

October 28, 2016

Greetings Tiger Sharks!

Last week, WLMS finished up the campaign process for our new Student Government Association (SGA). We are very proud of all the students who participated. Their creativity spirit and integrity with the process were amazing. SGA is one way that we are working to amplify the student voice at WLMS. There are many opportunities for students to be involved in leadership and school activities at WLMS.

Last Friday afternoon, the SGA election results were announced, and we are proud to share the names of the students who will be serving on the SGA:

President – Ashley Maharaj
Vice President – Kobi Armoo
Secretary of the Lake – Aidan Maharaj

8th Grade Rep – Maya Classon
7th Grade Rep – Noah Adeyeye
6th Grade Rep – Gabriel Schauf

November is coming! It's that time of year when you can schedule to meet with teachers to talk about your student's progress in school. The window for you to schedule conferences with your student's teachers (You may sign up to meet with a maximum of 4 teachers.) will open on **Friday, November 4 at 8AM** and close on **Wednesday, November 16 at 3PM**. ***The HCPSS Connect Parent Conference Registration directions are attached.***

The conferences dates and times are:

Monday, November 21 ~ 12:30 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 8:00
Tuesday, November 22 ~ 12:30 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 8:00
Wednesday, November 23 ~ 8:00 to 3:00

Please note ~ if teachers have had conferences both Monday and Tuesday evenings, they will not be available on Wednesday.

We had two very successful field trips this week. The sixth graders went to Outdoor Ed and the seventh graders went to the National Zoo in Washington. We would like to thank all the chaperones who volunteered to attend these trips. We couldn't do it without you!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

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

Thursday, November 3 – National Honor Society Induction

Friday, November 4- End of the first quarter marking period

Monday, November 7 – No School for Students – Professional Day

Tuesday, November 8 – Schools & Offices closed – Election Day

Friday, November 11 – Activity Day

Friday, November 11 – 8th Grade “Lock-In”

Monday Nov. 14 – 18 – American Education Week

Tuesday, November 15 – First Quarter Report Cards Issued

Impact Aid Forms:

Due to the 6th and 7th grade fieldtrips today, the Impact Aid Forms will be distributed with the Thursday folders next week. Please make sure and return the forms to the front office after completion.

Attention 8th grade Parents:

Programs of Study and Scheduling Night at Atholton High School on January 9th from 6:30pm – 9.

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!

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. Look for more information in the WLMS newsletter and to go 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!"

Community News

Jazz at the Lake

The 12th annual Jazz at the Lake concert, set for Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., will feature Mike Rodriguez on trumpet at the Jim Rouse Theatre, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, Md. Rodriguez, who has toured with Quincy Jones, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band and Harry Connick, Jr., has put out three recordings of his jazz- and swing-influenced music, including "Conversations" and his latest, "Mood Swing."

Rodriguez will play with Alex Brown on piano, Zach Brown on bass and Ludwig Afonso on drums. The award-winning Wilde Lake High School Jazz Ensemble will open the show, and perform one piece with the guest artists.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. (Golden Opportunities passes are not valid for this special concert.) Purchase tickets at

<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.venue&venueid=91> or at the door. For more information, contact WildeLakeJazz@gmail.com or 410-997-2070. All proceeds benefit the band program at Wilde Lake.

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.