

October 2, 2020

Good afternoon WLMS Tiger Shark Families,

Just a short reminder that we are quickly approaching the middle of the first quarter grading period. Please do a quick check of your student's assignments and make sure nothing is missing. If you have questions, please contact their teacher.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weekend.

Chris Rattay, Principal
WLMS

Important Dates:

October 7 – Reading MAP Testing 9-11 or 1-3

October 14 – Math MAP Testing 9-11 or 1-3

October 16 – Schools Close 3 hours early

November 3 – Schools and Offices Closed – Election Day

WLMS Spirit Ware Fundraiser

The WLMS spirit ware site is up and running. WLMS will receive \$3 for each item sold and proceeds from the sale will directly benefit students and staff in school-wide activities. Available are t-shirts, sweatshirts, masks, etc. Payment is by Visa or Mastercard and all items will be shipped directly to your home. Sale closes October 8, 2020 so don't delay.

Copy and paste the link to order: <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/WLSHARKS>

PTSA

Thank you to everyone that has joined the PTSA and volunteered to help with the 2020-2021 school year. Our first meeting is coming up next week, see meeting details and agenda below.

October PTSA Meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 7pm

Zoom Meeting

Link <https://oasisdiscovery.zoom.us/j/92192854596?pwd=ZWVGdFFwZSt2MjVpZlpSQnp4TGtNZz09> Password: 660894

If you can't join us virtually, please telephone into the meeting:

US: +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 921 9285 4596

Questions....Please reach out to Christine Porras at christineporras@gmail.com or text 917-620-0584.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Adopt minutes from last meeting(s)
- Financial report
- Principal's update
- Priorities
 - Communications
 - Fundraising

- Membership
- Volunteer opportunities
- Q&A
- Closing

Join the PTSA on our new site: <https://tigersharks.new.memberhub.store/>

Early Dismissal Day Schedule The 3 hour early dismissal schedule was released today. Attached is a copy if you missed it.

If you missed it:

MAP Testing

On Wednesday October 7 and 14, students in grades 2-8 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure where your child is starting the year academically. The HCPSS intends to also give the assessment in winter and spring to measure how your child's learning is progressing throughout the year. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

The Reading test will be offered on October 7 at 9 am and 1 pm. The Math test will be offered on October 14 at 9am and 1pm. Students may choose to attend either the morning or afternoon session. If your child is unable to attend, makeup testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Google Meet information and your student's testing group has already been shared with your child through the MAP Testing Module on Canvas. For more information, please contact Ms. Young at denise_young@hcpss.org

Technology Reminder

Please have your student check their device for any updates. Unfortunately, we have had students actively engaged in class and the device automatically updates and kicks them out. Best practice is to **update every Wednesday**, especially since MAP testing is about to begin. If you need assistance, please email sarah_russo@hcpss.org

Student Absences

Need to report a student absence? Parents, please send an email to wlmsabsence@hcpss.org to report your child's absence from classes.

Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS)

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMS\) program](#), which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals. We urge WLMS families to check your eligibility and complete the FARMS application regardless of whether you've previously participated in the program. **And, I encourage you to enroll by October 10** so your application can be reconciled by October 31, 2020,

because Title I services for the 2021-2022 school year will be determined by our number of qualifying students by that date. *Many families have been financially impacted by the pandemic and may now be eligible for FARMs.*