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Dear Waters Landing Families:

We are getting ready to enter the 4th Quarter of this school year! It really seems like the school year just started. We have students and staff working hard to make certain all of our students are learning and making progress. Thank you to all of the volunteers who donate their time to help out with our classes and school events. We appreciate all you do to make our school a great place to learn.

Report Cards for the 3rd Quarter will be sent home on April 14th. Please take time to review this report with your child. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. You are an important part of your child's educational team. We want to make certain that your child is making progress and learning.

As you know, we have challenged our students to read two million minutes before the end of the school year. Please keep those reading logs coming in to school.

Our **Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th**. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2015, please call Mrs. Chamberlin in our main office to register for Kindergarten Orientation or complete the attached form in this newsletter and send it to the school.

MCPS has applied to the state of Maryland to deal with all of our extra snow days. As soon as we hear what the decision is about the last day of school, we will pass that information along to you.

We are all looking forward to wonderful Spring!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina W. Shrewsbury, Principal
Principal

Mr. Troy Clarke, Assistant
Principal
"Readers are Leaders at Waters Landing Elementary School"

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The PTA is on Facebook
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Physical Education (P.E.) News - Jump Rope For Heart

The final total for this year's Jump Rope for Heart has reached \$8,030.43. Fantastic job to all participants in this year's event. Prizes have been ordered and should be delivered around Spring Break.

Here is a list of the top Money Collectors:

- 1st= Maddie Schully- 1st Grade = \$400
- 2nd= Nariah Goldman- 3rd Grade= \$370
- 3rd= Jackson Kaminski- 3rd Grade= \$325
- 4th= Zachary Allanach- 3rd Grade= \$265
- 5th= Mythili Menon- 4th Grade= \$210
- 6th= Angelina Chan- 4th Grade= \$205
Caleb Umphrey- 4th Grade= \$205
- 7th= Thomas Brown- 4th Grade= \$200
Gavin Shea- 3rd Grade= \$200
Dallas Bell- 2nd Grade= \$200

All jumpers can be proud of their accomplishments☺



****WLES Spirit Night****

April 21 at 5:00PM



Yeehaw! April's Spirit Night is at Roy Rogers on Wisteria Drive on April 21 from 5PM. The restaurant is generously offering 25% of each sale to the PTA, but you must mention Waters Landing Elementary before you place your order. So round-up your posse and head out to Roy Rogers for some fun and food. Questions? Contact Amy Maclean at amac951@gmail.com.

From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Families,



Welcome to Spring!

We are certainly looking forward to the return of good weather! And we know our students (and teachers!) are looking forward to spring break.

If you are wondering what to do with your children during their week off, don't forget our local nature center. Black Hills Nature Center is offering different activities every day – check them out at http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/blackhill/seasonal_programs.shtm.

If you want to keep the science enrichment coming after spring break is over, check out the afterschool STEM Spring classes the PTA will be offering through The Great Adventure Labs, see below for more info. You can register online at <http://thegreatadventurelab.com/>. We have offered classes through this group for the past few years and have heard wonderful things! The classes will be offered on Wednesday afternoons starting April 15.

And of course, please don't forget to join us for our monthly **PTA meeting, held at 7:00PM. on April 14** this month. It will be in the Media Center, and anyone is welcome to attend, whether you're a member or not!

Thank you,

Danielle Deaver
PTA President

WLES - The Great Adventure Lab STEM Spring Classes

The Great Adventure Lab is an after-school science enrichment program that runs in 50+ schools in the D.C. area. We've taught thousands of kids how to write their first robotics programs or video game programs (or both!). We also teach science, engineering, electronics...and more! We do it all with **SMALL** class sizes with an adult to student ratio of 6:1. **Our goal is to make science, technology, engineering, and mathematics irresistibly FUN for the next generation.**

Lego Engineers (Wednesdays: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27) Grades 1-2nd - \$90.00 per child.

Young Engineers (Wednesdays: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27) Grades 3-5th - \$115.00 Per child.

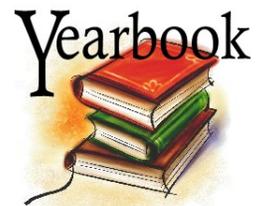
To register and learn more visit the following website.

<http://great-adventure-lab-s15-stem-waterslanding.doattend.com/>

Yearbook Early Bird Special!!

Don't delay! Order your yearbook before April 12th and save \$5! Order online at the following website:

www.YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.com and enter the yearbook code: 12291215 or search for our school by location.



Dear Parents of Students in Grades 2-5

If your child has suffered the loss of someone very dear to them, there is a wonderful camp available which provides support in a caring, fun-filled setting. Caring, sponsored by Hospice, is an annual weekend camp which offers 25 students the chance to heal with other children who share their similar feelings of grief and loss. The camp is FREE.

It will be held on May 29-31 in a beautiful facility in Gaithersburg, MD. Each child will have a trained big buddy who will be a constant support for them that weekend. Transportation is provided. For more information of an application, call 301-990-8904 to Penny Gladhill or email her at pennyg@hospicecaring.org. You may also contact Ms. Lauren, counselor at WLES, for this purpose. 301-353-0915.

*****Congratulations to the March Box Top winners*****

Noah Chu & Michael Cassidy

Please continue to collect Box Tops for the monthly drawing, winners will be announced every month.

PBIS- POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS a/k/a “Dolphin Pride” at WLES

PBIS is a nationwide program that helps improve behavior in students while also improving their social and learning skills. You can learn more about it at www.pbis.org/Maryland

Our PBIS program has picked 3 specific behaviors to encourage: being respectful, being responsible and acting safely.

Students are taught what is expected of them. For example, to be respectful, students are asked to raise their hands when they have a question in class, to take turns on the playground, to walk quietly in the hallways and use to use appropriate manner in the lunchroom.

Positive behavior is reinforced. Staff will praise positive behavior. We also reward students with Dolphin Dollars and whole classrooms with Dolphin Splashes for making good choices. There are class parties for classes that reach their behavioral goals. We also have quarterly celebrations like the Dolphin Dollar Dance and the Ice Cream Celebration, coming up this Spring. Problem behaviors are dealt with fairly and consistently. Students are taught ahead of time what will happen if they do not act as expected. Progress is monitored. The school tracks how students are doing. Extra support may be given to some students when needed. Everyone in the school has a role to play in PBIS.

As a parent, you also play a key role.

Here's how you can also play a key role. Teach your child how to put each of the school's behavior expectations into action outside of school.

Create a list of examples of how your child should act.

A list for “acting safely” could include, for example, Keep your hands and feet to yourself. Ask for permission before going outside or to a friend's home. Wear a helmet before bicycling and skateboarding. Wear your seat belt when in a car. **Praise your child for positive behavior!**

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our boys and girls grow up to be caring, respectful, responsible adults.



It's never too late to join the PTA! Just fill out this form and return it to school in your child's daily folder.

The membership fee is \$12.00 for every adult who wants to join.

Please complete the form below if you haven't already filled one out and return it to school. You can put the form with the membership dues in an envelope marked PTA and simply put it in your child's daily folder. Cash or checks welcomed. Please make checks payable to WLES PTA.

We encourage donations through the membership process, as well as multiple members per family.

Mother's Name (*Nombre de la Madre*) _____

Father's Name (*Nombre del Padre*) _____

Additional Member's Names (*Nombres de Miembros Adicionales*) _____

Total Members (*Miembros en Total*) _____ x \$12.00/each(c/u) = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Contact Information (*Informacion*)

Address (*Direccion*) _____

City (*Ciudad*) _____ State (*Estado*) _____ Zip _____

Child's Name (*Nombre de Hijo/a*) _____

Child's Teacher (*Nombre de Maestro/a*) _____

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2015-2016

If you have a child who will be five years of age by September 1, 2015, and would like to receive a registration packet, please send back the following:

Child's Full Name _____(M)_____(F)_____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Do you have a sibling who can bring the packet home? If so, please complete.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18 & 19 (WE WILL ASSIGN YOU A DAY AND TIME TO COME WITH YOUR CHILD).

THE REGISTRATION PACKET WILL BE SENT HOME WITH AN OLDER SIBLING OR AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE MAIN OFFICE THE WEEK OF APRIL 20TH.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS LAURENO, Email: Karen_J_Lauren@mcpsmd.org

March has certainly lived up to its reputation for coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb! We have had our fill of snow and snow days!

The clocks have moved forward and spring is in the air. Our students can't wait for outdoor recess and the freedom to move and play with their peers.

Our character education theme for this month focuses on feelings. We are learning about cultivating empathy and displaying it. This is the fundamental basis for all our actions in our relationships. Our discussions are highlighting anger-management and exercising self-control.

We are also learning about the importance of compromise and resolving our conflicts peacefully. These are themes we highlight throughout the year, but put special emphasis on this month.

You may have read in the media recently about a Dutch study on parenting and narcissism. The recommendation is for parents and teachers to establish a warm, caring relationship with their children. Constant praise for achievements and doting on a child in the extreme can result in a self-centered, narcissistic child. The study provides us with a healthy reminder to do everything in moderation, including praising our children.

HOSPICE CARING, INC. IS OFFERING A CAMP FOR STUDENTS, GRADES 2-5, WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE SIGNIFICANT IN THEIR LIVES AND ARE STILL GRIEVING. This camp is free and will be held May 29-31 at a beautiful campsite. Transportation is provided. Each child will have a trained "Big Buddy" who will be a constant support for the child throughout the camp experience. There are arts and crafts, dances, performances, a swimming pool, and many fun activities for each child.

For more information or an application call :301-990-8904 or email

pennyng@hospicecaring.org or anneb@hospicecaring.org

You may also contact me, Ms. Lauren, counselor WLES at 301-353-0915

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERS offers **FREE** counseling in the school for students who are on medical assistance. If you would like your child to receive this service, please contact me, Ms. Lauren, to discuss. 301-353-0915

Dear Parents,

Spring is finally here! Your students are working hard to become better readers and writers. Most students in the school are regularly using chrome books to access online services, practice keyboarding skills, and write and think. This new tool for learning is very exciting. I thought it would be helpful to again publish the online services passwords in case your child needs them. Many grade levels are working on research projects and being able to use the online services at home will require use of the passwords. You will find them below. (insert the passwords list attached to the email)

Along with learning how to use chrome books and google apps for education, your child has been listening to the Maryland Black Eyed Susan picture books for the Maryland Black Eyed Susan Book Contest. All students are allowed to vote for their favorite book. Most students will have time to vote for their favorite book during media center time, but if not, the link for voting can be found on the WLES website. Here are the directions to vote :

Access the Waters Landing Elementary website.

Click on the Media Center page.

Click on the link to DESTINY

Choose our school from the list.

On the homepage you will see links for **BLACK EYED SUSAN BOOKS**. Students can click on the link for the book they are voting for and follow the directions. There are three categories. All students should vote for their favorite picture book. Students who have read at least three of the chapter books and graphic novels can vote for their favorite I each of those categories.

Thank you for continuing to read each night and encouraging your child to work hard at improving reading and writing skills.

Mary Zygmunt, Media Specialist

List of centrally purchased online subscription services for elementary schools

None of these require a username or password in MCPS schools. We have included access information for home use.

Resource and website URL	Vendor	Username/Password (for Home Use)	Description
Britannica School http://school.eb.com	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	3 encyclopedias in one: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Compton's by Britannica and Britannica Elementary. A search will return articles from all 3 encyclopedias so students can choose which level meets their needs. Students can choose in which level to begin their search, but can also search across all three levels.
Britannica ImageQuest http://quest.eb.com	Encyclopaedia Britannica	waterslandings/ learn	Access more than two million rights-cleared images from over 50 of the best collections in the world. The images in this product go a long way to supporting curriculum and meeting the needs of students without having to use google images.
Britannica Annals of American History http://www.america.eb.com	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	Explore the rich and varied American history through primary sources such as speeches, historical accounts, memoirs, poems, images and multimedia.
Britannica Escolar Online http://escolar.eb.com/	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	Britannica Escolar Online provides a Spanish elementary encyclopedia, images, videos, and Spanish language learning materials specifically designed for younger learners.
Britannica Enciclopedia Moderna http://moderna.eb.com/	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	Enciclopedia Moderna is the most comprehensive Spanish language encyclopedia available today. It features 145,000 articles plus timelines, an atlas, and a dictionary.
Britannica Global Reference Center http://global.eb.com/	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	Britannica's Global Reference Center is the home of comprehensive online content in a variety of global languages. These extensive and thorough databases are intuitive and fast, delivering trustworthy information from around the globe in Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French and Spanish.

Britannica World Data Analyst http://world.eb.com/	Encyclopaedia Britannica	mcps, search	Students can create "current comparisons" of countries based on a large list of data points, including "chronological comparisons," which compares changes over time up to 90 years.
CultureGrams http://online.culturegrams.com	ProQuest	mcps, mcps	Up to date information on 182 countries and cultures. 25 categories are tracked including history, land and climate, religion, personal appearance, gestures, language, government, family, dating and marriage, etc.
NoodleTools http://noodletools.com/login.php?qrop=1273&code=7299	NoodleTools	waters/mcpses	This is an online bibliography (works cited) composer and note taking tool. The student inputs the information necessary and prints out the bibliography. Students can also take notes online using this product. Instruction in the necessary input is still needed but it takes away the format and punctuation headaches! This product is also very useful to MCPS staff who are taking higher education classes.
SIRS Decades http://sks.sirs.com	ProQuest	mcps, mcps	Delivers thousands of relevant primary and secondary source documents organized around the decades of the 20th century. It gives students a direct glimpse into the past, while providing the context needed to understand the modern implications of historical events.
SIRS Discoverer http://discoverer.sirs.com	ProQuest	mcps, mcps	The database includes carefully selected full-text articles and images from more than 1,600 domestic and international newspapers, magazines, government documents, and websites. This resource is especially useful elementary school researchers and students in middle and high schools who need information at lower reading levels.
SIRS Knowledge Source http://sks.sirs.com	ProQuest	mcps, mcps	SIRS Knowledge Source (SKS) includes SIRS Researcher, a periodical database. Resident in SIRS Researcher is a link to SIRS Pro/Con which has been very important to issues research for middle and high schools. Also included in SIRS Knowledge Source is SIRS Renaissance, current perspectives on the arts and humanities, SIRS Web Select, a student search engine with editorially selected websites and SIRS Interactive Citizenship, interactive books on U.S. citizenship. Links to SIRS Decades and SIRS Discoverer can also be found on the SKS homepage.
TeachingBooks.net http://teachingbooks.net/home/	TeachingBooks.net	mcps, mcps	Teaching books is a unique service that provides up close and personal interviews (multimedia abounds!) with some of the most loved and respected children and young adult authors. Also included are an array of lesson plans and other resources for use by language arts teachers and for students. Great for author studies at all grade levels.

Elementary Schools: All Users:

Resource and Website URL	Vendor	Username/Password (for Home Use)	Description
Kids Search (EBSCO) http://search.ebscohost.com	EBSCO	s9612143/ password	Kids Search is designed especially for students in grades K-8. It includes a dictionary, encyclopedia and images and videos. It also has teacher resources.
One More Story http://www.onemorestory.com/	One More Story, Inc.	No home use	One More Story is the online library of the best of children's illustrated books set to music and read aloud to you. Follow Benjamin D. Bookworm, Bendy, through your favorite books, or try the I Can Read It mode to read them yourself.
PebbleGo Databases http://www.pebblego.com/	Coughlan/ Capstone	waterslanding/ school	Databases designed specifically for K-2 emergent readers and researchers. PebbleGo features easy-to-use searching tools, and introduces early learners to database and research concepts. NOTE: Two Modules - "Animals" and "Science" are purchased district-wide; the modules "Social Studies" and "Biographies" are purchased at the school for WLES.
Searchasaurus (EBSCO) http://search.ebscohost.com	EBSCO	S9612143/ password	This searchable encyclopedia and dictionary site is designed for elementary and middle school students. It includes images, articles and definitions. It also has a teacher resource section.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BOYS AND GIRLS

PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDER'S TO THE RESCUE ELECTED BY THEIR CLASSMATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

KINDERGARTEN: Meghan Goldberg, Edward Palencia, Charlie Campola, Matthew Uzwiak, Ava Harris, Maggie Odorisio, Jason Walton, Jeremy Parker, Ivanka Nguiro, Kayla Nunez, Noah Innes, Irina Ranaivoarison, Payton Hamel, Ricardo Arevalo, Christopher Avila, Aahana Sainju, Isabelle Hersh, Arianna Arthur, Angel Medrano, Adrian Andrade, Mariela Thomas, Megaladonna Felipe, Winn Zan, Olivia Hamilton, Gabriel Herrera-Sorto

FIRST GRADE: Phoenix Hybl, Lina Horta, Kennedy Alfaro-Bright, Lume Ebhomien, Kaily Carranza, Tracy Espinoza, Jadon Ameenor, Mathias Lemos-Medrones, Sydney Parsons, Makai Stewart, Jade Williams, Ava Walls, Jesse Kennedy, Mark Briseno, Kayla Maglo, Makayla Frederick, Elesh Dhungana, Emily Silva, Janessa Edmonds, Darron Asiedu, Tariah Williamson, Kamryn Jackson, Maya Forbes, Dashawn Reyes James, Ulyana Kazhamiakina

SECOND GRADE: Asly Portillo, Anthony Barahona, Bianca Horta, Samuel Corbin, Claire Higgins, Eli Lemus, Thomas Bangura, Trish Cao, Isabella Kiger, Daiyan Lewis, Jacob Lunny, Ava Foster, Amara Bailey, Autumn Davis, Hailey Dancik, Yemi Kodja, Michelle Espinoza, Marston Johnson-Wuor, Dallas Bell, Jayson Ocon, David Amewu, Angie Hernandez, Khalid Moulton, Faith Manneh, Tristan Enaholo, Veronica Jandres, Kenny Ramirez, Melissa Kus

THIRD GRADE: Daniela Mariona, Kyle Poudyal, Mia Solis, Gavin Shea, Nariah Goldman, Daniel Ranaivoarison, Maky Alexander, Leia Graves, Jorge Duran, Khaliah Brookes, Romeo Rivera, Maikeiya Smith, Shelby Pilouzoue, Javier Feliciano, Charity Velasquez, Sam Humpert, Andrew Tucker, Madeline Beltran, Matthew Lucas, Nicole Hernandez

FOURTH GRADE: Jordan Marshall, Rachel Lunny, Danny Tejada, Zoe Higgins, Amaya Johnson-McNeil, Anthony Hernandez, Jaylin Stephens, Paris Murphy, Erin McCeney, Faith Velasquez, Daniel Salgado, Zain Sye, Matthew Stennett, Anissa Walls, Carina Madera, James Martinez-Solis, Spencer Gordon

FIFTH GRADE: Katie Kimbis, Kadin Higgins, Sofia Moreira, Johnny Pham, Kaitlyn Tracy, Tre Phillips, Meghan Leavitt, Emir Ridzal, Kain Lucero, EmmeGrace McCeney, David Kang, Erica Sell

Rewards programs that benefit the PTA

Box Tops - We receive money for every box top received. Simply cut them out of cereal boxes and other boxed grocery items. Each are worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for WLES. Forms available at the PTA table.



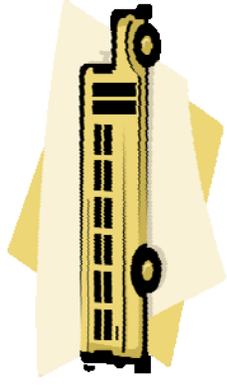
Amazon - Make contributions to Waters Landing by shopping through Amazon.com

Visit: <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=walapt->

Shop amazon.com as you normally would.

amazon.com

Have a wonderful Spring Break WLES Families!!!!



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 No School Holiday	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 Spring Break	10 Spring Break	11
12	13	14 WLES PTA Mtg 7:00PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 WLES Spirit Night Roy Rogers 5:00PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		