

January 29, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

What a week! We are anxious to get back into a routine after “Snowzilla”.

The following end of semester deadlines have been adjusted by HCPSS due to schools being closed this past week:

Grading and Reporting

Quarter 2 ends – Monday, February 1st

Report cards Distributed – Tuesday, February 9th

At WLMS, we have also adjusted some in school event dates for February as follows:

Quarter 2 Activity Day – will take place on **Fri. Feb. 12th**

Quarter 2 Awards Recognition Assembly – will take place on **Fri. Feb. 19** A separate assembly will be held for each grade level:

7th Grade – 8:06 – 8:55 a.m.

8th Grade – 10:45 –11:35 a.m.

6th Grade – 1:05 –1:53 p.m.

The WLMS Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee invites parents to attend the awards recognition assemblies this quarter!

This event is very informal and set up in a “Pep rally style”.

Students will receive recognition for the following 2nd quarter accomplishments: Principal’s Honor Roll – All A’s, Gold Honor Roll – All A’s and B’s or 3.0 or higher grade point average, Silver Honor Roll - A’s, B’s, and one C with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. In addition, teachers will choose students from each grade level to receive the following awards: *Citizenship, Most Improved, Spotlight Awards, Students of the Month, Positive Office Referral Recipients*

Congratulations to 7th grader, **Ava Gilreath**! Ava did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem at the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration earlier this month. The Howard County Office of Human Rights sponsored this event. Thank you for giving back to your community, Ava. We are very proud of you!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates:

February 2 – String Fling – JRT, WLHS 7:00pm
February 3 – 5th gr. Incoming Parent Orientation – WLMS 6:30pm
February 4 – 3 Hour ED – Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – schools closed for students
February 8 – Professional Learning Day – schools closed for students
February 9 – Report Cards Issued
February 9-12 – Employee Appreciation Week and National Kindness Week
February 12 – Activity Day
February 15 – Presidents’ Day – Schools & Offices Closed

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will take place next week ... **Thursday, February 4th** and **Friday, February 5th**. We are using the Synergy Conference Management System to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Our goal is 100% participation! If you have not signed up for conference, you have until Monday, February 1st at 8:00 a.m. to do so. Parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. **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.

Incoming 5th grade Orientation

Attention parents of 5th graders: we will be holding an orientation for parents of incoming 6th graders at WLMS Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30-7:30 at WLMS. This will be held in the Cafeteria and members of the 6th grade team, GT Instructional Leader, Foreign Language and Administration will be here to answer any questions.

Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic originally scheduled for this past week is currently being rescheduled. We will let you know the dates when they become available.

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

Crisis Text Line

Help at your fingertips, Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, bullying, self-harm, and more. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds quickly to help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment and to stay safe and healthy. **Text START to 741-741**, anonymous and confidential.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Crisis Text Line, please contact Laurie Carson at lauriecarson@verizon.net for more information or to volunteer, visit www.crisistextline.org.

Center for Creative Life and Learning

The Girls on Fire Mentoring program is designed to help girls build self-esteem. The program targets Girls age 8-14, 8-11 and 12-14. Girls participate in a variety of art forms activities and self-esteem building group sessions. Meets the 4th Sat. each month at the Columbia Art Center. For information call 410-312-0758.

Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center offers a wide variety of Art Classes for portfolio development and personal interest.

For list of classes or check out the Winter Brochure visit www.columbiaartcenter.org. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075.

Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center offers a variety of Art Classes for children of all ages and a new Youth Artistic Masters Certificate Program. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Food on the 15th

Volunteer opportunities for students of all ages. 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 at www.foodonthe15th.org/. We are always looking for students and groups to do food drives for us. We can be reached at foodonthe15th@gmail.com.

North Laurel Community Center

Mother and Son dance, Sat. **Feb. 6**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mothers (or special adults) and sons, ages 3-12 are invited to an evening jam-packed with fun to include refreshments, live DJ, dancing and more. Inclement weather date is Feb. 20. Preregistration is required. Contact: Ashley Jones 410-313-0459 or amjones@howardcountymd.gov.

Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra presents the Young People's Concerts on Sat., **Feb. 20**, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. Visit us at www.columbiaorchestra.org or call 410-465-8777 for tickets.

Howard Community College

Educational Foundation cordially invites you to the annual Silas Craft Collegians Dinner to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment and Program. The Chinese dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5-8 p.m. on Mon., **Mar. 7**, at 7091 Deepage Drive in Columbia. Tickets are \$45 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 443-518-1970 or visit www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan.

Howard County Government

Youth and Teen Model Call. Young men and women are invited to participate in an audition to perform in the 4th annual Fashion Show produced by Sean Gibson of Model Citizen Models. Model Call for 8-10 year olds will run from 1-2 p.m.; Model Call for 11-17 year old will run from 2-3 p.m. Fashion Show will take place on Sat., **Mar. 19**. Preregistration is encouraged, but not required. Registration: 410-313-7275. Information: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or harden@howardcountymd.gov

Columbia Association

Howard County Library System, Howard County Public School System, and the Columbia Association Art Center are calling on students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest.

Posters and videos should be submitted by **Mar. 25** by mail or in person to:
Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD.

SPORTS

4th Quarter

Spring after school leadership program at Bonnie Branch and Elkridge Landing Middle School (Spring registration ends **Mar. 1**, 2016). The Fourth Quarter uses fitness and touch football to tackle these MAJOR community issues: 1. Lack of focus 2. Experimentation with drugs and alcohol 3. Childhood obesity 4. Failing to reach ones leadership potential. Become apart of the 4th Quarter TEAM by downloading a 4th Quarter Spring registration form at the4thqtr.org or jguy@the4thqtr.org