th. http://www.gotigersharks.com/ptsa-store.html

Dental Clinic at Wilde Lake Middle

We regret to inform you that will not be offering the Chase-Brexton Dental Clinic again this year here at Wilde Lake Middle.

But the good news isAs part of the Howard County Wellness Care Initiative a **FREE** Dental Health Clinic is being offered on <u>Saturday, March 17th!</u> All services including extractions, cleaning, fillings and others will be available with no cost to you. You must register beforehand (there are multiple sites available for registration). See attached flier for all the information.

Online Registration Registration for Summer Institute will first be offered online during the following dates: Thursday, February 15 (11:59 p.m.). Registration will be open online from the 1st–15th of each month from February–May. On-Site Registration Homewood Center On-site registration will take place at the Homewood Center from 4:30–7 p.m Wednesdays, March 7, and April 18, and May 2. Final enrollment in courses is pending full tuition payment by May 30. There will be NO mail-in registration.

Contact: Alice Giles Phone: 410-313-6627 summer_school@hcpss.org

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