

April 8, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

We would like to thank our car pool parents for following the new drop off and pick up procedures implemented this week. We know that this new procedure may require a few extra moments of your time in the morning and afternoon. Thank you for planning accordingly and cooperating with us to make student safety a priority during arrival and dismissal times.

We would also like to ask the parents of walkers to help with some recently observed safety concerns. Community members have reported that some of our walking students are in the middle of streets on the way to and from school, and crossing streets at dangerous junctures. Specifically, some students coming from the intersection of Twin Rivers Parkway/Cross Fox Lane are crossing in the middle of morning drop off traffic rather than at the traffic light. Please take a couple of minutes to talk with your students about using sidewalks and crossing busy streets at the appropriate traffic signals and cross walks. The short cut is not worth it! Thank You!

Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, **John Phillips!** John was selected as a state finalist for the 2016 Maryland Letters About Literature (LAL) contest from a pool of 1,854 Maryland student entries. The contest is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. John and his classmates entered the contest as part of their instruction in **Ms. Clark's Inquiry and Innovation Reading Module Class.** John will attend an awards ceremony in Baltimore on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The English/Language Arts PARCC Assessment is coming up!**

We have attached an ELA PARCC Tip for your students to practice in class and homework assignments during the next couple of weeks. Students in all grades will be participating in the PARCC English/Language Arts:

PARCC - ELA            4/25, 4/27, 4/28, 4/29

*\*It is important that students are in school and on time for all testing days.*

Have a great weekend!

Anne Swartz, Pete Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

**Important Dates:**

- April 12 – Choir Assessment
- April 15 – Concert Band Adjudication
- April 19 – Spring Band Concert – 7:00pm WLHS
- April 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Card Issued

April 25-29 – PARCC ELA Testing

**Tissues Wanted:** Allergy season is upon us and we find ourselves in need of tissues for classroom use. If you can, please consider donating some tissues and send any boxes to the front office and we will distribute to the classrooms.

Thank you,  
WLMS Health Services

WLMS School Girls Unite Presents: ***Family Movie Night!***

Come watch *Minions* with your family and friends!

WLMS Cafeteria - Friday, April 29th, 2016 6:00-8:30 PM

Admission FREE -- but donations kindly accepted!

CONTACT: Mrs. Motaung [april\\_motaung@hcpss.org](mailto:april_motaung@hcpss.org) or 410 313-6957

Students **must** come with a parent or guardian!!

### Maryland Reading Celebration

On April 21, there will be a celebration in the media center for students that is open to the whole school. To attend students must have read 3 of the Black-Eyed Susan books for 2015-16. The books may be from any of the 4-6 or 6-9 lists, regardless of what grade the student is in. To get a ticket, students must hand in 3 summaries which will allow them to vote for the Maryland State Book Award. Students that have completed the optional "Read Across Maryland" reading log in March are also invited to attend the celebration, but may not vote.

### **2016 WLMS Enrichment Fair:**

**May 24, 2016 6:30-8:00pm**

The Enrichment Fair is a celebration of all the work students have done in seminars and classes throughout the year. Students will have presentations, displays, research investigations and dramatic readings, as well as a gallery walk that will showcase the many talents of WLMS students. Come out and see the amazing work by WLMS students!

### **G/T Summer Institute**

We are wrapping up registrations for the G/T Summer Institutes. The following classes still have openings. Please note: the grades listed are the grades that the students will be entering in the fall.

Session I (June 27 - July 8):

- It's All Greek to Me: The Legacy of Ancient Greece (Grades 6-8)

Session II (July 11-22):

- Environmental Science (Grades 5-7)
- History Detectives (Grades 6-8)
- SPACE: Destination Mars (Grades 6-8)
- Writer as Artist (Grades 6-8)
- Modeling with Minecraft (Grades 7-8)

The full catalog of classes with course descriptions is available at <http://www.hcpss.org/f/summer/summer-course-catalog-gt.pdf?feb16a>

### **An Invitation from Wilde Lake High School**

"The first annual **Wilde Lake High School Spring Fair** is on Thursday, April 28th, from 4 - 6pm. Come out and enjoy a night of fun games, good food, and live entertainment. This is a family event. See you there!" We are currently looking for volunteers and vendors to participate in this event. If you are interested, please send an email to [Lisa\\_Burch@hcpss.org](mailto:Lisa_Burch@hcpss.org)."□

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

The Columbia Figure Skating Club is preparing for their spring performance Cinderella on Ice. Ian Lorello, International Ice Dance Competitor will be performing the role of the Prince. Ian currently teaches locally and works with The Next Ice Age. Julia Choi, a junior at Marriotts Ridge High School and National Pairs Intermediate Competitor will be performing the role of Cinderella. The show includes over 60 local skaters from Howard County Public and Private Schools. Please join us at one of our shows April 9th or 10th at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Columbia Ice Rink at 5876 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia, MD 21045 or at [www.columbiafsc.com](http://www.columbiafsc.com) for \$12.50 per ticket.

### **Food on the 15th**

Volunteer opportunities for students. We collect, sort and deliver free non-perishable groceries directly to low-income Howard County senior citizens. To learn more about what we do, visit our website [www.foodonthe15th.org](http://www.foodonthe15th.org).

### **CrossLife Community Church**

Financial Peace University, **Apr. 9- June 4**, Sat., 9-11 a.m., at 5941 Setter Dr., Elkridge. Cost is \$93. Contact Sandy Cook [sandy.cokk1020@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.cokk1020@gmail.com). Click on the slideshow link at [www.crosslifeonline.com](http://www.crosslifeonline.com).

### **Recreation and Parks**

Deviant Septet, Sat, **Apr. 9**, 8 p.m., Smith Theatre, Horowitz Center, Columbia, MD. For more information: [www.candlelightconcerts.org](http://www.candlelightconcerts.org) 410-997-2324.

### **Recreation and Parks**

Painting For Teens, This class begins Sat., **Apr. 9**, 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m., Register by calling Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, contact Holly Harden at [harden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4625.

### **Recreation and Parks**

Modeling School, Join Model Citizens Models, LLC, Sat., **Apr. 9**, 11:30 a.m.- 1p.m. Register by calling Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, contact Holly Harden at [harden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4625.

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### **West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department**

Volunteer Emergency Responders 2nd Annual Volunteer Recruitment Open House, **Apr. 10**, 12-4 p.m.,

This event is free. All professional Training & Uniforms are free for active volunteers.

Sgt Trent Fuller, 410-564-6174, [TrentFuller258@gmail.com](mailto:TrentFuller258@gmail.com)

FF John Logan, 410-302-2285 [JLogan721@gmail.com](mailto:JLogan721@gmail.com)

### **NAMI**

NAMI's Peer-to-Peer Education/Support Course begins its spring session. Wed., **Apr. 13**, 6:30 p.m. Meeting on ten consecutive Weds. in Columbia. Contact Alikah Hawks for more information and to register: 410-772-9300, [ahawks.namihc@gmail.com](mailto:ahawks.namihc@gmail.com).

### **Howard Community College**

SAT Prep, Sat., **Apr. 13-May 21**, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., HCC's Hickory Ridge Building. For more information, [www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses](http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses), Elizabeth Watson at 443 518-4102.

### **NAMI**

NAMI's Family-to-Family Education/Support course begins its spring session, Thurs., **Apr. 21**, 7 p.m. Meeting on twelve consecutive Thurs. in Columbia. Contact Leslie Kain for more information and to register: 410-772-9300, [lkain.namihc@gmail.com](mailto:lkain.namihc@gmail.com).

### **Cedar Lane School**

Walk for Our Stars, Sat. **Apr. 23**, 10 a.m., Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff.

Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or [karioreilly@verizon.net](mailto:karioreilly@verizon.net).

### **MakingChange**

Money Matters Fair, Sun., **Apr. 24**, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. Wilde Lake High School This event is **FREE**. For more information, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-matters-fair-free-financial-education-activities-for-the-whole-family-tickets-23111168126>

### **Ellicott City Soccer Club**

Spring soccer programs, **FREE** Special Needs Program, and **FREE** 'Birth Year' Soccer Clinic, **Apr. 26**, (no school): We will offer a **FREE** clinic 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Rockburn Park for players born in the years 2005-2009. Contact [operations@ellicottcitysc.org](mailto:operations@ellicottcitysc.org) with questions. Space is limited. Go to [www.ellicottcitysc.org](http://www.ellicottcitysc.org).

### **Columbia Gym**

KidSpace Adventure Days, Grades K-6, **Apr. 26**, Full Day 7 a.m.-6 p.m. \$50 per child, half-day, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 per child.

Register online, over the phone 410-531-8984 or in person at the Columbia Gym KidSpace.

### **Howard County Poetry and Literature Society**

Blackbird Poetry Festival, **Apr. 28**, Howard Community College. The Sunbird poetry reading will start at 2:30 p.m. The Nightbird Poetry Reading, will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Theatre of the Horowitz Center for Visual.

### **Howard County Government**

Womenfest, a **FREE** Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., **Apr. 30**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville.

For more information about visit the event's website at [www.howardcountymd.gov/WomenFest](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/WomenFest) or call 410-313-5440.

### **AFS**

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year almost 20 exchange students will come from around the world to experience a life-changing year or cross-cultural sharing here in Howard County. If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at [ckmcgarvey@yahoo.com](mailto:ckmcgarvey@yahoo.com) or 410.997.7087.

### **Atholton Swim Club**

Registration for Swim Lessons at Atholton Swim Club, **June 6**, [www.AtholtonSwimClub.com](http://www.AtholtonSwimClub.com). We offer small class sizes and follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum. Lessons are conveniently offered in the mornings or evenings in 2 week long sessions.

### **College Park Tennis Club**

Learn Tennis at the Premiere Tennis Center, **June 13 –Aug. 19**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., College Park Tennis Club 5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD.

Our students will learn the sport of a lifetime, under the direction of our certified teaching staff. Center. [tdelaney@cptennisclub.com](mailto:tdelaney@cptennisclub.com), 301-779-8000, [www.cptennisclub.com](http://www.cptennisclub.com)

### **Howard County Police Department**

**FREE** overnight Youth Police Academy, **July 24-29**, Public Safety Training Center. It is for students between the ages of 15-18 years old who are interested in a law enforcement career. For more information, contact your School Resource Officer or check out the Howard County Police Department website at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org) under Youth Programs.

### **Starthmore's Summer Intensive**

Apply now for a select spot in Strathmore's Summer Intensive—part of our Institute for Artistic and Professional Development. This program will take place **July 11-15** and is designed to provide in-depth experience to outstanding high school instrumentalists as they consider a performing arts career. For more information <https://www.strathmore.org/education/artistic-development/summer-intensive>

### **AFS**

Columbia Association is seeking host families for high school students from Columbia's new Sister City, Tema in Ghana (West Africa) from **July 15 to 31**, 2016. For a host family application and more information, please contact Laura Smit, Program Manager for International Exchange & Multicultural Programs at [Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org) or 410-715-3162.

### **CAMPS**

### **Soccer Association of Columbia**

SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14. 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](http://www.sackick.com) For more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org).

### **CrossLife Church**

Track and Field Camp, **June 20-June 24**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia, MD. <http://crosslifeevents.org/>.

### **University of Maryland**

SPICE Camp – Students with Potential and Interest, Considering Engineering, **June 27-July 1**. SPICE Camp is a week-long commuter program for young women who will be entering the 9th and 10th grade next fall and would like to learn more about engineering University of Maryland, College Park. Space is limited. The application deadline is March 31st. Scholarship opportunities will be made available once admittance decisions have been made. Bria Barry, 301-405-3283, [bmcelroy@umd.edu](mailto:bmcelroy@umd.edu), <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/spice-camp>

### **Bethany United Methodist Church**

Surf Shack Vacation Bible School (VBS), **June 27-July 1**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Bethany United Methodist Church, 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City.  
For more information or to register, please visit: <http://cokesburyvbs.com/bethanyum>

### **Howard County Conservancy**

Full-day nature camps, **June 27-Aug. 19**, camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont in ElkrIDGE [www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html](http://www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html)

### **University of Maryland**

TerpsTalk, a new National Foreign Language Center Spanish and French Language summer camp for middle school students- at the University of Maryland. The Camp will take place **July 11- July 22**, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. <http://nflc.umd.edu/camps>

### **Center for Disease Control**

The National Center for Health Statistics is excited to announce the 2016 Data Detectives Summer Camp, **Aug. 15-19**, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Contact us at [datadetective@cdc.gov](mailto:datadetective@cdc.gov).

### **University of Maryland**

Stepping Stones to Your Future (SSTYF) summer camp. This week-long coed commuter camp is for rising 7th & 8th graders who are interested in learning more about engineering. Each day is filled with a variety of fun hands-on activities and engineering challenges. There are two weeks to choose from: Session 1 **July 18-22** or Session 2 **July 25-29**. To apply, we require an online form and a teacher recommendation from a current math or science teacher. For more information and to fill out the application, visit our website at <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/sstyf>. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Ginnett at [dginnett@umd.edu](mailto:dginnett@umd.edu). 301-405-0315.  
**July 18-22**, (Session I) or **July 25-29**, 2016 (Session II)

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#### **The Howard County Recreation and Parks**

Volleyball classes and leagues for all ages and skill levels, for questions, please contact Carson Nickell at [cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4720. To register, call 410-313-7275. Sign up now to reserve your space.

#### **Howard County Striders**

Bullseye Running/HO CO Striders is now taking registration for two training programs Youth Track Team (competitive) and Youth Fitness Spring Training (non-competitive)  
<http://www.bullseyerunning.com/youth/>

#### **SuperSquads**

It's not too late for after school cheerleading with SuperSquads. Team practice is once a week and ends late April in 11 county schools. Please contact [supersquadsinfo@verizon.net](mailto:supersquadsinfo@verizon.net) or 410-796-2244.