

May 23, 2019

Greetings WLMS!

Wow . . . What an eventful week!

Last Friday evening, WLMS held an **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal** to the theme of “**A Night in Hollywood**”. It was a WLMS first! This event was student generated, student planned, and even student executed. It was a beautiful event that brought out the best in our students. Students were “Dressed to the Nines”. They felt very special and enjoyed hanging out, eating, dancing, and participating in a “Best Dressed” contest. Over 100 students participated. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who came out to chaperone and support our students! A special thank you to **Mr. Andrew Lyons** for providing DJ services. Our students loved the music and the lighting displays!

Kudos to the WLMS Chorus for putting on a wonderful show for their spring concert on Monday evening! The small group performances and the solo by 8<sup>th</sup> grader, **Christy Ji**, were highlights!

Thank you for coming out last evening for our “2018-19 Evening of Excellence”! We are proud of our students for showcasing their many talents and learning this school year through performance, projects, and art work.

Today, all of our music groups (symphonic band, chorus, orchestra) are performing at Hershey Park in the “Music in the Park Competition”. Thank you to all the staff and parent chaperones for making this special trip possible.

Have a fun and safe Memorial Day weekend! Remember when we return to school next Tuesday, students will take the math portion of PARCC on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Please make sure your students arrive to school on time and have a good breakfast. Thank you in advance for not scheduling appointments that will take students out of school on these days.

Anne Swartz, Denise Young, James McVey

**Upcoming Dates:**

May 28, 29, 30 – **PARCC MATH Assessment**

May 30, 31 and June 1 – 7:00pm – Shakespeare Production, Julius Caesar

May 31 – Spirit Day – Hat Day

June 3 – 7:15pm Final Booster Meeting Media Center

June 4 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Day

June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders visit High Schools

June 6 – 8:30 am Parent Volunteer Breakfast

June 6 – 2:00 pm Straight A Celebration

June 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Harbor Cruise

June 13 – GOTCHA Store

June 19, 20, 21 – 3 hour Early Dismissal  
June 19 – 6:00pm - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell Celebration @ WLHS  
June 20 – Field Day  
June 21 – Last Day of School

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### **SAVE THE DATES:**

We greatly appreciate all of our family and community members who volunteered for field trips, helped with school based events, and/or served on the PTSA or Boosters this year to support our students. ALL WLMS Parent and Community Volunteers are invited to a celebratory breakfast on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in our cafeteria** sponsored by the WLMS Staff. Your support makes a big difference in our daily work and we are excited to spend a few minutes with you to express our appreciation. **The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.**

Also on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will host our final awards ceremony. This year, we have decided to have a **“Straight A Sundae Celebration”**. Students who have earned **ALL A’s in all subject areas for the first three quarters of the school year will be invited. Parents are invited, too!**

**The “Straight A Sundae Celebration” will take place at 2:00 on June 6th in the cafeteria.**

### **Atholton Area Community**

Friday, June 7 is "Raiders Sports Park night" at the Columbia Sports Park from 4 PM to 8 PM. The park is open only to the Atholton community that evening. To purchase tickets, click on the [link](#). Ticketed guests will be issued an arm band on the night of the event after showing ID. Food trucks will be on hand for all to purchase food. You may exit and reenter the facilities that evening with issued armband.

The final **Performing Arts Booster** meeting is Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 pm. See the attached flier. We need new officers for the Boosters as many of the current officers are parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The meeting will include new bylaws and voting. Please come and support the Performing Arts Boosters and consider volunteering your time.

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**In case you missed it:**

### **2019 Summer Sports Camps - Atholton High School Athletic Boosters**

Have fun, get active and get some practice in for fall tryouts this summer at one of our many AHS Athletic Booster Sports Camps. **NEW this year is a co-ed, full day basketball camp offering before care and after care options for an extra fee. Ages 10 thru incoming freshmen are eligible for these camps.** Tuition cost for camp is \$145/half day and \$300/full day. Tuition includes a Raider t-shirt, individual skills testing and specialized instruction from Atholton coaches. For more information please contact: Tracy Boule

at [tracyboulle@verizon.net](mailto:tracyboulle@verizon.net) or 443-812-2559. **Camp Schedule, Information and Online Registration** <http://atholtonboosters.org/athletics/summercamps/>

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### Community News:

**Columbia Festival of the Arts** is June 14-30. See the attached brochure to see more information.

*The Mountain Lions Cycling Club (MLCC) is the Howard County youth mountain bike team participating in the Maryland Interscholastic Cycling League. MLCC provides a fun, safe and high-quality competitive mountain biking program for students in grades 6 to 12. Boys and girls benefit from a positive outdoor sports experience founded on core principles of fun, inclusivity, equity, respect, and community. Student athletes build character and fitness while enjoying off-road cycling adventures. All skill and fitness levels welcome - no experience necessary! Rides begin in May and continue through a four-race season ending in October 2019. Find out more and register at [www.MTLionMTB.weebly.com](http://www.MTLionMTB.weebly.com). Registration is now open!*

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

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