November 11, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

Congratulations to the following 8^{th} Graders who were recognized Thursday, November 3^{rd} , for induction into the WLMS Honor Society . . .

Amína Aboulhana	Akshíta Alousyes	Ayooluwa Ayoola
Julia Baskett	Amy Batmunkh	Abby Churílla
Maya Classon	Anthony D'Angeli	Alísa Drake
Dustín Eídson	Isabella Elliott	Robert Finegar
Alfred Fisher	Elfreda Frímpong	Samantha Gershuny
Hannah Hinds	Anthony Ho	Lucas Howarth
Summer Hughes	Shomapti Hussain	Michelle Kavka
Keyshawn Kontchou	Jason Kwon	Sophía Leshchyshyn
Ashley Maharaj	Ashley Manzanares	Annika McCormick
Katherine Morris	Tselane Motaung	Liam Nesbitt
Alexander Nguyen	Alexandra Nguyen	Abigail Pisanic
Andre Richmond III	Victoria Sanchez-Benitez	Amaiya Sancho
Matthew Santos	Ashley Squire	Jet Stevenson
Alexis Thaxton	Maurice Thomas	Sam Tyson
Garrett Walsh	Riley Welch	Autumn Wenstrom
Jared Whitney	Alex Wood	Idrís Yahaya

Gloría Yun

The purpose of the WLMS Honor Society is to promote appropriate recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. The Honor Society will complete one or more community service projects in which all of the members are involved. Students may

need to have flexibility to participate in community service projects after school hours. In order to become a member of WLMS Honor Society, you must:

- Be a student at WLMS for at least two quarters prior to the application deadline
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all middle school years
- Have a record of accomplishments in leadership, service, character, and citizenship
- Have minimal, preferably no disciplinary referrals (which will be considered in the decision making process)

The WLMS Honor Society is currently open to all 8th graders who meet the aforementioned criteria.

School Improvement Meeting

We are having our first School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 16th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.</u> Parents are invited to join us!

American Education Week Starts Monday!

Remember that Monday begins "American Education Week". We hope you will stop by to get a glimpse of a day in the life of your "Middle-Schooler". You are welcome and encouraged to join us any day or time during the week.

Parent Teacher Conferences Are Almost Here!

Have you signed up for parent teacher conferences yet? The first round of **parent teacher conferences** will take place on **Monday**, **November 21**st, **Tuesday**, **November 22**nd, **and Wednesday**, **November 23**rd. The window for you to schedule conferences with your student's teachers (You may sign up to meet with a maximum of 4 teachers.) opened **last Friday**, **November 4th** and closes on **Wednesday**, **November 16 at 3PM**. *The HCPSS Connect Parent Conference Registration directions are on our website*. Parents have the option to sign up with a maximum of 4 teachers during this round of conferences. If you need assistance with the process, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Stout, our guidance secretary at 410-313-6960.

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Monday Nov. 14 – 18 – American Education Week Tuesday, November 15 – First Quarter Report Cards Issued Tuesday, November 15 – Flu Clinic Friday, November 18 – Awards Ceremony Monday, November 21 – 3 hour Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, November 22 – 3 hour Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday, November 23 - School closed for students – Parent Teacher Conferences

Attention 8th grade Parents:

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

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 <u>www.giantfood.com/aplus</u> 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:

Teen Opportunities Fair Sat., Nov. 19, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Long Reach High School,6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia MD

Recreation and Parks in partnership with HCPSS, invites you and your student to participate in the Teen Opportunities Fair. This **FREE** event showcases leadership, volunteer and recreational opportunities for 11-17 year olds. Visit more than 50 exhibitors and explore the great things to do in Howard County. Win great door prizes, try hands-on activities and connect with unique organizations. For more information, or to become an exhibitor, please contact Holly Harden at hharden@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-4625.

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