

December 2, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

December is finally here and your children only have 13 more school days to be students in our current building. **This is reminder that school will be closed for WLMS Students on Thursday, December 22nd and Friday, December 23rd so that staff can prepare new classrooms for instruction.**

Here is the list of special events occurring as we begin our official transition to the Net Zero WLMS Building:

- **Monday, December 12th –**
 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. – Community “Open House” to say “Good-bye” to our current building. ***This event is OPEN to ALL students, staff, parents, & community.*** (See attached flyer)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Farewell Music Concert featuring the WLMS Band, Strings & Chorus ***This event is reserved for music students, staff, & their proud parents.***
- **Monday, January 2nd – First Student Day in the “New Net-Zero WLMS Building”
*Students Only, Please!***
- **Sunday, January 8th –**
 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – **Ribbon Cutting & Community Open House - *This event is OPEN to ALL students, staff, parents, & community.*** (See attached flyer).

On December 19, 20, & 21, students will have an opportunity to visit their new classrooms, tour the building, & open their new lockers during the school day. We are excited! More information to follow.

The WLMS Staff would like to thank our PTSA and all parents who contributed for serving a delicious dinner during evening parent teacher conferences! Thank you, Mrs. Churilla, for coordinating the feast. Our parents are the best!

Mrs. Spiro would like to acknowledge the following students who auditioned for All State Orchestra:

Maya Classon
Jason Kwon
Thomas McCoy
Alexandra Nguyen

Congratulations to Alexander Nguyen for being selected to be part of the All State Orchestra!

Anne Swartz, Lexi Couch, Denise Young, James McVey

Important Dates:

Friday, December 9 – 7:00pm – Drama Production “No Strings Attached”
Saturday, December 10 – 7:00 pm – Drama Production “No Strings Attached”
Monday, December 12 – 4:00 – 5:30 – WLMS Community Open House
Monday, December 12 – 7:00pm – Winter Band, Chorus and Orchestra Concert
Thursday, December 15 – 8th grade Students meeting with WLHS or AHS Administration
Friday, December 16 – GOTCHA Store during lunch shifts
Wednesday, December 21 – Second Quarter Interim Reports Issued
Thursday, December 22 – No school for students – Staff moving to our new building
Friday, December 23 – No school for students – staff moving into new building

8th grade dates to remember:

Atholton High School - 410-313-7065
Programs of Study and Scheduling Night
Monday, January 9, 2017
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Wilde Lake High School - 410-313-6965
Scheduling and Orientation Night
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Hour of Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning **how** technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science.

That’s why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 5-11). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Wilde Lake Middle School is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, share the news on social media channels and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Columbia. Parents and Students can access coding tutorials and more resources on their Wilde Lake Student Resources

Course in Canvas, and at www.hourofcode.com/us

Attention: Date change for the 2016 WLMS Spelling Bee. The spelling bee is being rescheduled to January 17, 2016!! We encourage any students interested in participating in this fun event to register using this link:

https://

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_c6cxvhAWDmvEzwnJBWU3Piut6JxCDP_wTSX_y5dMMX0ZQ/viewform?c=0&w=1

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 **January 17, 2017** at 7 pm we will hold the spelling bee in the Media Center. You go to [gowww.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com)<<http://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!

WLMS Commemorative T Shirts

Dear WLMS families,

To celebrate the grand opening of our new school and the school's history as being Howard County's oldest middle school, a special t-shirt has been created to mark this momentous event!

Please see the attached informational flyer and order form to order yours to be worn proudly at the ribbon cutting ceremony and for many years after that! Samples of the t-shirts are hanging in the front office if you'd like to take a look at them. Order forms will also be available in the front office! This sale ends December 14th!

If you have any questions about the sale or the shirts, please feel free to contact Teresa Johnston at TeresaA850@aol.com

Thanks you for supporting our school!

Note from Clemens Crossing Elementary:

The PTA at Clemens Crossing is sponsoring a HOLIDAY SHOP on December 7 – 9, 2016, from 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the music room. Students will be able to purchase gifts to surprise their friends and family. Volunteers will assist children with shopping and purchasing gifts with kid-friendly pricing ranging from \$.25 – \$12.00, while parents and guardians remain in the hall. (Please note we are unable to accept credit cards or checks for this event, so children will need to bring cash to make purchases.)

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or know of a child who is 12 or older and would like to volunteer for service hours to help the children shop, please use the following link to sign up for a time slot:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094ca9ad2da5fc1-cces>