

September 15, 2017

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Thank you to all parents who came out to participate in last evening's "Back To School Night" events! We feel very fortunate to have such an involved and supportive parent community. Our new WLMS Vision is to develop strong learners who take risks, embrace challenges, and make positive contributions to our wonderfully diverse community. We truly believe that our students will thrive when the school partners with families to foster academic, social, and emotional growth. Please reach out to your child's teachers or to administration if you have questions or concerns. Your child benefits the most from our collective, open communication! Our 3 large group "Back To School Night" presentation PowerPoints will be available on the WLMS website beginning next week: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Overview, Gifted & Talented Program, Administration & PTSA Presentation.

Last evening, our new GT Resource Teacher, Stephanie Rawlings, shared the highlights of the WLMS GT Program. Next week, Ms. Rawlings will be announcing the menu of enrichment seminar offerings during morning announcements. These opportunities are available to all students. Please check out the attachment for more details and encourage your child to sign up for a seminar.

We would like to congratulate 8th grade student, Delaney Hammill. Delaney's 2017 National History Day (NHD) project will be on display at the ribbon cutting celebration of the Harriet Tubman High School this Saturday, September 16th in Columbia. Delaney developed a museum-quality exhibit which analyzed the life of Harriet Tubman in relation to the NHD topic 'Taking A Stand in History'. According to Delaney's NHD mentor Ms. Russo, a judge approached her at the county competition and asked if she would loan her exhibit to the event! She worked so hard on this and we are very proud of her!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Sept. 18-20 – Fall Play Auditions

Sept. 19 – Fall Student Pictures

Sept. 21 – Schools & Offices Closed – Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 22 – Schools closed for Students – Professional Learning

Sept. 26 – Hearing and Vision Screening

Sept. 29 – Flu Clinic

Fall Student Pictures will be taken on September 19th. More information will be coming home soon. Can't wait? You can pre-order portraits on line. Go to www.schoolpix.com, click on the button that says "Preorder Portraits Online Here" and type in the pre-order code: KWXHE79U

A Notice from the Health Room

Vision and Hearing Screening - WLMS Health room is in need of volunteers for the 8th grade Vision and Hearing screening. The screening will take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 8-230. The rescreening is on Monday October 2nd. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Godwin at 410-313-6957 or email at heather_godwin@hcpss.org

Flu Vaccination Clinic WLMS will be hosting a flu vaccination clinic on Friday, September 29th. Attached is the information and consent letter in both English and Spanish

WLMS Tiger Shark Theatre Company is excited to begin work on our inaugural Fall / Winter production, Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor*. Auditions will take place after school on Monday, September 18th and Tuesday, September 19th, from 3:00 PM to 4:45 PM. Callbacks will be posted Wednesday morning, September 20th, and will take place for those students after school between 3:00 and 4:45 PM. All students who wish to audition for a role in this production must return their permission slip, prior to the first audition on Monday.

Please email Mr. Kurstin, randy_kurstin@hcpss.org or Ms. Rawlings, Stephanie_Rawlings@hcpss.org with any questions or concerns.

To everyone auditioning... Break a leg!

Shark Bricks – The PTSA still has engraved bricks for sale to be placed in front of the building. Attached is the order form if you are interested in supporting the PTSA fundraiser.

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser is here. This fundraiser benefits the student programs here at WLMS including PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support), Activity Day, Field Day and other student activities. You can also order on line using the following link:

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

Heart & Sole is Coming to WLMS!

Girls on the Run's® middle school program, Heart & Sole, is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in 6th-8th grade. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. Heart & Sole is designed specifically to focus on the complex needs of middle school girls. Heart & Sole addresses the whole girl – body, brain, heart, spirit, and social connections – and creates a positive, structured space for girls to learn about themselves, build self-esteem, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections, and develop life skills that will help them as they navigate the challenges of adolescence and beyond. The girls will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00 pm for 10 weeks, with the season ending 5k to be held on December 2nd in Columbia, MD. The season starts Monday, September 18, but girls can enroll into the second week if necessary. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. If you have questions or need financial assistance, email susan.michel@girlsontherun.org.

Community News

Wilde Lake Community Association is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Old-Fashioned Family Picnic on **Saturday, September 16, 2017**. See the attached flier for more details.

“The **Centennial High School UN Girl Up** club unites both girls and guys to fight for the rights of adolescent girls throughout the world and we would love to have your support! We are having our first fundraiser of the year and want to invite you to join us. On Saturday, September 30, we will be holding our 2nd Annual Girl Up Community Yard Sale in the Centennial High School front bus lot from 9am-1pm. Families, school clubs, and organizations will be able to “rent” a parking spot for \$10 and sell their items. The profits you make from this event are yours to keep,

we are simply hosting the event. Registration will be available on the Centennial HS online store soon (<https://tinyurl.com/CHSYardsale>). If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at centennialungirlup@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!”

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.