

November 4, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

It is hard to believe that we have completed one quarter of the school year. Today marks the end of the first marking period. November offers a “Cornucopia” of opportunities for us to connect about your child’s first quarter progress.

On Tuesday, November 15th, first quarter report cards will go home with students.

During the week of November 14-18, Wilde Lake Middle will join schools across the nation in celebrating “American Education Week”. The WLMS Staff cordially invites you to come out and visit your child at Wilde Lake and gain a snapshot of how he/she operates in his/her instructional setting. Please mark your calendars! You are welcome and encouraged to join us any day or time during this week.

REMINDER: The first round of **parent teacher conferences** will take place on **Monday, November 21st, Tuesday, November 22nd, and Wednesday, November 23rd**. 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 **TODAY at 8AM** and closes on **Wednesday, November 16 at 3PM**. *The HCPSS Connect Parent Conference Registration directions are attached.* If you need assistance, please contact the Student Services Office at 410-313-6960.

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

It is imperative, for the safety of your children, that you complete the Emergency Card/Family File and you can assess this by going onto <http://www.hcpss.org/connect>. The deadline for submission is November 18.

Have a terrific weekend!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

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
Tuesday, November 15 – Flu Clinic

Impact Aid Forms:

Impact Aid Forms were distributed with the Thursday folders this 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 will be accepted until Wednesday, November 9th.

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

REMINDER - Flu Clinic at WLMS – Tuesday November 15th

Next week, November 15th, is the WLMS Flu Clinic for those students who sent in consents. This year the vaccine is an actual **injection in the arm**, please have your student wear short sleeves if possible and discuss it with them so they know what to expect. If your student is highly anxious and/or extremely hesitant to receive the injection that day, they will not be vaccinated. Notes will be sent home as to whether your child received the vaccine or not.

IF YOU HAVE SENT IN A SIGNED CONSENT, BUT YOUR CHILD HAS SINCE HAD A FLU SHOT ELSEWHERE, please notify the school nurse or health assistant at 410-313-6957. Please do not give this information to your child's teacher, as they no longer have the consents and don't have control of the roster for that day. Thank you for your attention.

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:

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 harden@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-4625.

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.