Greetings WLMS!

It is hard to believe that today marks the end of 3rd quarter. Third quarter report cards will be issued on April 24th when we return from Spring Break.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) program is going strong this month. We would like thank the PTSA for providing our students with another great "Gotcha Store" last Friday. Many students had saved up their "Gotchas" from the beginning of the year and were able to purchase some "Big Ticket" items which resulted in lots of smiles! Next Friday (the day before Spring Break), students will participate in a school wide "Activity Day" to celebrate positive behaviors during 3rd quarter. Finally, The WLMS PBIS Committee invites parents to attend the 3rd Quarter Awards Recognition Assemblies on April 30th. A separate assembly will be held for each grade level:

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:05-8:50 a.m.
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 10:45-11:30 a.m.
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12:15-1:00 p.m.
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LOOKING AHEAD:

PARCC Assessment Dates

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of states working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and careers. The WLMS schedule for the PARCC Assessment (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) is as follows:

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May 14, 15, 16 – ELA PARCC Test – All Grades
May 28, 29, 30 – Math PARCC Test – All Grades
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It is essential that all students come to school on time on testing days, and we ask that you not schedule appointments or early dismissals on testing days. Please help your student receive a good breakfast on the days of the test as well as a good night's sleep the nights before. Also, if your student wears eyeglasses or hearing aids, be sure that he/she comes to school with them during the days of testing. Encourage your student to give their best effort during the test. As always, thank you for your support and flexibility!

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates

Apr. 5 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal – End of 3rd Quarter

Apr. 8 – Former RBES 8th graders to RBES to read to Kindergarten students

Apr. 9 – Spring School Bus Evacuation Drill

Apr. 9 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm

Apr. 11, 12, 13 – 7:00 pm Spring Cabaret Production

Apr. 12 – Activity Day

Apr. 15-22 – Spring Break, Schools closed

Apr. 24 – PTSA Restaurant Fundraiser – The Noodle Company

Apr. 24 – 3rd quarter Report Cards Issued Apr. 24-26 – 6th grade Outdoor Education

Apr. 26 - Spirit Day - Twin Day

On Tuesday, April 9th we will be holding our Spring Bus Evacuation Drill as the students arrive to school.

Leadership and Service Opportunity- All Middle and High School Students Welcome to attend the HCASC Meeting 4/10 7:00-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042. We invite students to:

-Select the school mascot and colors for high school #13

- -Meet with the Student Member of the Board of Education
- -Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed voter in the general election 4/24
- -Gain Leadership Skills
- -Practice Community Service
- -Work with student leaders from across HCPSS

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4/10 7-8:30 at the Homewood School

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Wilde Lake Middle School and the Tiger Shark Theatre Company is proud to present "Hear My Song"- In The Cabaret Style

Show Dates, April, 11-13 at 7pm, VIP tickets on Friday

Join us for a fun evening of laughter, song and dance from some of your favorite Broadway musicals! The Friday Night Show will offer a special "Sweet VIP" treat in addition to show ticket, VIP ticket prices are \$12 adults, \$7 students when purchased in advance. While supplies last \$13 at the door. Regular tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students when purchased in advance, Adult tickets are \$12 at the door. For information call (410) 313-6957.

Tickets On Sale Now! Purchase here- https://www.showtix4u.com/events/15657

Purchase a Star note for any cast member or all of our cast members! Pick up a form in the office or complete using the link.

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In Case you Missed it....

The Student Member of the Board of Education elections will be held on April 24th. All students in Middle and High Schools will be voting in their classrooms for the candidate of their choice. The candidates will be visiting WLMS right after school on both April 9 and April 10 and are interested in the views, concerns and suggestions of WLMS students. This will give the students an opportunity to meet the candidates in person. We are announcing this opportunity during the morning announcements, but be advised there will be no special transportation arrangements made for students who stay.

A message from the PTSA:

Please help support Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA by purchasing a SaveAround Discount Savings Book. **You buy one book for just \$25!**You will find that the book pays for itself after using it just 2 or 3 times. You make your money back and more.

Start Date: 3/29/2019 **** End Date: 4/15/2019

6th grade students received a coupon book March 29th and the students can sell additional books too! 7th & 8th grade students received the order form envelope and will receive a book AFTER the order form is turned into the school. There are additional forms and order envelopes in the front office.

Delivery-Purchase:

- 1. Seller Delivers- Enter the required information on the envelope to place the order
- 2. Direct Shipment-Enter the required information on the envelope and SaveAround will mail the coupon book to the buyer.
- 3. Online Order-Give this URL: http://www.savearound.com/GN/159155
 you can post the url on facebook etc ...

Order Submission:

Please Put Student Name on the Order Envelope and return to home room and include payment for each book.

Don't forget to fill out and return the T-Shirt /Hoodie Prize form, to provide your shirt size!

PRIZES:

You will receive both prizes if you meet the criteria;

1. For Every 5 Books you sell, you Get 1 Book Free

 Receive a Gray shirt with blue WLMS Tiger Shark Logo Sell 3 books, receive a free T-Shirt Sell 5 books, receive a Long Sleeve T Shirt Sell 10 books, receive a Free Hoodie

6th grade: If you didn't sell a book-return the sample book loaned to you by the company.

Books that are not sold, must be returned or the school PTSA will be charged!

This is NOT meant as a door-to-door sale to strangers. The safety of your student is our first concern.

The 2018-2019 Memory Book sale began. More information will be coming soon. Reserve your copy now on the On-line School Payment (OSP) site. https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/

Attention 8th **grade parents**! The end of the year information booklet was distributed in homeroom on Friday, March 29th. It provides essential details about the class t-shirt, 8th grade class photo, spring formal, Harbor cruise, high school visit and the Farewell Ceremony and the due dates. Please ask your child for this booklet.

Community News:

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, April 27** 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 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 or calling 443-325-0040.

<u>Please visit the Community News and Programs</u> page at https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/ for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.