

October 14, 2016

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

It has been a quiet and productive week at WLMS! Students demonstrated positive efforts on the Fall Administration of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. MAP scores are one of many data measures that our teaching staff uses identify overall strengths and weaknesses in our academic program. The information is also used to inform classroom skill instruction and groupings.

WLMS is having a “PINK OUT”!

Staff and students are encouraged to “Wear Pink” next Friday, October 21st to support breast cancer awareness. Thank you to the awesome group of eighth grade students (Summer Hughes, Katie Morris, Amaiya Sancho, Abby Churilla, & Amina Aboulhana) for promoting this worthwhile spirit day at WLMS!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 25 – 8:30am Student Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 26 – Friday, October 28 – 6th Grade Outdoor Education

Friday, October 28 – 7th grade Zoo Fieldtrip

Monday, October 31 – No School for Students – Professional Day

Friday, November 4 – End of 1st Quarter marking period

Student Picture Retake Day:

On Tuesday, October 25th at 8:30 am, we will have our student picture retake day. Please see the attached flier for more details. If your child was absent, they will have their picture taken. If you want a re-take of the picture, the entire portrait package must be returned.

Attention 8th Grade Families:

The Lock-In is right around the corner, on Friday, November 11th! Thirty dollars includes food, sodas, Silly Olympics, Minute To Win It, basketball and dancing! Money and permission slips are due by Wednesday, November

9th. We need at least 80 students signed up in order to hold the Lock-In....it will be CANCELED if we do not have enough participants. We will NOT postpone it.

We are in need of parent chaperones for this event. We can't make it happen without you! Please consider signing up for one (or more!) of the following shifts:

6:30-9:30 pm (need 24 parents)

9:-11:30 pm (need 14 parents)

11 pm- 1 am (need 10 parents)

Permission slips are available in the front office, Ms. Drakes's room, or on the 8th grade page on WLMS's Canvas page. A link to pay online is there as well.

Thank you, Ms. Drakes, 8th Grade Team Leader

A+ Bonus Bucks

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! Beginning in October, Wilde Lake Middle School has the opportunity to participate in and earn cash from A+ School rewards. You do not need to re-register your card if your school selection remains the same as last year or register your card at www.giantfood.com/aplus the school ID #01018. Thank you for your support!

Drug Take Back

The next national medication Take Back Day date is **Saturday, October 22 between 10 am and 2 pm**. Bring your expired and unwanted medications and "sharps" (needles, syringes, and EpiPens) to HC DruFree's office at the Wilde Lake Village Center. **Drive-thru** service. No need to get out of your car! Please come back to this page for more information.

Howard County's 3 Permanent Medication Disposal Boxes are located at: the Northern District Station, 3410 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City; the Southern District Station, 11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel; and at the Gary Arthur Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville.

HC DrugFree is proud to partner with the Howard County Police Department to provide permanent medication disposal boxes at convenient locations around the County and Take Back Days.

PTSA News

"Families Helping Families"- PTSA Coat and Winter Accessory Drive through October 18th The WLMS PTSA, in cooperation with HCPSS Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs) of HCPSS, and The PTA Council of Howard County, will be conducting a coat drive through October 18th. PPWs provide supplies, clothing and other necessities to 'at risk' children in the county. Please consider donating your gently used coats and cold weather accessories and help keep some needy children warm this winter. Adult sizes are accepted too. The drop off box will be at the front entrance of the school. Remember to make sure your items have been laundered before they are donated. Thank you in advance.

Other News:

The **Council of Elders Community Academy** is holding an information session on Supporting your Child's Social and Emotional Development. This session will be Saturday, October 22 from 9:00am-11:15am at Oakland Mills High School. See the attached flier for more information.

The **Black Student Achievement Program** will be holding a College and Career Opportunity Night on Wednesday, October 26 at 5:30-9:00 pm at Long Reach High School. See the attached flier for more information.

Community News

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.