

# TIGER SHARK TIMES

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

What a pleasure it was to see so many parents attend our Back to School Night on Thursday evening. The support of parents along with school staff is an invaluable partnership, that leads to successful experiences for students. The WLMS staff is excited to work with your students this school year, and we are vested in their growth and development.

At this time it is critical for any 7th grade student who has not turned in the appropriate immunization documentation to do so before school begins on Monday, September 15th. **Failure to show proof of the needed immunizations will result in exclusion from school effective MONDAY, September 15, 2014. This means your child will not be allowed to attend school until these records are received.** Our Health Room staff has been working diligently to contact families and provide resources so that these new requirements do not effect our students, but we do still have incomplete records at this time. We encourage families that have the documentation, to come to school on Monday with the their students and report to our Health Suite, to submit the needed documentation.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, our awesome counselors, Ms. Berla and Ms. Cornelius will visit all 6th graders to conduct lessons on positive interactions with peers. This lesson is a part of the counseling curriculum, and in the past has proven to spark great conversations and insights. Take time to follow up with your sixth grader about what they discussed.

Sincerely,  
Lisa R. Smithson  
Principal  
Wilde Lake Middle School



**Tips for School Success:**  
Encourage your student to get to know their counselor and to maintain contact throughout their middle-school years. Not only will the counselor be invaluable in supporting their academic path, the counselors are also one of many potential adult role models for your child.

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

# WLMS INFORMATION

## SCHOOL PICTURES:

Fall pictures will take place on Tuesday, September 16th. Picture package envelopes will be sent home on Monday. All students will take a picture, whether a package is purchased or not.

## FALL BACK TO MATH NIGHT:

The Wilde Lake Middle School Math Team welcomes parents, students, and family members to attend our first Fall Back to Math Night on Tuesday, September 23rd in the WLMS Cafeteria from 5:00-7:00pm. Travel to different stations to learn more about the HCPSS Family Math Support Center and other exciting resources to support your child in the math classroom. Come learn more about the PARCC assessment and enjoy engaging math tasks as a family. Participate in a meet and greet with the amazing Math Team over light refreshments and enter to win awesome math games to bring home to the family! We hope to see you there!

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register

Our school ID # is 01018

## SAFEWAY eSCRIP:

Log onto [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) to register

Enter school name or group number: 6680699

**Harris Teeter:**

Visit [www.harristeeter.com](http://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:

### September 16th-

Student Fall Pictures

### September 16th @ 7:00-

Boosters Meeting

### September 23rd-

Session I of After School at the Lake Begins

### September 25th-

Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed

### October 2nd-

Quarter 1 Progress Reports Issued



## 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! You can also sign up at the PTSA table at Back to School Night.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**FUNDRAISING:** Thank you to everyone who has sent in a direct donation!

Please support the Lavender's fundraiser (information was sent home in the first-day folders). The deadline for this fundraiser has been extended to September 16th. **All who sell will earn a prize, and all who sell 25 items or more will earn a Hummer Limo ride!!!** Please contact Nancy Murray if you have questions: [nancymurray2@verizon.net](mailto:nancymurray2@verizon.net)

### LET'S GO HOCO 5K RACE AND 1 MILE FUN RUN:

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is excited to host Let's Go HoCo, its inaugural 5K race and 1 mile fun run on Sunday, October 12 in Columbia. The race is a great way to bring together students, families, staff and Howard County community members to promote health and wellness. The race will include beginners, intermediate and professional level athletes. View event information and register today at [www.hcpss5k.com](http://www.hcpss5k.com).

### HCPSS BSAP SATURDAY MATH ACADEMY:

The BSAP Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring, tutoring, and math enrichment on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers, for students in grades 3rd- 12th. The Academy is held on Saturday's at Oakland Mills High School. Fall session dates are October 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and December 6th and 13th. Registration will take place at Oakland Mills High School, on Saturday, September 27th, from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Registration is \$45.00. Please bring a copy of your child's 4th quarter 2014 report card, latest IEP, letter that documents eligibility for free or reduced meals, and or any other documents that may assist the teachers in working with your child. Checks, money orders and cash are accepted. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Jenkins at [jacquelyne\\_jenkins@hcpss.org](mailto:jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org) or call at 410-313-1598.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **AFRICAN-COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE OF HOWARD COUNTY:**

HCPSS and the African-American Community Roundtable of Howard County, will present a [joint community forum](#) on engagement and achievement for African-American students on Sept. 29th, at Wilde Lake High School at 7:00 p.m

## **HCC COMPUTER KEYBOARDING FOR STUDENTS:**

Howard Community College presents keyboarding for students, grades 6-12. Learn finger placement and develop typing speed and accuracy. The course will be held in the Hickory Ridge Building, on HCC's campus on September 19th through November 7th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. the cost is \$119.00.

## **HCC BUSY PARENTS GUIDE TO FAMILY NUTRITION:**

Busy Parents Guide to Family Nutrition can help you revitalize your family and your family's health. Students will learn secrets and recipes to revitalize your health and life. Tuesday, September 23rd through October 21st, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at Centennial High School. The cost is \$119.00. For a full course description and registration information, visit, [coned.howardcc.edu/nutrition](http://coned.howardcc.edu/nutrition). For more information, contact Rosemary Muir at 443-518-4404 or email [rmuir@howardcc.edu](mailto:rmuir@howardcc.edu).

## **HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVANCY:**

Fall Equinox Twilight Hikes and Campfire, Tuesday, September 23rd, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Come to this Family Program at the Conservancy with the whole family. In case of rain, check the website. Pre-register online through our website, <http://www.hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html> or cash only at the door.

## **2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY YOUTH SUMMIT: CULTIVATING AND INSPIRING OUR FUTURE LEADERS:**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter presents the 2nd Annual Community Youth Summit: INSPIRE. The event will take place on Saturday, September 27th, at Howard Community College, Duncan Hall (10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044), from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The summit is intended for students in grades 6th through 8th and their parents. Registration for the event is FREE at <http://inspire-akailo.eventbrite.com>. For additional information, contact: Vikki Bostic at 443-831-8117; or [flossbossvikki@yahoo.com](mailto:flossbossvikki@yahoo.com), Kimetta Hairston at 757-218-8630 or [kimettarh1@gmail.com](mailto:kimettarh1@gmail.com); or Jean Lewis at 443-415-1151 or [jeanlewil@verizon.net](mailto:jeanlewil@verizon.net)

