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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

On Thursday, our 7th grade students had a fantastic time at the National Zoo. Through science classes during the last several weeks, students have been learning about animal enclosures, and they were able to make connections from what learned in the classroom while on their trip to the National Zoo. Huge thanks to all of the parent chaperones, it was nice to see so many parents attend this field trip. Thanks also to the 7th grade team, especially Mr. Walsh for organizing this opportunity for our students.

We still are missing updated emergency procedure information for many of our students. If you received a paper copy of the Emergency Procedure form in your student's progress report envelope, this means that your information was not updated via the online system through the Family Portal. This information can still be completed online by visiting www.hcpss.org, or please complete the hard copy that was sent home, and return it to school ASAP. The online process to update/verify information will only be available until 5:00 p.m. on October 29th; if you need another paper copy, please contact our front office staff. It is essential that we have updated information for every student in our building.

On November 12th, WLMS will hold a FluMist Clinic for students during the school day. Consent forms will be sent home with students on Monday, October 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Godwin or Ms. Grzybinski at 410-313-6957.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Volunteer at school. Both your child and the school will benefit from your involvement and help. Schools solicit volunteers to help in a variety of ways: assisting in the media center, giving speeches, helping out at activities, chaperoning, etc. Get involved.

For more information, visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-school-involvement/success-tips-middle-school-principal>

WLMS INFORMATION

WLMS ZOMBIE RUN/FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT

On Friday, October 24 we will hold our Second Annual Zombie Run and Family Fright Night. The cost for participating in the Zombie Run is \$10 for each participant over 11 years old, and the cost for participating in the "Junior" Zombie Run is \$5 for each participant under 11 years old. Funds raised will support the sixth grade Outdoor Education field trip to North Bay. The run will start at 5:00 p.m. There will be prizes for the top boy and girl finishers. After the Zombie Run, Family Fright Night will start in the cafeteria. Pizza and other refreshments will be served to all, provided by the WLMS PTSA, Family Involvement Team and After School @ The Lake. There will also be family-friendly activities following dinner. At the end of the evening, there will be a Soak-A-Matic event. Students may purchase raffle tickets (at 5:00 p.m.) to win a chance to SOAK a staff member.

For more information please contact:

Zombie Run

jackie.vernon@hcpss.org

Family Fright Night

julie.berla@hcpss.org

Soak-A-Matic cathy@catnmoose.net

To Volunteer

kbryantbd@aol.com

or sign up at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0949AFA82DA64-wlms1/19156494

WLMS COMMUNITY YARD AND COSTUME SALE

On Saturday, October 25, we will hold a Community Yard and Costume Sale at WLMS from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per space. Sellers must bring their own table(s) and/or displays. WLMS will not be able to provide tables.

Sellers may begin setting up at 7:00 a.m. (No Early Bird shoppers). Weather permitting, the event will take place on the blacktop (alternative location- gymnasium). For more information please contact: **Community Yard and Costume Sale** hgpeek@aol.com
To Volunteer kbryantbd@aol.com

NEW VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WLMS has received a new visitor management system. When a visitor comes to the school, they will need to come directly to our front office to sign in with this new electronic device. Visitors should bring a driver's license in order to use the system, and a badge with their picture will be printed.

GOTCHA STORE THANKS

Thanks to all of the families who provided donations for our Gotcha Store last week. Huge thanks to Jeff Chamblee for donating a unicycle and demonstrating how to ride it during the lunch shifts! Thanks also to the following volunteers for managing the Gotcha Store during the lunch shifts: Amy Churilla, Marisa Kavka, Kim Bryant, Lisa Edison-Hawkins, Monica Lewis, Jennifer Feldman, Von Nguyen, Erika Tyson, Lada Onyshkevych, Marta Bailey, Annie Santos, Kathryn Boshulte, Debra Semmont, Anni Puciloski, Jeff Chamblee, Kim Patterson, and Kris Hammill



IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 21st-**
Boosters Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 24th-**
WLMS Zombie Run/Family Fright Night
- October 25th-**
WLMS Community Yard and Costume Sale
- October 28th @ 7:30 a.m.-**
Conversation with the Principal
- October 29th-**
Picture Retake Day
- October 31st-**
End of Quarter 1
- November 3rd-**
No School For Students
(Professional Development Day)
- November 4th-**
Schools Closed- General Election Day

MORE INFORMATION

CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPAL:

Throughout the year, I will be holding "Conversation with the Principal" sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to give updates on WLMS and to respond to questions that are brought up by the WLMS community. As the Principal of Wilde Lake Middle School, I am always looking to hear feedback, concerns, and suggestions, so that we can work together to continuously improve our school community. My first "Conversation with the Principal," will take place on Tuesday, October 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. During this first session I will collect feedback forms that will give attendees the opportunity to share additional topics that they would like me to consider covering for subsequent sessions. I am looking forward to this opportunity to connect with the WLMS community.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY:

Picture retake day will be on Wednesday, October 29th. You may have your portrait retaken for any reason for a \$5.00 re-sitting fee. Retakes are FREE if there is photographer error, such as eyes closed, mouth open, or off-centered prints. In either case, it is necessary to return the ENTIRE portrait package to the photographer on retake day. Students who were absent will be photographed, if you wish to order portraits, contact the main office for an order envelope, or visit www.schoolpix.com (Fall Portraits) to view portrait package selections.

8TH GRADE LOCK-IN:

Information for the Annual 8th Grade Lock-In was sent home with students. This annual event will be held on Friday, November 14th, from 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. The cost is \$30.00 and permission slips and payment are due to homeroom teachers no later than November 10th. Please consider volunteering for this event, as we need your help for it to be successful. For more information, visit www.8thgradewlms.weebly.com or contact Ms. Drakes.

PTSA NEWS:

STUDENT DIRECTORY: Last call to participate in the student directory! If you would like to be included, please email the following information to michelle.wood@verizon.net:

Student name and grade, Parent(s) Name(s), Address, Phone number, and/or email address no later than October 31, 2014. Please note, if you have completed a PTSA membership form, your information is already included (unless you opted out of the directory).

MEMBERSHIP: Please sign up for your 2014-15 PTSA membership! Your dues help support many events and activities at our school. Membership/Directory forms came home in the first-day folder - please send in the completed form and your dues in an envelope marked "PTSA". Or sign up online here: <http://wlmsptsa.weebly.com/join-us.html> - you can even pay through PayPal!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their forms and dues! PTSA Membership cards have already been sent home with your student, as has the car magnet with the new school logo (for those who got the \$20 family membership). Didn't get yours? Please check your student's locker. Contact Michelle Wood with any questions: michelle.wood@verizon.net

YAHOO LIST: New families: are you on our PTSA Yahoo list yet? Please sign up and stay informed! Email Lada Onyshkevych at lada2@verizon.net. You will receive an invitation to join from Yahoo - you must actually accept the invitation! Check your spam folder if you don't see your invitation.