

January 15, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway point of our school year. Next Friday is the end of the first semester, and it is time for you to schedule your second round of parent teacher conferences. Parent teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday, February 4th** and **Friday, February 5th**. Just like in November, we will use the Synergy Conference Management System to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Starting **Monday, January 19th at 8:00 a.m. and continuing through Monday, February 1st at 8:00 a.m.**, parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. All parents are encouraged to participate! **Parents will have the option to sign up with a maximum of 4 teachers during this round of conferences.** Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions. If you need assistance with the process, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Stout, our guidance secretary at 410-313-6960.

The WLMS Math Counts Team held a successful competition on January 5th & 7th.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place: Alex Nguyen,

2nd Place: Joey Pennsy

3rd Place: Marvin Chen

Top Team: Alex Nguyen, Marvin Chen, Alex Chen

The whole Math Counts Team will compete at the county level in February.

Good luck Mathematicians!

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates

Monday, January 18 – MLK Holiday – Schools & Offices Closed

Friday, January 22 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal – End of 2nd Marking Period

Tuesday, January 26 – Chorus Fieldtrip

Wednesday, January 27 – High School Q & A at 6:30pm

Thursday, January 28 – Dental Screening

Thursday, January 28 – String Fling – WLHS 7:00pm

Friday, January 29 – Dental Screening

Friday, January 29 – Activity Day

SPRING GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING

Testing for placement in Gifted and Talented classes for the 2016-2017 school year, will take place between **January 20th and February 3rd.**

Testing is for those students who are **NEW** to Howard County and who were **NOT** tested in 5th grade.

Students who have already tested, or who are currently in GT classes DO NOT need to re-test.

If you are interested in having your child tested:

Please contact Mrs. April Motaung, Gifted & Talented Resource Teacher, by January 15th. 410 313-6957 april_motaung@hcpss.org

Dental Screening Deadline Extended

Dental Education/Screening/Fluoride/Sealant Program at WLMS

The Howard County Health Department in collaboration with Chase Brexton Health Care will be providing dental education to all students at WLMS. If you would like your student to also participate in the programs oral screening exam and fluoride application please indicate "Yes" on the attached consent form and complete all other areas of the form including your signature. The schedule for this program is as follows:

Thursday, January 28, 2016 : Dental Education Visit (all students during extended homeroom)

Thursday, January 28, 2016: * Dental Screening and Fluoride Varnish for all students **with** completed consent form. After completion of the screening you will receive a notice if your child needs immediate attention and you will be asked to follow up with a dentist.

Friday, January 29, 2016. * Dental Sealant application for those student identified during the screening process of having a need for sealants.

(with parental consent)*

Please complete the consent form that went home last week with students and return to WLMS no later than **Monday, January 25th.**

If you need another consent form either stop by the Health Room or call to have a consent form sent home with your student. If you have any questions please contact the Cluster Nurse, Annette Grzybinski R.N. at 410-313-6957.

Graduation Requirements

In the spring of 2015, the Howard County Public School System Board of Education voted to accept revision to [Policy 8030 – Graduation Requirements](#). In the revised policy, students who successfully complete high school level courses while in middle school will earn high school credit. Previously, students would receive credit for completing the course, but the credit would not count toward the 21 credits required for high school graduation.

The specific excerpt from the policy is shown below:

A. Credit for High School Courses Taken in Middle School High school courses, which are offered at the middle school level, are eligible for high school credit.

Beginning with courses completed in the 2015-2016 school year:

1. The student's passed course will count toward the 21 credits for graduation requirement.
2. The student's course grade will be recorded on the high school transcript.
3. The student's grade will not be calculated into the high school grade point average. If a student re-takes one of the high-school courses taken in middle school for which credit was earned:
 - a. The high school grade will be calculated into the GPA, and
 - b. Only one credit will be awarded.
4. For high school world language courses, one credit will be awarded at the completion of a course in grade 8.

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G/T Educator Recognition Event Nomination

On April 14th, the G/T Advisory Committee will host the 7th annual G/T Educator Recognition Reception. Please consider taking a few moments (or having your child take a few minutes) to nominate a deserving educator. The nomination form is brief and the recipients of this honor always find it quite meaningful. This is not a competition. All HCPSS educators who are nominated will be recognized at the event on April 14th. Nominators are welcome, but not obligated, to attend the reception.

Below is the link to the G/T Educator Recognition Event Nomination Form. Use this form to recognize a G/T resource teacher, classroom teacher, or administrator who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the needs of advanced-level learners and whose contributions to the Howard County G/T Education Program are exemplary. Nominations can be made by parents and/or students and are being accepted through 2/26/2016.

<http://goo.gl/forms/Tl7WyyBcVu>

WLHS Band Fundraiser

The 12th annual Jazz @ the Lake concert, set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Wilde Lake High School, will feature Mike Rodriguez on trumpet, Manuel Valera on piano, Zach Brown on bass and Eric Doob on drums. The award-winning Wilde Lake High School Jazz Ensemble will open the show, and perform one piece with the guest artists.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. (Golden Opportunities passes are not valid for this special concert.) Purchase tickets at InstantSeats.com/events/JimRouseTheatre or at the door. For more information, contact WildeLakeJazz@gmail.com or 410-997-2070.

HCPSS BSAP Saturday Math Academy Spring Session

Please see the attached flyer for the Saturday Math Academy. Registration will be taking place on Saturday, January 30 at Oakland Mills High School. The Spring Session dates will be February 7; March 12, 19; April 9, 16, and April 23 (Chess Tournament). For more information contact Jackie Jenkins at jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org or 410-313-1598.