

Friday, October 2, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

Happy October! It was a busy week at "The Lake". The highlight was a special assembly just for eighth grade students. Mr. Cliff Crosby, former professional football player and Super Bowl Champion, spoke with students about the importance of setting and acting on goals. He reinforced how the decisions we make today can impact the future. We think Mr. Crosby's charismatic and honest message made an impression on our oldest WLMS Students.

Your student may have come home yesterday feeling that he/she could breath a little more easily between classes. Based on feedback from parents and PTA, we have increased the transition time between classes from two to three minutes. This small change seems to be making a big difference, especially for our students who travel from "The Villa" for one class, and then on to the other side of the building for their next class.

We encourage you to continue communicating with us if you have suggestions or concerns. Our goal is to make WLMS a safe, purposeful, comfortable, and challenging learning environment. We can only make this happen for our students if we partner together.

Have an enjoyable & safe weekend!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates

October 7 – Interim Reports issued
October 9 – GOTCHA store during lunch shifts
October 10 – Saturday Drama Rehearsal
October 12 – FACS Financial Literacy Fieldtrip
October 13 – Booster Meeting 6:30pm
October 13 – PTSA Meeting 7:00pm
October 15 – Hat Day (MAP testing incentive)
October 15 – Zombie Run

WLMS Honor Society Applications Due October 8, 2015

Applications to become a member of the WLMS Honor Society were distributed to the qualified applicants on Monday, September 28, 2015. The application must be completed properly and submitted with two teacher recommendations by the application deadline, October 8, 2015.

The purpose of our Honor Society is to recognize students who have demonstrated the qualities of knowledge, leadership, service, citizenship, and character and encourage them to continue to develop these characteristics. In order to become a WLMS Honor Society member, you need to be an eighth grader with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. You must have attended WLMS for two quarters prior to the application deadline, and not have any serious disciplinary referrals. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Baldwin.

FluMist at WLMS

WLMS will be holding its 2nd annual **FluMist** clinic here on Tuesday, October 20th. Consent forms will be sent home the week of October 5th.

If you would like your child to receive the FluMist, please complete, sign and return your child's consent form by **Thursday, October 15th**.

Please be sure to read the cover letter from the HC Health Department and complete the entire consent form. Be sure to answer **every** question (1 – 11). If any questions are left unanswered or there is not a parent/guardian signature on the consent, the form will be returned to you for completion.

If you have questions regarding vaccination, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-6957.

Community News

Oakland Mills Community Center

Fall Festival, Sat., **Oct. 3**, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors - rain or shine - to a festival where admission and fun is always free. For schedule of events and details, call 410-730-4610 or visit www.oaklandmills.org.

Robinson Nature Center

Scope out The Night Sky, Sat., **Oct. 3**, 6:30- 9:30 p.m., 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD.

Preregistration is highly encouraged to save your family's spot. Call 410-313-0400 to www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCprograms.htm Contact: 410-313-0400

Sundays At Three

Chamber Music Series begins its 19th year of concerts with the Kobayashi/Gray Duo. The internationally distinguished violin and piano team will perform music by Beethoven, Dvorak, Debussy, Piazzolla, and three pieces by little known women composers, Rosalind Ellicott, Emilie Mayer and Marie Clémence de Grandval. Sun., **Oct. 4**, 2015, 3:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 6800

Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia. Adults \$15. Age 17 and under admitted free with an adult. www.SundaysAtThree.org or 443-288-3179.

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue

Fire Prevention week, Sat. **Oct. 10**, 12-2 p.m., the Mall in Columbia. More information www.hcdfrs.org

Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department

Open House, **Oct. 10**, 1-4 p.m. 4150 Montgomery Road.

Columbia Association

The Columbia Art Center is offering Figure Drawing for Teens. Tues., 5-7 p.m., starting **Oct. 13**. Draw from live models. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Champions Against Cancer

Golf Classic, Mon., **Oct. 19**,. Champions Against Cancer Inc. is a Howard County based charity established to provide financial support and resources to the children and families of those effected with Cancer in Howard county. This first annual golf classic at Hobbit's Glen Golf Club will tee off at 10 a.m., and will raise funds to offer scholarships to seniors in the HCPSS. You can support this charity by sponsoring this Golf event and/or by golfing for as little as \$200. Contact David Borucki with questions at 410-977-0160 or register at: www.champsagainstcancer.org.