

September 23, 2016

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

We would like to welcome our new part time Spanish Teacher, Diomar Torres, to the WLMS Teaching Staff. Ms. Torres will be teaching an additional 5<sup>th</sup> period 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish class. We are so fortunate to have her on our WLMS Team!

Thank you to Ms. Russo and Ms. Tanner for hosting “Back to History Day Night” on Wednesday evening. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade GT social studies students interacted with teachers to learn about the many benefits of this rigorous and exciting project! History Day provides students with an opportunity to complete an authentic research paper and project under the theme of “taking a stand” this year. We wish our students the best of luck and look forward to their final projects in February!

Did you know that the WLMS Staff is building a new vision mission statement for our learning community to coincide with the transition into our new school building? As a WLMS Stakeholder, we want your input, also. Please share your ideas around the following . . .

- What academic expectations do you have for your child?
- What characteristics would you like your child to develop in middle school?
- Describe the school environment you want for your child.

Use this link to complete the Google Doc Survey & register your input. . . .

[Help Shape the Future of WLMS](#)

Thank you for sharing your voice!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Tuesday, September 27 – Vision and Hearing Screening

Friday, September 30 – Yankee Candle Sale ends

Tuesday, October 4 – Vision & Hearing Rescreening

Tuesday, October 4 – PTSA Meeting

Thursday, October 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Interim Reports Issued

Thursday, October 6 – Fall Back to Math Night

### **Family File:**

Parents, please remember to complete your Family File on HCPSS CONNECT <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> with your updated emergency information.

### **News from the Health Room:**

The Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on September 27, 2016 and rescreening is scheduled for October 4, 2016. This is a State Mandated Program performed at school. The screening is performed by the Howard County Health Department. All 8th graders will be screened. A parent note **MUST** be received, if you wish to decline the service. Your 8th grader received the notice in their first day folder.

We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS!!!** If you are interested, please contact, Heather Godwin, at 410-313-6957 or [heather\\_godwin@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_godwin@hcpss.org).

### **Yankee Candle Sale Fundraiser:**

Our annual Yankee Candle Sale begins on Tuesday, September 13 and will end on Friday, September 30. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. The brochures will be coming home in the Thursday folder on September 15. ***Please note that we must pay sales tax (6%), so don't forget to add tax to your order.*** You can also order on line at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), Group Number 990004853. Yankee Candle also has a new Mobile App – check it out! Your order will be shipped directly to your door if you order on line. Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser.

### **PTSA News:**

#### **Show Your Tiger Shark Pride!**

The WLMS PTSA's online spirit wear store is now open! Check out this year's new designs, including several Under Armour specialty items. Ordering is easy, just pick your favorite items, submit your payment and you are good to go!

No checks to write...no forms to fill out and no need to hope that your student will return your spirit wear order to the PTSA mailbox....

Head to our personalized store to learn more and see pictures of each item: [https://www.agdesignmd.com/Wilde-Lake-Middle-School\\_c\\_87.html](https://www.agdesignmd.com/Wilde-Lake-Middle-School_c_87.html) and send us your order today!

All items will be delivered to your student at school! But, don't delay, the 2016-17 sale closes on October 15, 2016!

***Community Notices: these events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.***

**Fall Study Skills Classes-Healing Dimensions and Stressless Test**

The new combined Middle School and High School class is offered starting **Sept. 27** and **Nov. 15**, meeting for four Tuesday nights at Burleigh Manor Middle School from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. To register, go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org) or email [Bcaldwell202@gmail.com](mailto:Bcaldwell202@gmail.com) **MS**

**Free concert - Columbia Festival of the Arts**

Fri., **Sept. 30**, 7 p.m., Columbia Lakefront. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy. [www.columbiafestival.org](http://www.columbiafestival.org) **ES, MS, HS**

**Boy Scouts weekly meetings- Boy Scouts of Central Maryland**

Come to one of our weekly Wednesday night meetings 7- 8:30 p.m., at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City. If interested, please contact Eileen Gattis at 410.740.0155 or email [Eileen.gattis@gmail.com](mailto:Eileen.gattis@gmail.com). **ES, MS, HS**

**Social Media Workshop-Howard County Government**

There's an APP for That Parent Workshop, Thurs., **Sept. 29**, 6-8 p.m., Bain 50+ Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD. Workshop is designed for parents and guardians only. Registration: 410-313-1440 or [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute). Information: Lisa Rhodes, 410-313-1440 or [lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov).

**Women in Engineering-Girl Scouts**

Girl scout Sat., **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., University of Maryland, College Park Computer Science Instructional Center, 8169 Paint Branch Dr., College Park, MD. For more information, please contact Julia Anderson by email at [jander03@umd.edu](mailto:jander03@umd.edu) or by phone at 301-405-0315. **ES, MS**

**STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le'Chic Academy Foundation**

Le'Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur's Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and "Biz Kidz" Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit [www.lechicacademy.com](http://www.lechicacademy.com) **ES, MS, HS**

**Mental Health Film Festival-Horizon Foundation**

Tues., **Oct. 25**, 5:30-8 p.m. at UA Snowden Square Stadium in Columbia. Get your tickets for this free event that aims to build awareness and compassion for members of our community facing mental health challenges. Choose from one of four films, each followed by a panel discussion <http://bit.ly/HCMHFFler> **ES, MS, HS**

