

September 28, 2018

Greetings Tiger Sharks,

We are looking forward to October, sunshine, and drier days ahead. We are very proud of our staff and students for their hard work and dedication during first quarter so far. Staff is really getting to know and learn more about each child. We feel privileged to take part in their educational journeys!

We have some fantastic news to share with you! **For the third year in a row, Wilde Lake Middle has earned the “Gold” status for our PBIS (Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports) Program.** This is the highest level of state level recognition. It is only awarded to those schools that are demonstrating sustainability for the systems, practices, and data utilization for school-wide PBIS and can demonstrate that their implementation has had positive effects on both their discipline and achievement data for at least two years. We consider this achievement a team effort between staff, students, parents, and community.

On another positive note, our school recently received \$5,000 from the 2018 BGE Green Grants Program. Thank you to parent, Amber Coleman, and Project Lead the Way Teacher, Angela Bernard, for securing this opportunity for our students and community. The grant funds will be used toward a multi-year project of students developing a Wilde Lake Middle School Green Community Garden. Thank you to BGE for continuing to support WLMS through our formal partnership!

During the next two weeks, all students will participate in the Fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for English/Language Arts and Mathematics (ELA – Week of October 1st & Math – Week of October 8th).

Have a beautiful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 1 – Booster Club Meeting – 7:00 pm - Cafeteria
- Oct. 3 - Professional Work Day – 3 hour Early Dismissal
- Oct. 4 – Hearing and Vision Screening
- Oct. 9 – First Quarter Interim Reports Issued
- Oct. 9 – PTSA Meeting
- Oct. 15 – Flu Vaccine Clinic
- Oct. 16 – Fall Band Concert – 7:00pm @ WLHS James Rouse Theatre

WLMS Booster Club is holding a meeting on October 1st at 7:00pm. See the attached flyer.

It's not too late, we are accepting orders for Yankee Candle through October 5th.

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser supports our **PBIS** (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. Forty percent of the profits go directly to our PBIS student program.

Picture day was on Thursday, Sept. 27. We will accept picture envelopes through Monday morning or you can go on line and order through Monday.

WLMS Health Room Notifications!

The annual **Hearing and Vision Screening** is scheduled for **Thursday, October 4th** (rescreening on October 9th). **All** 8th grade students as well as new students to the state of Maryland will be screened per Maryland state law. Any student who is referred by a teacher for suspected vision or hearing problems may also be screened however a parent consent will be requested for these students.

This week a "passive" consent is being sent home with all 8th grade and "new to the state" students letting you know that this screening will be taking place. Please read this letter and notify us or the HCHD Hearing and Vision supervisor at 410-313-7210 if you have any questions.

If your child has glasses, please make sure that he or she wears them on the screening day October 4, 2018.

This vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive eye exam.

The **Flu Vaccine Clinic**, in collaboration with the MPP (Maryland Partnership for Prevention) will be held here at WLM on **Monday, October 15th**. Once again the vaccine will be administered via injection and parent permission must be received. The consent forms will be sent out the week of Sept 24th. Please read and complete it in its entirety and return it to the school by **Monday, October 1st**! Please remember to sign it and complete the health insurance information.

You may also sign your child up online at www.vaccineconsent.com however please do NOT fill out both a paper and online consent form.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. Last year was a bad flu season. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccination. We hope you will join our fight against the flu. Vaccinating your child will help him/her stay health and prevent the spread of flu to others AND will cut down on missed time from school! Stay Well!

Confidentiality Training Course Please remember, according to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. **All chaperones must complete HCPSS online class before a field trip or volunteer in the school.** They must print off the certificate and return it to the front office. Here is the link <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

WLMS Maker Space

The Wilde Lake Middle School Maker Space is focused on making items for our community this year. As part of an ongoing focus on community service, we are hoping to make 50 'blessing bags' before November to bring to the Grassroots Day Resource Center. Students will craft the bags at school, and write encouraging notes. We are hoping for donations of items to stuff the bags with. Please bring any items to WLMS media center. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for our students to give back. Sarah Russo, Library Media Specialist
What we're hoping for (in the bags) is listed here:

Link: <http://smile.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/37P66CJ8D6OU6>

