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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

It is hard to believe, but we are nearly through the first half of quarter one. First quarter interim progress reports will be sent home with students next week on Thursday, October 2nd. Emptied interim progress report envelopes should be returned to school on Friday, October 3rd, with a parent signature. All classes, with the exception of "A-Day" and "B-Day" classes, which meet every other day, such as Related Arts and some Module classes, will report an interim grade at this time. "A-Day" and "B-Day" classes will have an adjusted grade-reporting schedule due to the fact that they operate on a semester schedule rather than on a quarterly schedule. Since these courses are offered on an every other day basis, over an entire semester, an interim progress report grade will be issued on the first quarter report card, which is the midpoint of the course. A final grade will be issued on the second quarter report card, which marks the end of the course. (The second semester will report interim and final grades on the third and fourth quarter report cards, respectively.) On the interim progress reports that are sent home next week, all "A-Day" and "B-Day" classes will have a comment stating that the interim grade for the class will appear on the Q1 report card.

We still have many families who have not updated/verified their Emergency Contact information for this school year. It is essential that this is complete each year. Once again this information can be completed online; 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!!!

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Show interest in your students studies by talking with them daily about what they are learning and doing in school (don't take "nothing" for an answer!). If you know your child has a project for science, get involved. The same goes for cheerleading, sports, and music — any extracurricular activities. For more information, visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-school-involvement/success-tips-middle-school-principal>

WLMS INFORMATION

FALL BACK TO MATH NIGHT:

Our Fall Back To Math Night, held on Tuesday was a great success. Thank you to the over 140 parents, students, and family members who came to enjoy the event. Huge thanks also to the WLMS Math Team for hosting the event and to our outstanding PTSA for supporting the event with their attendance and by providing refreshments. If you were unable to attend, I strongly suggest that you visit the new HCPSS resource that was developed this summer. Visit www.hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com to find helpful tutorials and practice problems that are directly connected to units of study that your student is working on in their math class. This is an awesome resource for all HCPSS students.

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 1st-

Girls on the Run Begins

October 2nd-

Quarter 1 Progress Reports Issued

October 3rd-

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! 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

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.

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.

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 or call at 410-313-1598.



COMMUNITY NEWS

AFRICAN-COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE OF HOWARD COUNTY:

UMBC President Dr. Freeman Hrabowski will be the keynote speaker at a joint community education forum sponsored by HCPSS and the African American Community Roundtable of Howard County. The event will be held at the Jim Rouse Theatre, Wilde Lake High School, on Monday, September 29th, from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

The forum will address parental engagement and empowerment in support of student success, and will also feature Dr. Renee A. Foose, Superintendent, and Mr. Albert Corvah, 2013-14 Student Member, Howard County Board of Education.

All HCPSS families and community members are encouraged to attend. The event will also be streamed live on www.hcpss.org.

HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

The Howard County Arts Council seeks nominations for its 2014 Howie Award for Outstanding Arts Educator, an award presented each year to a teacher who has made an exceptional contribution to arts education in Howard County. For more information or to download a nomination form, visit http://hocoarts.org/getting_involved.php or contact Melissa Wyse at development@hocoarts.org. Deadline for nominations is October 30, 2014.

