

December 13, 2019

It has been quite an exciting and enriching week at WLMS.

Today we had the pleasure of hosting representatives from Changing Destination's and our honorees Miss Uganda- Tourism and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman. Miss Uganda, the Freeman's and invited guests visited some of our classrooms and had the chance to listen to our amazing Jazz Band concert. They presented to a group of students in our Media Center this morning and then participated in a question and answer session about their background, culture, and fun facts.

Some other highlights of the week included:

- Atholton and Wilde Lake High Schools visited our 8th grade students to inform them of all the great things high school will offer
- Our Everyday Jazz Band went on a field trip to perform for our feeder elementary schools
- The Sixth grade students had a fieldtrip to the Howard County Library
- All students had the opportunity this week to participate in an "Hour of Code" during their science classes

The Tiger Shark Theatre Company's production of "**Nightmare and Nooses**" opened last evening to high praise. Many thanks to Mr. Randy Kurstin, Sarah Lynn Nibber, and the **many** staff members who supported this production. Thank you to the WLMS Boosters Club for their steadfast backing of our Performing Arts Program. One parent expressed the following, "That was a brilliant performance by . . . middle school students . . . Thank you for producing such a well done and funny show!" Tickets are available at the door for tonight and tomorrow night's shows both beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

Looking ahead, on Monday night, our talented WLMS Chorus will perform their Winter Concert at 7:00pm. at WLMS.

We hope you get a chance to come out and see our Performing Arts Students in the comedy "Nightmare and Nooses" over the weekend and also on Monday evening to listen to our Winter Choral Concert.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 13 – 14 – Tiger Shark Theatre "Nightmare and Nooses" 7:00pm @ WLMS

Dec. 16 – Winter Chorus Concert – 7:00 pm @ WLMS

Dec. 18 – Yearbook group pictures of WLMS clubs

Dec. 20 – GOTCHA Store during lunch shifts

Dec. 20 – Spirt Day – Pajama / holiday sweater day

Dec. 21 – Jan 1 – Winter Break – Schools and Offices closed

Information for 8th grade parents:

In case you missed it, please mark your calendar for the following important events coming in January for parents of rising 8th graders to attend WLHS and AHS. Look for more information about high school course registration coming next week.

January 9 – 6:30pm WLHS Scheduling Night at WLHS
January 14 – 6:30pm AHS Scheduling Night at AHS
January 16 – 6:30pm Staff from WLHS come to WLMS for a Q & A Session

The Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) welcomes ALL students to our meetings, those involved in Student Council and those interested in learning how to share their student voice to strengthen their school communities through extra curricular clubs, sports, and the arts. This month, HCASC will host special guests from the Howard County Board of Education, Howard County Council, and State Representatives to help students learn how to turn their ideas into actions. ALL Middle and High School Students are welcome to attend HCASC meetings, the second Wednesday evening of each month at the Homewood School, 10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Middle and High School students who attend will:

- Work with student leaders from across HCPSS
- Meet with the Student Member of the Board of Education
- Gain Leadership Skills
- Turn ideas into actions
- Learn about Leadership and Community Service opportunities
- Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed citizens

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Homewood School. For more information, please contact Cindy Drummond at cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

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