

Greetings! A letter was sent home yesterday in Thursday folders with all students. In case you did not see it, here is the information about **several very important dates** for you and your child to put on your calendar as we begin our transition to the new "WLMS Net Zero Building":

- **Monday, December 12th –**
 - 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Community “Open House” to say “Good-bye” to our current building. More details to follow.
 - 7:00 p.m. – Farewell Music Concert featuring the WLMS Band, Strings & Chorus
- **Thursday, December 22nd – School will be closed for WLMS Students** so that school staff can prepare new classrooms for instruction.
- **Friday, December 23rd – School will be closed for WLMS Students** so that school staff can prepare new classrooms for instruction.
 - *WLMS is working with the HCPSS Food & Nutrition Office to provide an opportunity for all students to come to school on both 12/22 & 12/23 for a hot lunch between the times of 10:30-12:00. More information will follow.*
- **Monday, January 2nd – First Student Day in the “New Net-Zero WLMS Building”**
- **Sunday, January 8th –**
 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – **Ribbon Cutting & Community Open House**

During the month of December, we are planning to arrange special class field trips to our new building during the school day. We hope this will support students in acclimating to their new school home and create excitement for the transition.

The next few months will be busy and exciting as we reflect on our history as a school community and build new memories together!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Anne K. Swartz

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thursday, November 3 – 7:00pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

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!

Atholton High School

Atholton High School would like to invite future Atholton Raiders to our last home game of the football season. All current 8th graders are invited to come join us on October 28th to root for the Raiders. Tickets are \$3 at the door, which will cover both the JV and Varsity games. The JV game begins at 4:30 and the Varsity game begins at 7:00. We hope to see you there.

WLMS Spelling Bee

"Attention students! Do you have what it takes to be the Wilde Lake Middle School Spelling Bee Champion for the 2016-2017 school year?? Come show off your spelling prowess (P-R-O-W-E-S-S)! On November 17 at 7 pm we will hold the spelling bee in the Media Center. Please see the attached flier for more information and go to www.spellingbee.com for word lists to study. The winner will compete in the Howard County Library System Spelling Bee and have a chance to represent Howard County in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC!"

AHS Boosters

It's time again for the AHS Music Boosters Citrus Fruit Sales! Sales run November through February. Orders are due by November 5 for pick up November 19th.

You may order online with a credit card via PayPal or submit an order form with cash or check. The Order Forms with schedule, PayPal button and a letter with details are posted at www.atholtonmusic.org under Fundraisers.

We have fresh from the grove Florida Navel Oranges and Grapefruit! Georgia Pecans are available in November. Tangerines and Tangelos will also be available for specific months. And we are offering a small box of mixed Oranges and Grapefruit as well as Honey from the citrus grove' bees.

Students who sell fruit receive credit to support their Spring Music trip or uniform fees. Please indicate when you order if there is a student seller. The remaining profits support the Music Department.

Direct questions to Lisa Lindberg, Fruit Sales Chair
at AHSMusicFruitSales@gmail.com

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.

Other News:

All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings. **Next Meeting Wednesday 10/19 7-8:30 at the Homewood Cafeteria** 10914 MD 108 Columbia, 21042.

Come join your fellow student leaders and work together to make Many Students One Voice.

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

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.