

February 21, 2020

Please join us TONIGHT for the “**Taste of Soul**” **Black History Month Celebration @ WLMS** from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This year’s celebration will be a fun-filled night of music, great food, and great friends. Doors open at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you here.

Reminder to 6th and 7th grade parents...student requests for electives for the 2020/2021 school year are due Monday. Please see our website for directions and explanations of the elective courses. We need this information for class sizes and teacher staffing so it is extremely important we get accurate counts of student elective requests by Monday. If you need assistance, please contact the Student Services Offices at 410-313-6960 or visit our website <http://wlms.hcpss.org>

Last call for Wicked! Parents of 8th graders: There are still PLENTY of tickets available for the field trip for dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and the Hippodrome Theater to see "Wicked" on Friday, March 6th. Student tickets are \$100, and chaperone tickets are also \$100. You can put a deposit down of \$50 and pay the rest by Feb. 28th. Permission slips must be signed and returned even if you pay online. **Due Date: Feb. 28th** Click this link for more information: <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34491/pages/8th-grade-information>

Important Dates:

- Feb. 21 – Taste of Soul – 6:00pm @ WLMS
- Feb. 24 – 6th & 7th grade elective class requests for 20/21 due
- Feb. 28 – Spirit Day – Sock Day
- Mar. 2 – Symphonic Band Assessment
- Mar. 4 – Concert Band Adjudication
- Mar. 6 – 8th grade Fieldtrip to Hippodrome
- Mar. 10 – Student Spring Pictures
- Mar. 13 – GOTCHA Store

Great News! Wilde Lake Middle School is once again partnering with Smile Programs to offer in-school dental care. Best of all, in most cases **there is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP!** Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available. **Date of in school clinic: Monday, March 30th, 2020.** See the attached flier for more information.

Summer Opportunity for Middle Schoolers:

Journey 2020 for Howard County Middle School Girls (rising 7th, 8th & 9th grade students) will be held July 12-July 18, 2020 at Washington College! Applications are due May 15, 2020; Journey applications and scholarship application can be found at mlw.org. Financial assistance is made available by the [Women's Giving Circle of Howard County](http://www.women'sgivingcircle.org). Contact information for Maryland Leadership Workshops: 301-444-8623; office@mlw.org; mlw.org

A week at Journey includes:

- workshops on topics such as empowerment and motivation, decision making, communication, self-awareness, goal setting, group dynamics, and conflict resolution
- group projects that challenge girls to apply new skills and exceed their own expectations
- team-building activities that strengthen interpersonal skills and build lasting memories
- one-on-one mentoring with members of a dedicated and highly trained staff.

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.