

March 11, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

Our first week of the “School Wide Breakfast Program” and new morning routine were very successful! We are proud of our students for their flexibility and responsibility with this change. We have also noticed that more and more students decided to eat breakfast at school as the week progressed. For breakfast, the menu is not fixed, like lunches. Here is the general plan from food services . . . On Monday and Friday, students will be given Cinnamon Toast Crunch or Frosted Flakes cereal. On Tuesday/Thursday, the choices may be egg and cheese sandwiches, mini waffles, French toast squares, egg and turkey sausage boats, or mini pancakes (hot), and on Wednesday the selection may include mini bagels (cinnamon or strawberry). Items could vary.

With the beautiful spring like weather, we ask your support in reminding students to “Dress for Success” at WLMS ...All shorts and skirts must be finger-tip length. Clothing exposing belly buttons, tank tops, crop tops, halter tops, single arm tops, spaghetti straps and muscle skirts should not be worn. We recommend that students wear closed toe shoes or sandals. Headwear, hats, bandannas, sweatbands, and sunglasses should be left at home. Bra straps and undergarments should not be exposed. Thank you!

Congratulations to 6th grader, Xander Hartgrove! Xander qualifies as a **2016 Recognized Carson Scholar**. This is his third year of being recognized for his continued academic success and exemplary humanitarian qualities. Xander will be recognized for his achievements on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, MD at the Carson Scholars Fund 20th Annual Awards Ceremony. Way to go, Xander!

You are invited to join us at our next School Improvement Plan (SIP) Meeting on **Wednesday, March 23rd from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NEW DATE CHANGE!) We love to have parent and community involvement in our larger school planning process!

Notice for eighth grade parents...the 8th graders will be taking the Science MSA on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23rd. Please refrain from early dismissals if at all possible so they won't have to make up the test. Thank you for your assistance.

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Important March Dates:

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
Thursday, March 17 – Coffee & Conversation with Board of Education
Thursday, March 17 – Symphonic Band Assessment
Friday, March 18 – Wind Ensemble Assessment
Monday, March 21 – Middle School Debate
Wednesday, March 23 – SIP Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Friday, March 25 – Sunday, April 3 – Spring Break

7th Grade Medieval Times Fieldtrip – May 6th

The money for Medieval Times is due April 4th (when we return from Spring Break). Permission slips are available in homeroom and the front office and the cost is \$50. We are already at our max for parent chaperones.

Community Information

Military Information Night

The Howard County Public Schools Military Information Night will be held at River Hill High School on Thursday, March 17, 6pm-9pm. Attached please find the list of participating institutions and the schedule for the Media Center presentations.

River Hill High School Yard Sale

RHHS is holding a yard sale on April 16th and is looking for vendors. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Atholton High PTSA

The Atholton High School PTSA is starting to plan for next school year. We have numerous vacancies to fill!! Please consider helping the PTSA - we depend on our parent volunteers to help us be successful. Vacancies may include some or all of the following: **Treasurer, 1st and 2nd VP, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Staff Appreciation, Volunteer Coordinator, Post Prom Party, and Driver's Ed and SAT Prep.** If you are interested in any of these positions, please email president@atholtonptsa.org. We would love to tell you more about the volunteer opportunities and how you can contribute to the success of the AHS PTSA Community! Please contact President@atholtonptsa.org or call Lesley Ahmuty 240-354-9000.

Glenelg High School PTSA

GHS PTSA is holding our yearly Bingo Fundraiser. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Guilford Elementary School

Guilford is hosting our first ever 5k and 1mile 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. For more information go to: www.guilfordpta.com/5k2016

McDaniel College

smartTALK, conversation with Jody Zepp, 2015 Maryland Teacher of the Year, led by Roger Casey, Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m., Decker Center Forum, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD. Admission is FREE. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., for more information call 410-857-2290.

Howard County Library - The schematic design for the Central Branch is completed and the schedule finalized.

The Central Branch renovation will be completed in three phases. Two of the three phases of work will be limited to former administrative areas, allowing the branch to stay open to the public. The final phase will require the branch to close for three months (see below), as renovations will impact public areas. Highlights of the completed renovations include:

- a greatly expanded Children's classroom
- a dedicated Project Literacy space that more than triples its former size
- a STEM classroom
- updated finishes and much needed new carpet throughout the branch

Anticipated closing : April 1 – June 30, 2016 (some work will be accomplished while the branch is open – e.g., lower level, Project Literacy area)

University of MD College Park -- TERP DISCOVERY PROGRAM

For 7th and 8th grade students, the summer of 2016 is your opportunity to participate in the exciting, two-week summer program, Terp Discovery. From July 17-29th, attend courses taught by UMD faculty, engage with new ideas, discover career opportunities, acquire new skills and knowledge, and enjoy an early exploration of campus life at UMD.

Courses offered:

Public Speaking and Debate
MTech Ventures -- Designing Your Own Business
Exploring Architecture
Animal Biology
Modern Medicine

Applications are now being accepted through June 11th.
Scholarships are available. For information go to: discovery.umd.edu or
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