

February 26, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

This was our first full week of school since early January, and it was nice to get back into the instructional groove!

Winter Reading and Math MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) reports were distributed to all students today. Please ask your child for their report. We are pleased to share that the majority of our students either increased their scores from the fall or they scored in the 90th percentile or above on both the Fall and Winter MAP. MAP is one of many data points we use to measure students' academic success. Students will take the Spring MAP in May.

School Wide Breakfast Program – Coming March 7th! - This week, the HCPSS Food & Nutrition Office shared with us that Wilde Lake Middle School is now eligible to participate in a school wide breakfast program as determined by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). *What does this mean?* **Beginning on Monday, March 7th, all WLMS students may receive a free breakfast every day.** We are quickly working out the logistics to roll out this new program by a week from Monday. We will be sharing these logistics with students during the “WLMS Eye Opener TV Broadcasts” next week. Stay tuned for more details in next Friday’s newsletter.

See you this evening at the Soul Food Feast!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Alexia Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important March Dates:

Friday, March 4 – GOTCHA store during lunch shifts

Wednesday, March 9 – Dental Clinic

Friday, March 11 – Interim Reports Issued

Monday, March 14 – Spring Student Pictures

Monday, March 14 – Chamber Orchestra Assessment

Tuesday-Thursday, March 15-17 – 8th grade MSA Science Testing

Wednesday, March 16 – Orchestra Assessment

Wednesday, March 16 – SIT Meeting

Thursday, March 17 – Symphonic Band Assessment

Friday, March 18 – Wind Ensemble Assessment

Monday, March 21 – Middle School Debate

Friday, March 25 – Sunday, April 3 – Spring Break

Outdoor Ed Information:

Attention 6th grade parents! Please remember to turn in money and paperwork for outdoor education. Everything is due by March 16th. If you need a new packet, it is on the website, or your child can come ask Ms. Vernon for a new one. Financial assistance is available to those that need it; please let Ms. Vernon know.

As a reminder, chaperone decisions will not be made until late March or early April as we need to know exactly how many chaperones will be needed. Please continue to let Ms. Vernon know if you are interested in helping. Chaperones will be chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WLMS Booster Information:

The next booster meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8 in the Media Center at 6:30pm. In the meantime, please consider taking on a booster officer position next year. Without willing volunteers to step up, the boosters (and support for our performing arts groups) will be NO MORE. We are losing many, many officers to HS next year (including President and Secretary). Attached are the officer position descriptions. Please let me know if you are interested in one of the positions. I encourage those of you who know families coming to WLMS next year to recruit them into positions as well. The boosters have been able to provide the performing arts program with much needed additional equipment and music that the county can not simply afford to provide. Please support our children and teachers and step up to volunteer! WE NEED YOU! See the attached flier for Booster Officers and Duties.

Thank you for volunteering!!

Community Information

Coffee and Conversation:

The next Coffee and Conversation with the Board of Education will be held Thursday, March 17 at Dunloggin Middle School. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Guilford Elementary is hosting their first ever 5k and 1 mile fun run on March 19th. We are working to help our 5th grade students pay for their yearly field trip while also promoting a sense of community and overall health and wellness. Please check out their website if you are interested.
www.guilfordpta.com/5k2016

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale. Sat. March 12, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. To reserve a space email fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com or call 410.489.5799. This is a fundraiser for local charity sponsored by the FQMS Leo Club and PTA. Volunteers needed for this event may also contact fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com