

November 20, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

Today, we celebrated the accomplishments and success of our students during the “First Quarter WLMS Recognition and Awards Ceremonies”. A separate assembly was held for each grade level. The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee worked feverishly to make this special ceremony possible. This year, we are pleased to expand recognitions to celebrate a larger number of students than was possible during the “Straight A Breakfasts” of past years. Today, students enjoyed good music, a special iMovie about our WLMS Peer Leadership Group, the excitement of hearing names of classmates being recognized, lots of applause, and tons of “Tiger Shark Spirit”. (Do not fret if your child did not receive an award today, he/she has three more opportunities this year.) Here is a synopsis of the event:

6th Grade:

40 Students – Principal’s Honor Roll – All A’s
61 Students – Gold Honor Roll – All A’s and B’s or 3.0 or higher grade point average
23 Students – Silver Honor Roll – A’s, B’s, and one C with a 3.0 or higher grade point average

7th Grade:

23 Students – Principal’s Honor Roll – All A’s
64 Students – Gold Honor Roll – All A’s and B’s or 3.0 or higher grade point average
23 Students – Silver Honor Roll – A’s, B’s, and one C with a 3.0 or higher grade point average

8th Grade:

15 Students – Principal’s Honor Roll – All A’s
56 Students – Gold Honor Roll – All A’s and B’s or 3.0 or higher grade point average
26 Students – Silver Honor Roll – A’s, B’s, and one C with a 3.0 or higher grade point average

(The names of all “Quarter One Honor Roll Students” are proudly displayed in our school’s front lobby.)

Students in each grade level were also chosen to receive a certificate for the following awards: *Citizenship, Starting Strong/Most Improved, Spotlight, Students of the Month, Positive Office Referral Recipients*

Due to the new format, we did not send personal invitations to parents to attend the recognition ceremony today. (We wanted to make sure the process first ran smoothly with the students.) It is our hope to send parent invitations in the future.

In Other News . . .

School Improvement Plan - SIP (in-a-flash)

The mini version of WLMS' School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been posted on our website. Be sure to take a look under the tab, ABOUT. Our next School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting will take place on **Wednesday, December 2nd from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Parents are invited to join us!

Congratulations to the Related Arts Team for winning the PTSA Challenge! They had the largest percentage of staff members join the WLMS PTSA. These lucky staff members will enjoy delicious egg rolls compliments of our PTSA President, Mrs. Van Doan. YUMMY!

Have a terrific weekend! See you at parent teacher conferences next week.

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates

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
December 3 – Flu Mist Clinic 8:30 – 12:00
December 4 – Winter Band Concert – WLMS 7:00pm
December 11 – High Schools visit 8th graders
December 11 & 12 – Drama Production
December 14 – Winter Chorus Concert – WLMS 7:00pm

Congratulations

Congratulations to 8th Grade Students, **Soo In Cho & Ellie Meeks**, for being selected to participate in the HCPSS GT Band Concert on January 24th at River Hill High School!

FluMist Clinic ALERT

We will be conducting our **FluMist Clinic on Thursday, December 3rd** here at WLMS. If you have gotten your child vaccinated outside of school and already sent your consent to school, please notify the Health Room **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** ! Please call **410-313-6957** or email **Annette_Grzybinski@hcpss.org**, to remove your child from the list of students scheduled to receive the vaccine so that your child is not vaccinated twice. Thank you!

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>

Annual Tree Sale

Atholton Athletic Boosters will be having our annual tree sale during the first 2 weekends of December. We will have a variety of Douglas and Fraser firs. All of the proceeds will benefit the students of Atholton High School. The sale is at Atholton High School (6520 Freetown Rd, Columbia, MD 21044).

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.

Community Notices

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

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.

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.

Howard County Government

Teen Opportunities Fair, Sat., **Nov. 21**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Ellicott Mills Middle 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

Candlelight Concert

Hermitage Piano Trio Sat., **Nov. 21**, 8 p.m., Smith Theatre, Columbia, MD. All-Russian program featuring works by Shostakovich, Arensky, and Rachmaninov. A Pre-Concert Reception with Zakuski (traditional Russian appetizers), 6:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324 Ages 9-18 admitted FREE with paid adult / HCPSS staff discount available.

Columbia Association

Movie Night, ages 4+, Sat., **Nov. 21**, 6-9 p.m., KidSpace/PPP Mbrs \$10 per child, \$16 per family Columbia Cardholder, \$12 per child, \$18 per family. Non-Mbrs , \$14 per child, \$20 per family. www.columbiaassociation.org/kidspace

St. Louis Church

Honor Veterans- American Heritage Girls Troop wreath sales to raise funds to support Wreaths Across America and their troop operations. Wreaths are on sale throughout the month of Nov. online at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org. Each wreath costs \$15.00. For more information please contact Jennifer Korkosz at 505-918-1582.

Candlelight Concerts

CandleKids: The Emperor's Nightingale, Sun., **Nov. 22**, 2 & 4 p.m.
Smith Theatre – Columbia, MD Theatre IV's musical theater adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of love and forgiveness. For more information and to purchase tickets www.candlelightconcert.org 410-997-2324

Glen Mar United Methodist Church

Walk to Bethlehem, Fri., Sat. and Sun., **Dec. 4, 5 and 6** at the church, 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City. Drop in anytime between 5 and 8 p.m. for this free event. For more information, visit <http://glenmarumc.org/gmcevents/wtb/> or call 410-465-4995 ext. 204.

Oakland Mills Community Association

Jazz in the Mills is proud to present the Holiday Extravaganza featuring Lori Williams on Sun., **Dec. 6**, 5-8 p.m. at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. "Light fare" will be included. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25 at The Other Barn or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1316398 or call 301-596-5128 or 410-730-4610; manager@oaklandmills.org.

Oakland Mills Village Center

Decorate Your Own Gingerbread House **Dec. 9**, 6:30 p.m., The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, All supplies will be provided and you will be able to take your decorated house home at the end of the evening.

Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased at The Other Barn beginning Nov. 4-Dec. 2nd.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Limited spaces are available.

For more information, please contact Brigitta Warren at 410-730-4610 or events@oaklands.org

Columbia Association

Holiday Breakfast, all ages, Pre-registration required. Sat, **Dec. 19**, 9:30-11 a.m., KidSpace/PPP Mbrs, \$10 per family Columbia Cardholder, \$12 per family, Non-Mbrs, \$14 per family. Enjoy our multicultural holiday breakfast, music, holiday stories, arts and crafts and more.

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Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center offers a variety of Art Classes for children of all ages. 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.

Columbia Association

Columbia Art Center, Artsy Fun Day. The first one will be held on Mon., **Nov. 25**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Art lesson begins at 9:30 a.m. and finishes at 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center offers a wide variety of Art Classes for portfolio development. Portfolio Series with Alina Poroshina for grades 8-12 Observational Art From Leonardo Da Vinci, Saturday, **Nov. 21**, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Drape and Texture: Graphite Drawing Sat., Dec. 5, 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. 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.

SPORTS**4th Quarter**

Spring after school leadership program at Bonnie Branch and Elkridge Landing Middle School (Spring registration ends March 1, 2016). The Fourth Quarter uses fitness and touch football to tackle these MAJOR community issues: 1. Lack of focus 2. Experimentation with drugs and alcohol 3. Childhood obesity 4. Failing to reach ones leadership potential. Become apart of the 4th Quarter TEAM by downloading a 4th Quarter Spring registration form at the4thqtr.org or jguy@the4thqtr.org

Savage Boys and Girls Club

Is accepting registrations for boys and girls ages 7-17 for its recreation basketball program for the 2015-16 season. Visit www.savagebgc.org for more information.