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Dear Waters Landing Families:

Mr. Clarke and I are working hard to support our students and staff while Mrs. Shrewsbury is on leave. May will be a particularly busy month (see calendar items). Our schedule includes drama club presentations, a cultural arts program, our safety patrol picnic, volunteer tea, spring concert, Kindergarten Orientation and several field trips. However, the number one priority still needs to be the daily instruction in our classrooms.

We are seeing strong instruction occurring throughout the building. Please continue at home to support our students and staff with the shared message of our core values: being responsible, respectful and safe.

Thank you.

Mr. Evans
Mr. Clarke

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"Readers are Leaders at Waters Landing Elementary School"

Physical Education (P.E.) News - Olympic Days

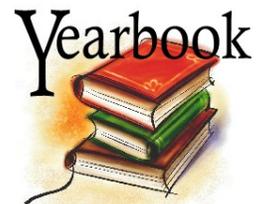
Kindergarten had a fabulous Olympic Day on April 20th. Grades 1-3 had their Olympic Day on May 1st, with 5th graders running the events. Students in grades 1-5 selected a country to represent as they rotated to various physical challenges and cooperative activities.

The final Olympic Day will be held Tuesday, May 12th with 4th and 5th graders. Congratulations to all students for participating in a wonderful event that highlights your year of Physical Education.

Yearbooks are coming!

Don't miss out on all of the memories from this school year! You can pre-order a yearbook now...simply send in \$20 (check or cash) to your child's teacher with the following information on the front of the envelope:

Attn: PTA Yearbook
For: (Child's full name)
Teacher: (Teacher's name)



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From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Families,

Spring has finally arrived!



Waters Landing families know what that means – it's almost time for our school carnival, Dolphinmania! Dolphinmania will be on Saturday, May 30th this year, on the school blacktop. Bring your kids to the school at 4:00PM for three hours of moonbounces, face painting and games. For the parents, there will be a silent auction and a cake sale. And everyone will enjoy the food – cotton candy, popcorn and more.

As always, we cannot do this large event without your help! We would love to have some more parent volunteers to help out with the planning of some last-minute details and to offer their help on the day of the event. Please email me at Danielle.deaver@gmail.com if you can help in any way. And please donate some items for our auction if you can – information was sent home recently in the Friday folders.

The PTA will meet this month at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 5 in the school library.

We welcome all WLES family members, whether you're a member of the PTA or not! See you soon!

Danielle Deaver
PTA President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Ms. Lauren

The Germantown Library on Century Blvd. is a wonderful community resource for our students and their families. If you haven't already registered for library cards for each member of your family, please take the time to do so. This library offers a quiet room for serious study. There is a huge collection of CDs and many workstations to use the computer. (free).

The Germantown Friends of the Library hold a monthly used book sale on the second Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm, in the lower level meeting room. The next sales are going to be held on Saturday May 9 and June 13. Please check out their full website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Germantown tel. 240-777-0110. On this website, you can peruse the schedule of events. There are many activities being offered for children and adults every month of the year.

You will also see a list of recommended books for each grade level. During the summer, there is an active reading program providing incentives for children to continue learning throughout the summer vacation. That information will be coming out after mid-May.

When you take your child to the library, ask for Rachel Jones, the children's library coordinator. She or another librarian can help you and your child find books that appeal to their interests. Children, just like adults, have preferences in reading. Some like science fiction, some history, some stories on topics which will surprise you! The librarian can help your child find the books that best match up with their interests and reading level.

Our WLES mantra is "Readers are Leaders!"

Inspire your child to read avidly by empowering them with their very own library card! Visit there regularly and have fun as a family!

For a list of events at the Germantown Library visit the following site.

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>



Time To Look For Lost Books!

All library books were due at the Waters Landing Media Center on June 1st. Every effort will be made to locate any books you believe have been returned to school. However, students are still responsible for materials checked out. Report cards will be held until lost books are paid for or found. If you find a book you have paid for, we will happily return your money. We would much rather have the books! Money collected will be used to replace lost books. THANK YOU!

Todos los libros de la biblioteca deben ser devueltos a la biblioteca de Waters Landing en Junio 1. Cada esfuerzo será hecho para localizar cualquier libro que usted cree que ha devuelto a la escuela. Sin embargo, los estudiantes siguen siendo responsables por los materiales que han sacado. Las cartas de calificaciones finales serán retenidas hasta que los libros perdidos sean pagados o encontrados. Si usted encuentra un libro por el cual ya haiga pagado, felizmente le devolveremos su dinero. Perferimos tener los libros. El dinero colleccionado sera utilizado para remplazar los libros perdidos. GRACIAS !

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS LAURENO

GOING THE EXTRA MILE: SHOWING SENSITIVITY TO OTHERS.

One of our goals for our students is to inspire them to be caring, compassionate individuals. These character traits are honed over time.

We are discussing them here at school. Reinforcing these concepts at home through family discussions would be powerful. Salient points:

1. **Express interest and concerns for others, especially when they are having troubles.** Rationale: If you help others, they are more likely to help you. Helpful hints: If you see someone in trouble, ask if you can help. Sometimes, just showing you care is enough to help a person get through a difficult time. You can pursue resources, including other people, to help them, if you can't.
2. **Recognize that disabled people deserve the same respect as everyone else.** Rationale: A disability does not make a person inferior. Helping people with disabilities without ridiculing or patronizing them shows that you believe all people are equal, although some people need a little extra assistance. Helpful Hints: Be ready to help a disabled person when needed by doing such things as holding open a door, carrying a package, or giving up your seat. Don't stare at disabled people or make comments about their special needs. People with disabilities have the same feelings we all do.
3. **Apologize or make amends for hurting someone's feelings or causing harm** Rationale: Saying you're sorry shows that you can take responsibility for your actions and can admit when you've done something wrong. Helpful hints: You can harm someone by what you fail to do, just as easily as by what you do. Some examples, are breaking a promise or not sticking up for someone who is being picked on. If you hurt someone, apologize immediately and sincerely. Make sure you do not engage in hurtful behavior in the future.
4. **Recognize that people of different races, religions, and backgrounds deserve to be treated in the same way as you would expect to be treated.** Rationale: Treating others equally shows that although people are different, you believe that it shouldn't matter in the way you treat them. Helpful hints: Don't make jokes and rude comments about the color of someone's skin or what he or she believes. Some people have different customs for doing things. Some people have more money than others. No matter, all people should be treated the same. All human beings deserve respect!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS-TO-THE-RESCUE ELECTED BY THEIR CLASSMATES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2015

These students were honored at our Town Hall Meeting. They serve as role models and leaders for our school. We are very proud to share their names with you.

KINDERGARTEN: MAYAH ENAHALO, RONNIE CRUZ, JEREMY PARKER, ALEX LUNA, CARTER ASH-BY, JADE MOORE, ALEXANDER LOPEZ, ABBY ZAMBRANA, TRINITY MURPHY, NOAH TUCKER, JEN-NA MOORE, NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, MATTHEW UZWIAK, SOPHIA SANDINO, JA' KYI FRANKS, ME-GHAN GOLDBERG, GABRIEL HERRERA-SORTO, OLIVIA HAMILTON, WINN ZAN, AMY ZAMBRANA, BRIAN SPRINGER, KEYLA NUNEZ, ISABELLE HERSH, CHRISTOPHER AVILA, AAHANA SAINJU

FIRST GRADE: KAYLA MAGLO, CHRISTOPHER (JR) GALVA RIOS, TASHA COSBY, JASSE KENNEDY, TRACY ESPINOZA, JADON AMEEVOR, HELEN GARCIA, ZEN BAMBALAN, GABBY LINDIERE, JAY-DEN CORTEZ, MATHIAS LEMOS-MADRONERO, KIRA POURREZA, YONG ZHUO, JADE WILLIAMS, A' NYAH HINES, ELESH DHUNGANA

SECOND GRADE: JANA AL NAJJAR, SAMUEL CORBIN, BIANCA HORTA, ANTHONY BARAHONA, APRIL ADAMS, RICK BARTLEY, ISABELLA AGUILAR, ANDREW McDONALD, TRISTAN ENAHOLO, SADIE MEMBRENO, MELISSA KUS, KENNY RAMIREZ, CLAIRE HIGGINS, ELI LEMUS, THOMAS BAN-GURA, DAVE GATCHAM, ISABELLA HOPPER, CHRISTOPHER UZWIAK, MIA ORTEGA, DALLAS BELL, ADRIAN PALMER, MICHELLE ESPINOZA, DOMINIC TERRY

THIRD GRADE: KYLE POU DYAL, ASHLYN MacLEAN, GAVIN SHEA, NEHA SHARMA, LAILA HAS-SAN, SAM HUMPERT, CARLYNN MOLINA, IREGBU ODU, ZACHARY WEBSTER, FLOR BONILLA, ALI MAZHAR, MADELILNE BELTRAN, LEAH ARIAS, DANIEL RANAIVOARISON, NARIAH GOLDMAN, JACKSON KAMINSKI, JOSEPH CORAM, MAIKEIYA SMITH, OSAN OLUEH

FOURTH GRADE: IVAN CANCEL, STACY OWUSU, GABRIELLE TALIB, FAITH VELASQUEZ, ANGE-LINA CHAN, SAMUEL DAVIS, PARIS MURPHY, JAYLIN STEPHENS, KARLA SAAVEDRA ROMERO, DANNY TEJADA, MIKAYLA MITCHELL, THOMAS BROWN,

FIFTH GRADE: COLIN ACKERMAN, MIKAYLA DURBIN, JEFFRY GARCIA, AVA WIGGLES-WORTH

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 April Box Top winners*****

Kiera Allen & Addison Bennett

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



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.

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*) _____

MCPS's SPECIAL EDUCATION Summit for Parents



Special Education Summit

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May 16, 2015

8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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- Over 30 workshops on various topics related to parenting a child with a disability
- Information and resources from community partners and county agencies

*Childcare and lunch
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16 de mayo, 2015

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Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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LLAME AL 301-517-5940

PARTICIPE EN UN DÍA QUE INCLUYE

- Discurso principal a cargo de la autora publicada nacionalmente, Priscilla Gilman, sobre su viaje a la felicidad como madre de un niño con discapacidad
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- Información y recursos de colaboradores de la comunidad y agencias del condado

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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 _____

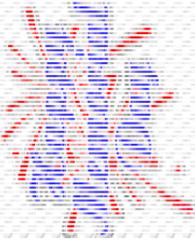
REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18 & 19 (WE WILL ASSIGN YOU A DAY AND TIME TO COME WITH YOUR CHILD).

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.

Contact the office if you've not received a registration packet.
Phone (301) 353-0915



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Olympic Day 1-2 Grades	2
3	4 Staff Appreciation lunch. Thank you Teachers and staff!	5 WLES PTA 7:00 Media Center	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Olympic Day 4-5 Grades	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 - No School 	26	27	28	29	30 Dolphinmania
31						