

April 1, 2021

Happy April 1st WLMS Community!

As always, I hope this message finds you and your families healthy and safe. As we head into Spring Break 2021, I wanted to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and community for their continued perseverance and support this school year. This week we welcomed back our first group of Hybrid 6th graders who entered the Lake for the first time. I was extremely impressed with how quickly they adapted to the building and the routines. Not to mention their commitment to ensuring all safety measures are being followed. Additionally, I want to uplift our amazing staff who continue to adapt their instructional approaches to ensure the virtual and in-person students are feeling included and accessing high levels of engaging instruction. Lastly thank you to the community for your support and flexibility when we need it most. It's the collective partnership that is key to MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN for our school community.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing our returning 7th and 8th graders the week of April 12 and our virtual students in a Google Meet soon.

Mr. Rattay

Important Dates:

April 2 through April 6 – Schools closed, Spring Break
April 8 – 7th grade Orientation – 6:30pm - Meet Code: WLMSReturn
April 8 – 8th grade Orientation – 7:15pm – Meet Code: WLMSReturn
April 12 – MOD Pizza Fundraiser
April 12 – 7th & 8th grade “A Day” students return
April 14 – End of 3rd quarter
April 15 – 7th & 8th grade “B Day” students return
April 22 – 3rd quarter Report Cards Issued
April 22 – PTSA meeting

Reminder – There will be **no meal service** during Spring Break, April 2-6. School will reopen on April 7th for the “E Group” students.

Howard County is planning on a virtual option for students for the 21-22 school year. Once finalized the **DEC (Digital Education Center)** will allow all students to take all classes virtually while receiving support services from their home school. Parents can express interest in the DEC through April 14th. Please see this link from the [HCPSS website](#).

The **PTSA** is holding a restaurant fundraiser on April 12th and May 10th at MOD Pizza from 10:30 am – 9:00 pm. **MOD Pizza** is located at 10000 Town Center Ave, Columbia, MD
MOD Pizza Mondays
April 12 - Online orders use coupon code **GR181100W**
May 10 - Online orders use coupon code **GR181095W**

Order online or in-person (no phone orders) **Use the online code or mention Wilde Lake Middle when paying for your order** and MOD Pizza will donate 20% of your total to the PTSA

Family File Completion As students return to the building, we continue to focus on ensuring the safety and wellness of our students not only in their daily activities, but also in the event of an emergency. We ask all Wilde Lake parents/families to complete the Family File in HCPSS Connect so we have updated contact information and so families receive all school communications. You can find the login at <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/> and an explanation of the easy process at <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/#family-file-guides>.

Daily Health Checks at Home

To ensure students are healthy enough to attend in-person instruction, parents/guardians are to perform a symptom check every day before the student leaves home. A student having any of the following symptoms should not be sent to school and may continue to access their classrooms virtually if they are well enough to do so: Maryland Department of Health Response to COVID 19 Positive Cases or COVID 19 Like Illness -

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/COVID%20response%20for%20schools%20with%20decision%20aid%20Update%203%20FINAL%201.7.21.pdf>

- 1 of the following:
 - New onset cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing;
 - New loss of taste or smell; OR
- 2 of the following:
 - Fever over 100.4 or chills within the past 24 hours;
 - Fatigue;
 - Muscle or body aches;
 - Headache;
 - Sore throat;
 - Congestion or runny nose;
 - Chills or shaking chills;
 - Nausea or vomiting;
 - Diarrhea.

Additionally, student who have been in close contact (within <6 feet for a cumulative of >15 minutes over the past 24 hours with or without a mask) with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 (exhibiting COVID- like illness and has not tested negative after exhibiting symptoms) should not enter any HCPSS building.

Parent/guardians will assess their children for symptoms of COVID-19 illness and refrain from sending/transporting them to school until after they have been symptom-free at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, have no fever for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, and have continued improvement of symptoms and /or medical consult with their primary care physician.

Community News

Free Food Give-Away will be held at Howard Community College on April 1st and April 30th. See the attached flier for more information.

Med Take Back Day is April 24, 2021 from 10:00-2:00pm at the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. See the attached flier for more information.

Howard County is offering free on-line parenting classes entitled **Guiding Good Choices**. Classes are in May and June. See the attached flier for more information.