

WLMS Newsletter October 4, 2019

WLMS Parents/Guardians:

Our students showed positive efforts on the English/Language Arts/Math MAP testing this week. MAP scores are one of many data measures that our teaching staff uses to identify overall strengths and weaknesses in our academic program. The information is also used to inform classroom skill instruction and groupings.

It is hard to believe we have already reached the midway point of quarter one. Please make sure and check your child's progress on Canvas since interim progress reports will not be issued this school year.

**Upcoming dates:**

- Oct. 7 – MOD Pizza Fundraiser to support Outdoor Ed – 10:30am – 10:00pm
- Oct. 9 – Schools & Offices closed
- Oct. 15 – Fall Band Concert – 7:00pm at WLHS Rouse Theater
- Oct. 17 – PTSA Meeting – 7:00pm
- Oct. 18 – Professional Work Day – Schools & Offices closed
- Oct. 21 – Chick-Fil-A, Dobbin Center – Outdoor Ed Fundraiser

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**Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have a 3 day Outdoor Education** experience the first week of November. Please consider coming out to support the restaurant fundraisers to help offset the cost of the trip. The first restaurant fundraiser will be at MOD Pizza on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and the second one will be at Chick-Fil-A at Dobbin Center on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Proceed from both of these events will directly help offset the cost of the Outdoor Education field trip.

MOD Pizza information: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/108030>

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**WLMS Health Room Notifications!**

The Flu Vaccine Clinic, in collaboration with the MPP (Maryland Partnership for Prevention) will be held here at WLM on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Once again the vaccine will be administered via injection and parent permission must be received. The consent forms have been sent home however if your student did not bring it home and you would like a paper consent please contact the health room and we will be happy to send one home. Please read and complete it in its entirety and return it to the school by **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest!**

You may also sign your child up online at [www.vaccineconsent.com](http://www.vaccineconsent.com) however please do NOT fill out both a paper and online consent form.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccination. We hope you will join our fight against the flu. Vaccinating your child will help him/her stay health and prevent the spread of flu to others AND will cut down on missed time from school!

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The annual **Hearing and Vision Screening** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** (rescreening on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>). **All** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as **new** students to the state of Maryland

will be screened per Maryland state law. Any student who is referred by a teacher for suspected vision or hearing problems may also be screened however a parent consent will be requested for these students.

Next week a “passive” consent is being sent home with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and “new to the state” students letting you know that this screening will be taking place. Please read this letter and notify us or the HCHD Hearing and Vision supervisor at 410-313-7210 if you have any questions.

Two important things to remember:

- **If your child has glasses, please make sure that he or she wears them on the screening day Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **This vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive eye exam.**

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### **HC DrugFree Updates:**

**Free Parenting Classes for Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds:** HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office will once again provide the evidence-based series **Guiding Good Choices** for parents to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This 4-week series will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12 at Wilde Lake Middle School in Columbia. Parents are expected to attend all 4 sessions.

To register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGCOct2019> or see attached flier. Free workbook included.

**Community Service Hours:** All students (elementary through college) can receive community service hours for volunteering during any HC DrugFree event. For information, please email [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or call 443-325-0040.

**Drive-thru EpiPen, Medication and More Collection:** Howard County's next convenient drive-thru collection for over-the-counter and prescription medication and “sharps” (needles, syringes and EpiPens) will be held on Saturday, October 26 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center and The UPS Store. HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your medicine cabinets. Teams, clubs, students, PTAs/PTSAs, families, scouts, etc. are welcome to volunteer at the event and receive community service hours. Please visit HC DrugFree’s website at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, or let us know you plan to volunteer by emailing [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or calling 443-325-0040.

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