



Greetings Wilde Lake Middle!

August 28, 2015

Thank you for contributing to a great first week of school at "The Lake"! Our students have quickly learned their new schedules, new locker combinations, and new learning routines. We are especially pleased with how well the sixth graders and all new students are adjusting. Way to go!

Please be aware that we will be reviewing student/class schedules carefully in the next week to double check that all students have been placed in the correct classes. We will also be looking to even out larger class sizes. Our goal is to have all class/schedule changes complete by September 8<sup>th</sup>.

This week, the administration facilitated a "Town Hall Meeting" with each grade level to review important policies and expectations. Here are a few of the topics we discussed with our students . . .

- **Expected hallway behaviors** (Reasonable voice, moving safely, right side of the hallway, hands to self)
- **We "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 and muscle shirts should not be worn, Deodorant Use is Appreciated. 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.
- **Bring Your Own Device Guidelines** – Students assume full responsibility for their own technology devices. Devices may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms at any time. Upon entering the classroom, personal communication devices should be on silent mode or off and put away, unless invited to use them by the teacher.
- **HCPSS Weapons Policy** – There are no dangerous items, sharp items, or weapons of any kind allowed at school.

#### Important Dates

9/3 – Vision & Hearing Testing  
9/3 – Back to Band /Orchestra 7:00  
9/7 – Labor Day – Schools closed  
9/8 – Yankee Candle Sale Begins  
9/8 – Booster Meeting 6:30  
9/8 – PTSA Meeting 6:30  
9/9 – Back to School Night – 6:30  
GT – 6:00  
9/10 – Student Fall Pictures  
9/14 – Rosh Hashanah – Schools Closed  
9/15 – Drama Auditions Begin

We thank our parents for doing their homework this week and signing the many forms sent home (ie., code of conduct, acceptable use of technology, course expectations). If you are behind the curve with this, please ask your child to share these forms with you from their first day folder and promptly send them back to school signed on Monday.

## We need your help!

We still have many families who need to create or update their Family File! Remember, this is your child's Emergency Contact information for 2015-2016 and it is vital that we have up-to-date contact information in case of emergency.

If you have not yet done so, please go to [www.HCPSS.org/connect](http://www.HCPSS.org/connect) TODAY! (Instructions and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, including information on resetting your password, are provided at this site.) We would like to have all families with updated information by next Friday! Please call our front office if you need support (410) 3136857. Thank you for your help in this important matter!

## Canvas Goes Live on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>!

“Canvas” is the new HCPSS Learning Management System for teachers, students, and parents. You will receive information this week from HCPSS on how to connect. In essence, you will be able to view a home page for each of your child’s courses complete with a course description, course calendar, teacher announcements, and student assignments. You will also be able to access your child’s grades throughout the quarter in the different course categories (class work, homework, projects, assessments). Our students will be receiving training on how to access their course home pages during mathematics classes in the next couple of weeks. We are excited about this new system. It is a great tool to empower students to monitor their learning progress and a way to increase home school communication.

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## Join the WLMS Performing Arts Boosters

The Boosters group supports band, chorus, orchestra and drama by raising money for instruments, music, scholarship and outside enrichment. Join the Google Group (WLMSBoosters) to receive updated information on concerts and events. Our meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm just prior to the PTSA meetings at 7pm. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 8. Hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy O'Brien ([cathy@catnmoose.net](mailto:cathy@catnmoose.net)), Booster President or go to the website: <http://wlmsperformingartsboosters.weebly.com/>

# Career Academies Information Sessions

for middle/high school students and their families

November 11, 2015 and January 14, 2016 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Applications and Research Laboratory • 10920 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

Learn how the Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships, and industry certifications, participate in worksite and mentorship experiences, and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project based learning.

## Academies

### Arts, Media and Communication

Visual Communications

*with pathways in:*

Animation and Interactive Media

Graphic Design

### Business, Management and Finance

Academy of Finance

Accounting

Marketing

### Career Research and Development

### Construction and Development

Architectural Design

Construction Management

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Culinary Science

Hotel and Restaurant

Management

### Health and Biosciences

Academy of Health Professions

*with pathways in:*

Certified Nursing Assistant –

Clinical Research in Allied Health

Emergency Medical Technician

Biotechnology

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and Emergency Management

Teacher Academy of Maryland

### Information Technology

Computer Programming

CyberSecurity Networking

*with pathways in:*

Computer Networking

PC Systems

### Manufacturing, Technology and Engineering

Aerospace Engineering:

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