

October 30, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

It is hard to believe that we have completed one quarter of the school year. Today marks the end of the first marking period and the month of October. November will offer a “Cornucopia” of opportunities for us to connect about your child’s first quarter progress, and we will also invite you into school to observe your child’s school day.

**On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, first quarter report cards will go home with students.**

During the week of November 16-20, Wilde Lake Middle will join schools across the nation in celebrating “American Education Week”. The WLMS Staff cordially invites you to come out and visit your child at Wilde Lake and gain a snapshot of how he/she operates in his/her instructional setting. Please mark your calendars! You are welcome and encouraged to join us any day or time during this week.

Finally, the first round of **parent teacher conferences** will take place on **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. This year, HCPSS will be using Synergy Conference Management to schedule parent–teacher conferences. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and continuing through Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon**, 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.

Stay safe during Halloween and we ask that you monitor the amount of candy and snacks your child brings to school next week. Only allow an amount that your child can eat during his/her lunch time.

Have a terrific weekend!

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## Important Dates

- November 3 – School Picture Retake 1:00pm
- November 4 – National Honor Society Induction 7:00pm
- November 6 – Activity Day
- November 9 – First Quarter Report Cards Issued
- November 10 – Conference scheduling time opens at 8:00am (done through HCPSS Connect)
- November 10 – Booster Meeting 6:30pm
- November 10 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
- November 11 – Red Scarf author to visit 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- November 13 – World Kindness Day
- November 13 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lock-in

## National French Week

OH lala! November 4th - November 10th is National French Week! This week is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French, the national professional association for French teachers which was founded in 1927. The purpose of this week-long celebration is to highlight the many contributions of Francophone explorers, artists, musicians, scientists, and philosophers to world culture and civilization. The French language is spoken by over 200 million people in 43 countries on 5 continents. Watch for students in the WLMS community who will be celebrating the many reasons to learn French during and after school this week, with activities based on themes of science and technology, arts and crafts, the arts, sports, music and dance, and of course cuisine. Please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishments and interest in other parts of the world!

## **Family File - Deadline - Extended!**

The deadline for parents/guardians to complete Family Files in HCPSS Connect has been extended to **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

## Parent Academy Session

The AACR is sponsoring a Parent Academy, Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-noon at Long Reach High School. This session regarding dating dangers and other topics is designed for 8<sup>th</sup> graders or high school students. Parent breakout sessions will be held. Please see the attached flier for more details.

## Flu Mist Clinic

The Flu Mist Clinic has been rescheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 8:30 – 12:00. More information to follow.