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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

As you know students received their Interim Progress Reports on Thursday of this week. It is hard to believe that we are already more than half-way through the first quarter. If you have not done so already, take time to review your child's progress report with them. This is a great time to help them establish goals for the remainder of the quarter. Please encourage your child to check the Family Portal on a regular basis for the most up to date grade information.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, feel free to contact your child's teacher directly, and allow up to 48 hours for them to respond to your inquiries. If you are interested in scheduling a conference with one or more of your students teachers, please note that teachers are generally available on Monday's during their grade level planning time to hold conferences. The times are as follows: *6th Grade- 2:00-2:45; 7th Grade- 9:00-9:50; 8th Grade- 11:45-12:25.* To schedule an appointment, contact Ann Stout, at 410-313-6960.

If you received a paper copy of the Emergency Procedure form, this means that your information was not updated via the online system through the Family Portal. Please be sure to complete the form if it was included in your child's Interim Progress Report envelope, and return it to school ASAP. It is essential that we have updated information for every student in our building.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:
Fuel up! Children who eat a healthy breakfast each day have more energy available for learning. Try simple, protein-loaded options like homemade scrambled-egg-and-cheese breakfast burritos, waffles smeared with nut butter, or yogurt-and-fruit smoothies.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>

WLMS INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS:

Huge congratulations to Haley Barham and Elena Wenderoth for being accepted into the Howard County G.T. Chorus!

WLMS ZOMBIE RUN/ FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT

WLMS will host a Zombie Run and Family Fright Night on October 24th. This event will be a fundraiser for the 6th Grade Outdoor Education field trip. More information will be coming soon; please save the date!

FREE AND REDUCED MEALS EXPIRATION:

For those families who are eligible for receiving free and reduced meals, a new application must be submitted each year. Benefits from last school year will expire on October 9th, unless the new application is received and processed. A paper application can be completed and turned in to the front office, or the application can be completed online at www.applyforlunch.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.

ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT:

HCPSS has a new online system in which families can make payments for certain items online, using a credit card. Currently WLMS families have the ability to purchase WLMS P.E. uniforms using this service. Log onto our website at wlms.hcpss.org to access this new service.

EARN MONEY FOR WLMS:

Earn money for WLMS by designating our school on your shopping cards; encourage your friends and families to do the same. This is a great way to support our school.

GIANT BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM:

Log onto www.giantfood.com/aplus to register
Our school ID # is 01018

SAFEWAY eSCRIP:

Log onto www.eScrip.com to register
Enter school name or group number: 6680699

Harris Teeter:

Visit www.harristeeter.com

Target Take Charge of Education:

Register your Target REDcard
Our school ID is 58063

BOXTOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

Clip your Boxtop\$ for Education and turn them into the front office.

Labels for Education

Clip your Labels for Education and turn them into the front office.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 10th-

Gotcha' Store (during lunch shifts)

October 14th-

PTSA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

October 16th-

7th Grade Field Trip

October 17th-

No School for Students/
Professional Work Day

October 21st-

Boosters Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

October 24th-

WLMS Zombie Run/Family Fright Night

October 25th-

WLMS Yard Sale

MORE INFORMATION

PTSA NEWS:

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.

WLMS ROBOTICS TEAM:

We have openings for coaches and student members for a Wilde Lake Middle School FIRST Lego League robotics team. Team members will work together to do a research project, and to program and build a robot to meet a specific challenge. Members should expect to meet once a week through the fall to prepare for a regional meeting in the December or January.

To learn more about this year's FIRST Lego League challenge, see <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge/2014filworldclass>.

To volunteer to lead a team (no robotics experience necessary), or to join a team, please contact Nancy Schweiss at nancyschweiss@verizon.net, Mark McCormick at msmccor100@gmail.com, or Vernon Curry at vcurry99@gmail.com.

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS:

HCASC Meeting is open to all middle and high school students interested in leadership
Wednesday, October 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Clarksville Pk., Ellicott City

The focus of October's meeting will be "HCASC and Beyond". Students will learn about community and state opportunities connected to HCASC. Guests from MASC, Leadership U, and Bright Minds will present.

The Howard County Association of Student Councils brings together middle and high school students from all over the county on the second Wednesday of every month to:

- Develop leadership skills.
- Network with student leaders from across the county.
- Learn how to work with adult leaders.
- Find out about opportunities to serve on school system committees and county boards.

For more information, go to the [HCASC website](#).