

March 17, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

March has been a busy month. With the hectic pace leading up to “Spring Break”, the following article reminds us to take a step back and look at our students in a holistic manner. Take a look at what this author says are the **Top 10 Social Emotional Skills for Middle School Students** ...

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2016/02/29/top-10-skills-middle-school-students-need-to-thrive-and-how-parents-can-help/>

We are pleased to announce two new after school intramural opportunities for our students this spring. Ms. Couch, assistant principal, is offering a SeaPerch Workshop. “SeaPerch” is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Ms. Chiarella, physical education teacher, will facilitate a “WLMS Running Club”. The club is open to all Wilde Lake Students who want to learn how to run faster, farther, or who just want to get ready for “Field Day” in mid May. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. Registration forms are attached.

Congratulations to sixth grade student, **Judson Lincoln**! Judson won the AAU National Indoor Track High Jump Championship Age 12 Division this past weekend, as well as finishing 19th in the 200M and 12th in the 400M. He set a new personal record in the 400M with a time of 64.85 seconds. We are proud of you, Judson!

REMINDER: 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.** We love to have parent and community involvement in our larger school planning process!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Alexia Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates:

Monday, March 21 – Middle School Debate

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Wednesday, March 23 – SIP Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday, April 6 – 8th gr French Fieldtrip

Friday, April 8 – End of 3rd quarter

Friday, April 8 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal

Attention 6th Grade Students and Parents!

This is your last reminder to turn in any outstanding paperwork to Mrs. Vernon by Monday, March 21st. Everything is already past due, and cabins are being created. Please email Mrs. Vernon at jackie_vernon@hcpss.org if you have any questions. Parents that have asked to be chaperones will be informed as soon as we have our final numbers and the cabins are created.

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.

8th grade Project Showcase

Come to the 8th Grade Project Showcase on Monday night, March 21st from 6-7:30 pm in the cafeteria! On display will be GT science projects and NHD projects, Newton's Laws posters, propeller cars, Rube Goldberg machines, and others! Come see your student's hard work!"

Community News:

Come join **Wilde Lake High School's** players for a great night of island music. The first annual HoCo Panorama features the steel drum bands from Centennial and Wilde Lake high schools. There will be performances by both ensembles and then both bands will perform together for the largest steel drum band ever heard in Howard County! The date is Monday, March 21st at 7:30pm in the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. Admission is free.

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.

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.

Glenelg High School PTSA

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

Community-wide day of service: J-Serve, a Jewish youth movement (www.jewishhowardcounty.org/bbyo) is sponsoring these upcoming events:

J-Serve Howard County 8th-12th Grade event:

J-Serve Howard County is the premier community service experience for Jewish teens in Howard County. Teen leaders have put together a program that goes beyond the 'typical' community service event: we'll be exploring complex social issues alongside professional activists, and strategizing ways to pursue justice in our community. The event is on Sunday, April 10th, 4:30-7:30 PM, at Temple Isaiah in Fulton, MD. Register by Friday, March 25th at bbyo.org/jservehoco. \$10 covers dinner and a t-shirt. For more information, contact BBYO in Howard County Regional Director Jonah Potasznik at jpotasznik@bbyo.org.

J-Serve Howard County 6th & 7th Grade project:

Calling all Jewish 6th and 7th graders! You're invited to Howard County's first ever inter-generational Tech Café, a J-Serve Howard County project *exclusive* to 6th and 7th grade students. Join us on Sunday, April 10th, 2:00-3:30 PM, at Howard County Library East Columbia Branch (6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045). Have a blast with senior citizens and help them use their electronic devices. Snacks will be provided! This event is free; register by Friday, March 25th at tinyurl.com/jserve67.