

November 13, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

We had a terrific week! The highlight was welcoming author Ms. Ji-li Jiang to WLMS. Ms. Jiang came to speak with our sixth grade students, who have all read her wonderful book, Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution in their English Language Arts (ELA) classes. Ms. Jiang presented a slideshow of her life to an audience of very intrigued sixth graders. Leading up to this presentation, sixth graders researched the events that lead to the Chinese Civil War, studied and created their own propaganda, and discussed what life was like for individuals struggling under oppressive government policies. Thank you Mrs. Rawlings for coordinating this authentic learning opportunity for our students!

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 this week.

Also . . . Have you signed up for parent teacher conferences yet? Synergy Conference Management opened on Tuesday morning, and will stay open through next Friday, November 20th at 12:00 noon. All parents are encouraged to participate by logging into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. Parents will 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.

Sincerely,

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates

November 12 – Online Bookfair Begins

November 13 – World Kindness Day

November 16 – JROTC visit 8th grade students

November 20 – Award Recognition Assemblies

November 23 – Three Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 24 – Three Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 25 – No School for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Parents of 8th Grade Geometry GT Students:

The Algebra 1 PARCC Test Results (for 2014-15 School Year) will go home today with your student.

The remaining 2014-15 PARCC (Mathematics and English-Language Arts) Test Results will go home with students on December 14th (the same day as Quarter 2 Interim Reports).

Time Capsule Guardians

Congratulations to WLMS Howard County Library Time Capsule Guardians: Oluwaseun Adeyeye, Juliana Baglione, Evan Bickel, Tatyana Cruz, Rehana Diallo, Marleigh Fields, Leo Fisher, Alex Horn, Anisha Narasimhan, Shelby Powell, Bella Saunders, Beza Solomon, Alexander Wood. Our school is well represented!

Book Fair

WLMS will hold a Scholastic Book Fair during American Education week and parent/teacher conference week (November 16th - November 25th). Students will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair during the school days between November 16th through the 18th. Sales will be open to students during the school day during lunches beginning on the 18th as well as during afternoon and evening conference times.

Parents are invited now through December 1st to shop online as well:

<http://tinyurl.com/wildelakebookfair>

Mrs. Russo is in need of volunteers to assist with setting up and decorating the book fair, sales, and clean up. All volunteers receive a 10% discount at the fair. Please feel free to send her an email with any questions sarah_russo@hcpss.org.

You may sign up at the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/wlmsbookvolunteer2015>

Student Absences

Call the Guidance Office (410) 313-6960 to report your child's absence.

Please remember that a written note from the parent/guardian is required within two school days, or the absence will be recorded as a "truancy" (not excused).

Agenda Books

Parents, please remember the importance of the Agenda Book. It is a valuable communication tool between student, teacher and parent. If your child has lost their Agenda Book, they need to purchase another for \$5.00 from the guidance office.

Update: Flumist Clinic at WLMS

WLMS is now scheduled to hold its FluMist clinic on **Thursday, December 3rd**!

IF you have already completed and returned a consent form for your child **and** we have not heard from you, your child **will** receive the FluMist on December 3rd.

IF you have already sent in your child's consent form but he or she has received the vaccine elsewhere **please notify the WLMS health room ASAP at 410-313-6957** to inform and avoid your child receiving a second vaccine.

IF you would like to have your student receive the FluMist and have not sent in a completed consent form please call the WLMS health room to request one be sent home with your student or you may stop by the school to complete.

WE MUST HAVE ALL CONSENT FORMS IN BY NOVEMBER 20TH!!

Important things to know about influenza ("the flu") and the FluMist:

- The flu is a serious illness. The best way to prevent the flu is through immunization.
- Most cases of the flu usually happen in February so **December and January is not too late to be vaccinated; HOWEVER.....**
- You may be able to get injectable or intranasal vaccine now at your child's doctor's office or community immunizers like pharmacies.
- If your child gets a flu vaccination or any other type of immunization between now and the school flu clinic, and you have previously consented to have your child vaccinated at school, please alert your school nurse at **410-313-6957**.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation with the delay in FluMist administration. Please contact the health room if you have any questions.
Thank you!

Navigating Technology with your Child

The AACR Parent Academy is holding a session on Saturday, November 21 at Long Reach High School from 10:00am – 11:15am. Information shared will be on Navigating Technology with your Child. For more information please see the attached flyer.

PTSA Notice:

Don't shoot the messenger, but the fact is we've only raised about a third of what we need to get us through the year. I know not everyone could give at the beginning of the year because so here's yet another FUN fundraising opportunity. I'm calling it the **"Flash Fundraiser"** because for **ONE WEEK ONLY starting Friday, Nov. 13th through Nov. 19th** :

- **For a minimum donation of \$5** – your name will be entered into a raffle to win one of two **turkey hats**. Winners will be allowed to proudly wear their turkey hats during the annual Turkey Trot AND during the school day for the entire week of Nov. 23rd through Nov. 25th.



- **For a minimum donation of \$25** – your name will be entered into a raffle to win a pack of four (4) AMC golden movie tickets to go see the movie of your choice.

To participate, place your donation in an envelope labeled “WLMS PTSA” with your student’s name and homeroom teacher and turn the envelope in at the front office. If you want to donate more than \$5, and prefer to participate in the Turkey Hat raffle, you can put that on the envelope as well. Donations of \$25 or greater may also be made online at <http://www.gotigersharks.com/donate.html>.

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Community Notices

Fair Housing Poster Contest

The 2017 Fair Housing Poster Contest is seeking entries from children between kindergarten and 8th grade.

Here are the details:

Pizza party for all participants (hosted by HCAR) and the winner receives a gift card and plaque during the Recognition Ceremony at the Annapolis State House with the Governor or other state officials.

Theme: Dreams Come True With Fair Housing

Submission date: February 12, 2016

Submission location: 5501 Twin Knolls Road, Ste. 111 Columbia, MD 21045.

If you would like your child to participate, contact HCAR at (410) 715-1437.

Parenting in the Digital Age

The Howard County Family Institute is presenting a program entitled Parenting in the Digital Age. It will be held on Thursday, November 19th from 6:30 – 8:15pm at the Bain 50+ Center. See the attached PDF for more information.

Howard County Commission for Women

5th Feminine Hygiene Products Drive, now until the end of November.

www.howardcountymd.gov/cfw.htm 410-313-6400.

Firn Foundation

Adopt a family for Thanksgiving

Every year, foreign-born families in need apply to receive items for FIRN’s Thanksgiving and Holiday program. If you are interested in adopting a family, please call Kristin Lilly at FIRN at 443-276-3166

Healing Dimensions Foundation Offers Stressless Tests

Stressless Tests Fall Study Skills Courses and Online Classes are offered by the Healing

Dimensions Foundation. Classroom based high school classes meet for four weeks, beginning Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, at Centennial High School. Four-week classroom based Middle School classes start Monday evening, Nov. 16 at Burleigh Manor Middle School. The Online Middle School class starts November 17. For more information, email Bcaldwell202@gmail.com or www.stresslesstests.org.

Howard County Conservancy

FREE PROGRAM Spotting Wildlife in Winter, Sat., **Nov. 14**, 10 a.m. Check website in event of inclement weather. For more information or to sign up for this program, please visit: <http://hiconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html>

University of Maryland

Women in Engineering Program, registration is currently available for the fall 2015 Keys to Empowering Youth. It will be held on **Nov. 14**, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., University of Maryland. For further information about this program, please contact Dawn Ginnett at dginnett@umd.edu or 301-405-0315

Food on the 15th

The next delivery is Sat., **Nov. 14**, 1 p.m. in Ellicott City. Food on the 15th is providing non-perishable groceries to 31 low-income senior citizens, and has about 10 volunteer spots available for students who need community service hours. To volunteer, please e-mail us at foodonthe15th@gmail.com.

Howard County Conservancy

Miracle pond, Sun., **Nov. 15**, 4 p.m. Take a journey of nature discovery with Indoor event, Rain or shine, \$5/person; \$10/family. For more information or to sign up for this program, please visit: <http://www.hiconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html>.