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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

I hope that all of you have had a safe summer that has allowed you to both relax and rejuvenate. This week the WLMS staff has been busily preparing for your students arrival on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you an addition to our Administrative Team; Tiffanie Nunley, former Special Education Team Leader at WLMS, has been assigned as our Administrative Intern. Mr. Gaylord, Ms. Nunley and I are looking forward to the 2014-2015 school year.

Thank you to all of our families who attended our WLMS Community Picnic on Thursday evening. The event was a huge success, and we raised over \$100.00 for ALS, as Mr. Gaylord and I participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge. It was a great pleasure to see so many returning families and interact with many of our new families. Thanks also to the WLMS PTSA for their assistance in securing the awesome food trucks that were available and for providing the music for the event.

Don't forget, there are so many different ways to stay connected to WLMS. I highly encourage all families to subscribe to HCPSSNews (visit www.hcpss.org to sign up). Also, regularly visit our website at wlms.hcpss.org. In addition, WLMS has a Twitter account; be sure to follow us on Twitter at @hcpss_wlms! Please be sure to pass the word to all of our new families about how to stay connected with us throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Establish healthy at-home routines for school days, such as consistent waking times and getting-ready patterns. Decide on a regular homework time, and create a comfortable, quiet work space. Set bedtimes that allow 8½ to 9½ hours of sleep.

(For more tips visit: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>)

MORE INFORMATION

NEW STAFF:

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to WLMS:

[Courtney Gicka](#)-
Special Education Team Leader
[Jennifer Wilson](#)-
Reading Team Leader
[Sarah Russo](#)-
Media Specialist
[Stephanie Rawlings](#)-
6th Grade ELA
[Mandy Lowman](#)-
7th Grade ELA
[Rachel Blazucki](#)-
8th Grade ELA
[Pam Ladson](#)-
6th/7th Grade Social Studies
[Willie Jones](#)-
Special Education Teacher
[Kaitlyn Stuart](#)-
Special Education Teacher
[Imaru Romero](#)-
Special Education
[Lang Wethington](#)-
Art Teacher
[Jason West](#)-
P.E./Health Teacher
[Kayla Spiro](#)-
Orchestra Teacher
[Mary Belz](#)-
World Language

HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

Please review page four of this newsletter for your students homeroom assignment. All students are to report directly to their homeroom, upon entering the building, unless they are attending our breakfast program. In that case, they are to report to the cafeteria.

BUS SCHEDULES:

Bus schedules will be posted on the HCPSS website (www.hcpss.org). It was also posted in this week's Columbia Flier. Please consult these resources for information regarding anticipated bus pick-up and drop-off times. In order to ensure your student catches the bus the first day, we recommend they arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Each year it takes about a week or so for these times to be worked out. Any questions or concerns about transportation can be directed to the Office of Transportation at 410-313-6727 or by visiting the HCPSS Transportation webpage - <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>

PTSA NEWS:

The PTSA will be sending important information home on the first day of school. Please consider joining the PTA, your membership assists with all of our students participating in a number of wonderful activities throughout the school year. In addition, an excellent way to be part of the school community is to volunteer your time or skills. Please be sure to visit us at <http://wlmsptsa.weebly.com/join-us.html>. Our first PTA meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in the media center. Our Annual Budget Meeting will take place during Back to School Night on September 10th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 25th-

First Day of School

September 1st-

Labor Day, Schools Closed

September 2nd @ 7:00-

Back To Band Night

September 4th-

Vision and Hearing Screening

September 9th @ 7:00-

PTSA Meeting

September 10th @ 6:30-

GT Parent Orientation

September 10th @ 7:00-

Back To School Night

September 11th-

Vision and Hearing Re-Screening

September 12th-

Schools Closed for Students

September 16th-

Student Fall Pictures

September 16th @ 7:00-

Boosters Meeting

September 25th-

Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed

October 2nd-

Quarter 1 Progress Reports Issued

MORE INFORMATION

STUDENT SCHEDULES:

We have been working throughout the week to finalize all of our student schedules. Please know that if your student received a schedule during our Orientation or our WLMS Community Picnic, that changes may have been made. All students will receive an updated schedule when they enter the building on Monday morning. If you have any concerns with your students schedule (i.e. they are suppose to have band and don't, they tested into GT but it is not reflected in the schedule), please feel free to contact the school, so that we can address the concern. In addition, please know that during the first two weeks of schools, student schedules may change as we work to make sure that the student:teacher ratio is balanced in all of our classes.

WLMS G.T. TESTING:

WLMS will conduct G.T. Testing for those students who are new to Howard County. Students currently enrolled in G.T. classes do not need to re-test. Testing will take place on Wednesday, August 27th. Testing permission forms are available in the Student Services Office at WLMS. For questions or further information, please contact April Motaung at april.motaung@hcpss.org.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE INFORMATION:

Once again Emergency Contact information will be accessed online through the ASPEN Family Portal beginning August 26th. You can visit this website at <https://hcpss.me/fp>. Parents/guardians will be able to complete the Emergency Procedure Card online. A card must be completed for each student. You must have a valid HCPSS family portal user name and password to access the new [Emergency Procedure Card](#). Please note that you will need to type in your browser's address bar, <https://epstudentinfo.hcpss.org>. Please complete this Emergency Procedure Card ASAP!!!

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.



2014-2015 HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS

STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THEIR DESIGNATED HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH. FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN BREAKFAST, THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE CAFETERIA, FIRST, THEN THEY WILL BE DISMISSED TO THEIR ASSIGNED HOMEROOM. ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SCHEDULES ALONG WITH OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING HOMEROOM.

6TH GRADE

ROOM	HOMEROOM TEACHER	STUDENT NAME
D1	SIMON	Aboulhana-Bikoi
D2	ROYSTON	Bonsu-Davis
D3	LADSON	Delgado-Fulton
D4	BENTLEY	Garcia-Johnson
D5	HEALEY	Joseph-McCoy
D6	RAWLINGS	Miles-Preissler
F1	WETHINGTON	Quigg-Sutter
F4	BALDWIN	Tabori-Zaragoza Patino

7TH GRADE

ROOM	HOMEROOM TEACHER	STUDENT NAME
B1	CARROLL	Abdalla-Brickhouse
B2	LOWMAN	Brown-Daniels
B3	NORATO	Davenport-Griffiths
C1	SCHWARTZ	Halls-Jenkins
C2	PITNEY	Jeong-Lynn
C3	WALSH	MacDonald-Nadeem
F2	LLOYD	Nelson-Pumphrey
F5	CARTER	Quinones-Stewart
PORTABLE D	RANKIN	Sylvester-Zawada

8TH GRADE

ROOM	HOMEROOM TEACHER	STUDENT NAME
A2	CHIARELLA	Abitante-Bryant
A3	FELDWICK	Buckley-Dunbar
A5	MULLINIX	Duncan-Hendrickson
A6	LONG	Hicks-Lyles
E14	BLAZUCKI	Machen-Newsome
E5	MORAN	Nicholson-Quiones Ayuso
F3	CLARK	Ramos-Spicer
PORTABLE B	KERSHAW	Stargel-Young