

TIGER SHARK TIMES

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

This week we held our Annual Enrichment Fair. The Enrichment Fair was an evening filled with projects and activities that our students had the opportunity to show off to our attendees. Thank to Ms. Motaung for organizing this event. Thank you also to our awesome, PTA for providing snacks and a raffle at the fair.

I would also like to thank the PTA for the ways in which they should our staff their appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week. The WLMS staff was recognized with gifts in mailboxes, breakfast, snacks, and a gift card raffle on Friday. The WLMS Staff truly enjoyed your acknowledgement, and appreciates your constant support. Thank you also to our PTA for sponsoring our final Gotcha Store on Friday. The students look forward to redeeming their Gotcha's for the items provided, and your support of our PBIS program throughout this year and past year's is appreciated.

Seventh and eighth grade students currently enrolled in Algebra I, will take the Algebra HSA on Tuesday, May 20th. Please do all that you can to ensure that your student is present for testing. If you have any questions, please contact your student's math teacher, or Ms. Kelley.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Keep kids safe. The weather has warmed up and school is almost out for the summer, which means kids will be spending more time outdoors on their own. Give them a refresher course in safety whether they are bike riding, swimming, or playing indoors on game systems. For more tips, go to pta.org and click on "Topics: Child Safety."

(For more information visit:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>)

MORE INFORMATION

UPCOMING 8TH GRADE EVENTS:

June 5th- 8th Grade visit to their assigned high school

June 6th- 8th Grade Harbor Cruise Field Trip (\$60.00)

June 18th- 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. @ the Jim Rouse Theater

This information along with other information was sent home in with your 8th grade student on Friday, April 11th. In addition, a HCPSS News message was sent with the same information on Friday, April 11th. If you have any questions about the upcoming 8th grade events, please contact Ms. Drakes.

PERFORMING ARTS FIELD TRIP:

Our band, orchestra, and chorus will attend Music in the Parks in Hershey, PA on Friday, May 23rd. Students will have the opportunity to perform for judges and then spend the remainder of their day at Hershey Park, where an awards ceremony will be held in the evening. Thank you in advance to all of the parents who have volunteered to chaperone our students. We ask for parents who are not able to chaperone, to do their best to be accessible by phone during the field trip, in case you need to be reached for an emergency. In addition, we ask that all parents respect the designated pick-up time. This field trip is a very long day, and our staff members and chaperones should have the opportunity to get to their homes as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's teacher.

AFTER SCHOOL AT THE LAKE SURVEY:

If your student participated in our After School at the Lake program at any time during this school year, please take a few moments to complete this very brief, very important survey from the Bridges office. We hope to continue to run this program under the Bridges grant, and your feedback is essential.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Family2014>

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

All current 6th grade parents must be aware that the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has issued a list of new immunization requirements for the 2014-2015 school year. In addition to the current requirements, effective the first day of school 2014-2015 are the following

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine will be required for student entry into Kindergarten
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine will be required for student entry into 7th grade
- 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) will be required for student entry into 7th grade

Letters will be mailed home during the month of May that will be specific to your students vaccination needs. If your student requires additional immunizations, please contact their health care provider as soon as possible to make an appointment for the student to obtain the required vaccines. Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunization record, (complete with the provider's signature) once vaccinations have been completed. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations within 20 calendar days from the first day of school (August 24, 2014) could result in your student being excluded from school. If you have any questions, please contact the WLMS health room.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 20th-
Algebra HSA's

May 20th-
Boosters Meeting

May 21st- 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.-
Summer School Information Meeting

May 23rd-
Music in the Parks Field Trip (Hershey Park)

May 26th-
Schools and Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

May 27th-
Chorus/Orchestra Concert

May 29th-
Last Day of After School @ the Lake

May 29th-
Band Concert @ Rouse Theater

May 30th-
WLMS Talent Show

June 5th-
High School Visit Day

June 5th-
7th Grade Field Trip to D.C.

June 6th-
8th Grade Harbor Cruise Field Trip

June 10th @ 7:00 p.m.-
PTA Meeting

June 13th @ 7:00 p.m.-
BSAP Closing Ceremony

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL AQUARIUM'S ANNUAL GRADE "A" STUDENT NIGHT

National Aquarium's Annual Grade "A" Student Night will be Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free for student w/report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5.00. Register online at www.aqua.org/gradeastudent, or call 410.659.4200.

HOPE WORKS

HopeWorks is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Projects 2014/2015 school year. The projects are service-learning programs promoting healthy relationships and peaceable living. Open to youth ages 13-18, youth leaders explore violence prevention concepts including media literacy, bystander intervention, cultural relativity, sexualized bullying and safe use of technology. To apply visit the HopeWorks [website](#) to download an application or contact Vanita Leatherwood at (410) 997 -0304.

ATHOLTON SWIM CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Sun., May 25, 1-5 p.m., and Sat. May 31, 12-4 p.m. Allview Estates, 6731 Seneca Drive, Columbia MD. Offering Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, and competitive CMSL Swim Team. All levels of membership are now available. For more information go to www.atholtonswimclub.com or email atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com

ATHOLTON SWIM CLUB TRIATHLON

Atholton Swim Club 5th annual MMTK Kids Triathlon Benefiting Neighbor Ride and Athletes Serving Athletes. Sun. June 29, 9 a.m. Location: Atholton Swim Club 6741 Seneca Drive, Columbia. Registration opens Mar. 3. <http://asctriathlon.wikispaces.com/>

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

The Atholton Athletic Boosters Summer Sports Camps start in June and continue through August for boys and girls who are incoming 3rd graders thru incoming 9th graders. The camps are an excellent way for young athletes to develop skills and gain exposure to high school coaches and players. Tuition for each camp is \$135 and will include a t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from qualified staff members, guest speakers, and daily awards. Register online at <http://www.atholtonboosters.org/athletics/boosters/fundraising/summer-camps>

SOCCER ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBIA

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, will take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

STRESSLESS TEST

Summer Study Skills Camps to be held the weeks of August 4th, 11th and 18th. Middle school classes meet from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., during the weeks of Aug. 4th-8th and 11th-15th. High School classes meet from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., during August 11th-15th and 9th-11th and August 18th -22nd, Monday-Friday. All classes meet at the Owen Brown Community Association building in Columbia. To register, go to www.Stresslesstests.org. For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or Bcaldwell@comcast.net.



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