

September 13, 2019

Happy Friday the 13th

It was great seeing you at Back to School Night last night. We hope you enjoyed the evening. We began today by honoring many students with positive office referrals. It was great celebrating the positive examples these students are displaying in class.

If you are a sixth grade parent who missed the Outdoor Education part of the program, please make sure you ask your child for the handout. Questions about Outdoor Ed should be directed to Ms. Gagern at Karen_gagern@hcpss.org

Today in homeroom, teachers handed out our Yankee Candle Fundraiser packets. Proceeds from the sale help programs at WLMS. The Yankee Candle Sale goes through Friday, September 27th. Attached is an electronic copy of the fundraiser information so even if your child did not bring home the information, you can still order on-line and have items shipped directly to your home.

We hope you have a great weekend!

WLMS Administration

Important Dates:

Thurs. Sept. 26 – Dental Clinic

Fri. Sept. 27 – Student Fall Pictures

Mon. Sept. 30 – Schools & Offices Closed

Mon. Oct. 7 – MOD Pizza Fundraiser to support Outdoor Education Trip

Wed. Oct. 9 – Schools & Offices Closed

Tues. Oct. 15 – Fall Band Concert @ WLHS 7:00pm

In case you missed it:

School Hours - Homeroom and Breakfast – The doors to WLMS open for students at 7:45 am. Breakfast and homeroom are from 7:45 – 7:52 after which students are dismissed to go their locker. Students should report to first period by 8:00. Students will be marked tardy to school if they arrive after 8:00, so please make sure your child is here on-time and ready to begin their first period class.

There will be a **Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy (SMA) Parent Information Session** [on Saturday, September 14th](#) at OMHS ([9410 Kilamanjaro Road, Columbia 21045](#)) [from 9:00am to 10:30pm](#). The information session will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about Saturday Math Academy and to ask questions prior to SMA registration [on Saturday, September 21](#), OMHS [from 9-12pm](#).

Reminder to Complete or Renew Your FARMS Application

HCPSS participates in the Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) program. [Qualification](#) is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

Participation in FARMs qualifies students for a wide range of opportunities and resources beyond breakfast and lunch, including free college applications, free or reduced JumpStart tuition, discounted internet through the Comcast Internet Essentials program, and more.

Families must submit a new application every school year. During the first 30 school days, students with FARMs eligibility from the prior school year will continue to receive benefits. Any student whose family has not filled out an application by the 30th school day will have their status changed to full pay until a new application is received.

Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to fill out the applications as soon as possible. It is very important that applications are filled out accurately and completely.

- [Apply online](#)
- **Apply by mail:** Paper applications are sent home with students on the first day of school. Paper applications can also be picked up in the Food and Nutrition Service Office (5451 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044). Applications can be returned to your child's school or mailed to: HCPSS Food & Nutrition Service Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

If you have questions regarding the program, please visit www.hcpss.org/FARMs or call Food and Nutrition Services at 410-313-6743. Keywords: FARMs, meals, application

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