

TIGER SHARK TIMES

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Family and Friends of Wilde Lake Middle School,

As the 2013-2014 year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our parents and families who supported WLMS. Our PTA and Boosters organizations are truly an asset to our school community. Through the year they have supported activities such as field trips like Outdoor Education and Music in the Parks, provided funding for our poet in residence, Gayle Danley, purchased instruments, coordinated with our F.I.T. team and grade level teams to assist in organizing events such as our Annual Soul Food Feast, our Zombie Run, Voices of the Youth, the 8th Grade Lock-In, and more. In addition, they support our PBIS program by running our Gotcha Store throughout the year. Your dedication to our school is genuinely appreciated.

I would also like to thank each and every parent who has supported our students through chaperoning field trips, visiting classrooms, attending parent teacher conferences, helping with homework, delivering lunches, lunch money, house keys, homework assignments that were left at home (!), and the many, many other things that you do as a parent to support the growth and development of our students.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Smithson
Principal
Wilde Lake Middle School



Tips for School Success:

Challenge your children to a read-a-thon! See who can read the most books this summer, with each one slightly more challenging than the last. Make it happen by setting a designated family reading time, when the whole gang curls up with a good book, parents included.

(For more information visit:
<http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>)

MORE INFORMATION

8TH GRADE FAREWELL CEREMONY:

The year is coming to an end! The Farewell Ceremony is on June 18th. Tickets will be passed out to students on Monday, June 16th, provided that your student has satisfied all of their obligations to the school.

If your student owes any textbooks, media books, or money to the school, they will not get their tickets. All obligations must be met before tickets can be issued.

This year's 8th grade class is very large (192 students). We understand that this is a very special moment for you and your families, however, there just are not enough seats in the auditorium for extended family members to attend the ceremony. Each FAMILY will receive only 3 (three) tickets.

If you already know that you will not be using all three tickets, or you know that your student and family will not be attending the ceremony, PLEASE email Ms. Drakes (damisha_drakes@hcpss.org) as soon as possible to let her know. Tickets that are not being used will be given back out to families that have requested extra tickets.

If you have already requested extra tickets, please be patient for a response. being used 8th graders and their families.

All of this information, and more, can be found on the 8th grade website: 8thgradewlms.weebly.com

6TH AND 7TH GRADE PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

It is a tradition at WLMS for 7th grade parents to help with the 8th Farewell Ceremony. We are in need of 6th and 7th grade parent volunteers to help with the set up and serving of refreshments at the 8th grade event, Wednesday June 18th, at the Rouse Theater, from 5:45-9:00 p.m. If you are able to help out, even for part of that time, please contact Monica Lewis, 7th grade liaison at mialewis7@sbcglobal.net.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!:

Huge congratulations to Natalie Feldman and Emma O'Brien who were both selected for next year's Howard County G.T. Performing Arts Groups. Natalie was accepted into the Howard County G.T. Orchestra and Emma was one of only four trumpet players selected for the Howard County G.T. Band.

LAST DAYS:

As we wrap up this school year, please remember that all students are expected to follow the Wilde Lake Way of being *Ready, Responsible, Respectful, and Safe* in all that they do. Please also know that lockers will be cleaned out on Tuesday. For the 1/2 days (Wednesday-Friday), students should bring their Agenda Books, a pen/pencil and a notebook or folder with loose-leaf paper.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION:

Some families have started to inquire about next school year's Outdoor Education field trip dates for our sixth grade students. Please note, and help pass the word to our rising 6th grade families, that our Outdoor Education trip will take place at North Bay, April 7th, 2015- April 10th 2015. More information about the trip will be shared after the start of the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 18th, 19th & 20th-
3-Hour Early Dismissal

June 18th @ 6:00 p.m.-
8th Grade Farewell Ceremony

June 20th-
Last Day of School

August 21st-
6th grade orientation

August 21st-
Open House

August 25th-
First Day of school

September 10th-
Back to School Night

MORE INFORMATION

MEDICATION REMINDERS:

End-of-Year Medication Pick Up Reminder

Parents/Guardians: Please remember to pick up student medications from the Health Office before 2:45pm Friday, June 20th. The Health Suite will be open from 7:45a.m. to 2:45p.m. every school day. Contact the Health Room staff at 410-313-6957 BEFORE June 20th to arrange an alternative time if necessary. Medications that are unclaimed by 2:45 p.m. on June 20th will be disposed.

Medication Order Reminders for Next School Year:

- Medication Order forms are available in the Health Office.
- Please remember that all orders MUST be dated AFTER July 1st. The Health Room staff cannot accept medication orders dated prior to July 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The forms must be signed by a physician or other licensed provider AND the parent/guardian.

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

All current 6th grade parents must be aware that the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has issued a list of new immunization requirements for the 2014-2015 school year. In addition to the current requirements, effective the first day of school 2014-2014 are the following:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine will be required for student entry into Kindergarten
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine will be required for student entry into 7th grade
- 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) will be required for student entry into 7th grade

Letters were sent home during the month of May that were specific to your students vaccination needs. If your student requires additional immunizations please contact their health care provider as soon as possible to make an appointment for the student to obtain the required vaccines. Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunization record, (complete with the provider's signature) once vaccinations have been completed. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations within 20 calendar days from the first day of school (August 24, 2014) could result in your student being excluded from school. If you have any questions, please contact the WLMS health room.

AHS INFORMATION

CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

All student athletes are required to undergo concussion baseline testing in order to participate in sports activities in high school. Sign up for testing is located at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544AFA623A13-incoming>
Appointments will be scheduled on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL POMS!

Auditions for the 2014-2015 POMS team will be held on Tuesday June 10th in the dance studio.

Check-in 3:30-4:00 Auditions 4:00-6:00

Make-up auditions will be held on June 11th during the same times. Dancer must contact Mrs Haffey if he/she plans on attending the make-up day. heather_haffey@hcps.org

WLHS INFORMATION

CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

All student athletes are required to undergo concussion baseline testing in order to participate in sports activities in high school. The dates for the testing at WLHS are:

Aug 7, 8 @ 1 p.m.

Aug 11 @ 4 p.m.

Aug 12 @ 1 p.m.

The athletic trainer at WLHS is Alli Hammond. She can be contacted at allih@prosportscares.com. You MUST schedule an appointment in order to attend the baseline concussion testing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL AQUARIUM'S ANNUAL GRADE "A" STUDENT NIGHT

National Aquarium's Annual Grade "A" Student Night will be Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free for student w/report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5.00. Register online at www.aqua.org/gradeastudent, or call 410.659.4200.

HOPE WORKS

HopeWorks is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Projects 2014/2015 school year. The projects are service-learning programs promoting healthy relationships and peaceable living. Open to youth ages 13-18, youth leaders explore violence prevention concepts including media literacy, bystander intervention, cultural relativity, sexualized bullying and safe use of technology. To apply visit the HopeWorks [website](#) to download an application or contact Vanita Leatherwood at (410) 997 -0304.

CHENIER-WINGFIELD BASKETBALL CAMP

Register for the Chenier-Wingfield Basketball Camp, with former NBA All-Star Phil Chenier. July 28th-August 1st and August 4th-August 8th, at Wilde Lake High School from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (before and after care is available 8:00-5:30). The cost of the camp is \$175.00 and includes a t-shirt. For more information visit: <http://wildelakebasketballcamp.weebly.com> or email WLHSbasketball@gmail.com or call Coach Wingfield at 410-960-7308.

ATHOLTON SWIM CLUB TRIATHLON

Atholton Swim Club 5th annual MMTK Kids Triathlon Benefiting Neighbor Ride and Athletes Serving Athletes. Sun. June 29, 9 a.m. Location: Atholton Swim Club 6741 Seneca Drive, Columbia. Registration opens Mar. 3. <http://asctriathlon.wikispaces.com/>

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

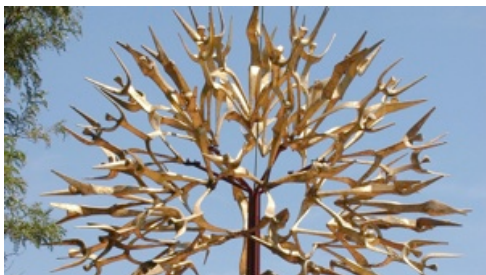
The Atholton Athletic Boosters Summer Sports Camps start in June and continue through August for boys and girls who are incoming 3rd graders thru incoming 9th graders. The camps are an excellent way for young athletes to develop skills and gain exposure to high school coaches and players. Tuition for each camp is \$135 and will include a t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from qualified staff members, guest speakers, and daily awards. Register online at <http://www.atholtonboosters.org/athletics/boosters/fundraising/summer-camps>

SOCCER ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBIA

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, will take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

STRESSLESS TEST

Summer Study Skills Camps to be held the weeks of August 4th, 11th and 18th. Middle school classes meet from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., during the weeks of Aug. 4th-8th and 11th-15th. High School classes meet from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., during August 11th-15th and 9th-11th and August 18th -22nd, Monday-Friday. All classes meet at the Owen Brown Community Association building in Columbia. To register, go to www.Stresslesstests.org. For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or Bcaldwell@comcast.net.



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