

October 9, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

Today, our students had the opportunity to visit the “Gotcha Store” during their lunch periods. The “Gotcha Store” is one of the many components of our Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) at WLMS. Students have been earning “Gotchas” since the first day of school for displaying school expectations (Ready, Responsible, Respectful, & Safe) throughout any portion of their day. The “Gotcha Store” provides an opportunity for students to spend their “Gotcha Currency” on all kinds of fun merchandise and serves as a mid quarter celebration of positive learning behaviors. A special thank you to WLMS Parents Kris Hammill and Kim Patterson for coordinating with our PBIS Team to make the “Gotcha Store” a huge success. We appreciate the care taken to customize merchandise choices to meet the approval of students across the grade levels. (Our eighth graders enjoyed their own school supply section and raffle items.) Thank you to our PTSA and the many parents who donated items.

The next “Gotcha Store” is scheduled for December 18th. Students can also look forward to “WLMS Activity Day”, another PBIS event, on November 6th.

Have a positive & productive weekend!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates

October 12 – FACS 8th grade Financial Literacy Fieldtrip
October 13 – Booster Meeting 6:30pm
October 13 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
October 15 – Hat Day (MAP testing incentive)
October 15 – Zombie Run
October 16 – MSEA Convention – Schools Closed
October 20 – Flu Mist Clinic (See attached flier)
October 23 – 7th grade Zoo Fieldtrip

FluMist at WLMS

WLMS will be holding its 2nd annual **FluMist** clinic here on Tuesday, October 20th. Consent forms were sent home in the interim report card envelopes. If you would like your child to receive the FluMist, please complete, sign and return your child’s consent form by **Thursday, October 15th**.

If you have questions regarding vaccination, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-6957.

Student Leadership Opportunity

HCASC invites all middle and high school students to participate in our unique student-run monthly meetings the second Wednesday of every month:

- learn leadership skills and best practices
- discuss current events impacting students in HCPSS
- Special Guest this month Dr. Foose!

Come see what 100 student leaders, athletes, artists, who meet each month already know- HCASC is for students who want to get involved and work together to make their schools and HCPSS as strong as it can be.

Next meeting Wednesday 10/14 7-8:30 at the Homewood School. For more information contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

College and Career Opportunities Night

We are excited about our upcoming College and Career Opportunities Night hosted at Long Reach High School on Thursday, October 22nd from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm for students in grades 8th -12th. All students and families are welcome to We hope you are able to join us for an enjoyable night!

Highlights:

- College, Career, and Entrepreneur Representatives
- School Counselor One-to-One 20-minute Sessions
- Marching Band & Greek Fraternity & Sorority Step Show
- Focused Information Sessions
- Keynote Speaker: Khalilah Harris, Deputy Director at the White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for African Americans

For more information, please contact: **Sheree M. Whitby**, Black Student Achievement Program, Office of Academic Access & Achievement, ph: 410.313.6804

Community Notices

These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Howard County Library System– Time Capsule Guardians

The Howard County Library invites our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students to become HCLS Time Capsule Guardians. Why might they wish to participate? To be a part of history!

As part of their 75th Diamond Anniversary year, they will be filling and sealing an impressive time capsule on Saturday, October 24. Guardians will appear on-stage at our Miller Branch to help us fill the capsule that will include their photo and brief answers to three questions predicting their future selves in 2040.

Application and ceremony details can be found on the attached flyer. Also, here is the online application, a version to print and submit, and a few additional details on our web site.

Howard County Chinese School

HCCS is offering advanced physics classes for students 13 years old or in grade 8 to accelerate their academic achievement in advanced physics courses. The following HCCS physics classes are held on Sun. at the Howard County Community College: AP Physics 1&2 (2:00-4:00), AP Physics C (10:00-12:00), and Olympiad Physics (12:00-1:00). Qualified teaching staff combined with a unique learning environment and highly motivated classmates will help improve students' problem-solving skills. Direct inquiries to hccs.physics@gmail.com and register at register@hccs-md.org. Please visit HCCS homepage for more information – www.hccs-md.org.

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! Check out the Fall Brochure on www.columbiaartcenter.org for more information. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

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HC DrugFree is a non-profit in Howard County contracted by the Howard County Health Department to provide substance misuse prevention educational programs and services in the County. Sign up for HC DrugFree's FREE electronic newsletter to learn about local drug/alcohol issues affecting everyone in Howard County. Learn about safe medication disposal and storage, policy changes and prevention programs to build community awareness in the County. To sign up for our electronic newsletter, please forward your email address to Info@hcdrugfree.org I call 443-325-0040 or sign up online at www.hcdrugfree.org and click on the "Join Our Mailing List" box.

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Columbia Orchestra

Sat., Oct. 10, at 7:30 pm. at the Jim Rouse Theatre with Shostakovich's legendary Fifth Symphony. Katherine Needleman, Young Artist Competition winner at age 13 and now a world-renowned artist, returns to perform a concerto by Pulitzer Prize-Winner Jennifer Higdon. As part of the "New Music for America" Consortium, we give the Maryland premiere of a work by Grammy-nominated composer Christopher Theofanidis inspired by ancient myths of Aboriginal Australia. Visit www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue

Fire Prevention week, Sat. **Oct. 10**, 12-2 p.m., the Mall in Columbia. More information www.hcdfrs.org

Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department

Open House, **Oct. 10**, 1-4 p.m. 4150 Montgomery Road.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Howard County will begin its free 6-session Basics course for parents and primary caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness. On **Oct. 13**, 7-9:30 p.m., this supportive educational course is taught by trained volunteers who have personally experienced the impact of mental illness on their children and the family. For more information, Contact: Leslie Kain, lkain.namihc@gmail.com 410-772-9300.

Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center is offering Figure Drawing for Teens. Tues., 5-7 p.m., starting **Oct. 13**. Draw from live models. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Harper's Choice Community Association

FREE conversational English classes at Kahler Hall, (5440 Old Tucker Row, Columbia) on Mon., **Oct. 19**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Classes are family friendly and appropriate for children in 2nd grade through adults. Children and adults will work in separate groups with FIRN volunteers. For more information, please contact Roslyn Lindner at [443-276-3211](tel:443-276-3211) or volunteer@firnonline.org.

Champions Against Cancer

Golf Classic, Mon., **Oct. 19**,. Champions Against Cancer Inc. is a Howard County based charity established to provide financial support and resources to the children and families of those affected with Cancer in Howard county. This first annual golf classic at Hobbit's Glen Golf Club will tee off at 10 a.m., and will raise funds to offer scholarships to seniors in the HCPSS. You can support this charity by sponsoring this Golf event and/or by golfing for as little as \$200. Contact David Borucki with questions at 410-977-0160 or register at: www.champsagainstcancer.org.

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Monster Mash, Sat., **Oct. 30**, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Roger Carter Community Center, 3000 Milltowne Dr, Ellicott City, MD. Register by Oct. 26, please call Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or hharden@howardcountymd.gov

HC Drugfree

Play It Safe, Poster Design Contest

High school students - enter your poster design for a chance to win \$100! Play It Safe sponsors free special alcohol and drug-free events during June honoring high school graduates who choose to celebrate their graduation during Senior Week in Ocean City, and holds a contest for a new Play It Safe logo every year. For contest details, visit www.playitsafeoceancity.com. Entries must be postmarked by **Oct. 30**.

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Teen Opportunities Fair, Sat., **Nov. 21**, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Ellicott Mills School, 4445 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott, MD. This FREE event showcases leadership, volunteer and recreational opportunities for 11-17 year olds. For more information, or to become an exhibitor, please contact Holly Harden at harden@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4625.

SPORTS**Supersquads**

SuperSquads Cheerleading After School program is in full swing and registration remains open. SuperSquads takes place one day after school and runs through **12/23**. Please contact supersquadsinfo@verizon.net 410-796-2244, www.supersquads.org to register.