



**Waters Landing**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# The Dolphin News

June 2015 Issue

[www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com)

A Publication of the Waters Landing Elementary School PTA

**Tina Shrewsbury, Principal**  
Troy Clarke, Assistant Principal  
13100 Waters Landing Drive  
Germantown, MD 20874  
Phone (301) 353-0915

**2014-2015  
PTA Contact  
Information**

**PTA President**  
Danielle Deaver  
ddeaver98@hotmail.com  
**PTA Vice President**  
Brooke Levey  
markandbrooke1@verizon.net

**PTA Treasurer**  
Sheri Schully  
sherischully@gmail.com  
**PTA Secretary**  
Lauren Higgins  
lauren@higginsandson.com

Dear Waters Landing Families:

This will be the final opportunity to communicate with you through the PTA newsletter. I have enjoyed my time here at WLES since coming in mid-March. I know that Mrs. Shrewsbury is very disappointed that she is not able to complete this school year, her last year prior to her retirement. For both of us, we wish you and your family a safe, happy and relaxing summer. Please take some time to enjoy summer activities together.

I had another opportunity on Thursday night to enjoy our students as they performed. Our instrumental and chorus students presented their final concert. They were terrific and performed to a standing room only audience. Thank you to Mr. Collins and Mr. Baez for your support of our students. Thank you to all of the parents and other family members who came to support our performers.

I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the "Meet and Greet" session with Mrs. Srelyne Harris, the new principal for WLES, scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. here at school. This will be Mrs. Harris' first opportunity to meet with our parents since her appointment.

**Let's work together to support each other as we conclude the 2014-15 school year.**

Thank you.

Mr. Evans  
Mr. Clarke

*"Readers are Leaders at Waters Landing Elementary School"*

## Physical Education (P.E.) News

### Farewell Wishes!

I wanted to announce to the Waters Landing Community of my upcoming retirement from MCPS. After 30 years of teaching physical education, 27 years here at the wonderful Waters Landing, I have decided to retire from teaching. I have enjoyed working with the staff, community and the children here for almost 3 decades! I will miss you all terribly. It has been a thrill to teach second generation students of WLES.

Mrs. Meryl Ludwig, our current .5 P.E teacher will be taking over as the full time p.e. teacher. I thank you all for your support that you have given me and to the children of WLES! You know that a quality physical education program can impact a child for his/her entire life.

Peace & Blessings,

June Miller

**The PTA wishes Mrs. Miller all the best, thank you for all the support during your years at WLES.**

## From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Families,

Hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us. It has been an amazing year for our WLES families

First of all, thanks to all of the families that have participated or attended our WLES events, this is so important to our kids. We look forward to another year of exciting events and activities. A big thank you to our volunteers, your support has made our events a memorable one. So thank you!

**The PTA will meet this month at 7:00PM on Tuesday, June 2 in the school library.** We hope to see you there, as we discuss the plans for the next school year. We welcome all WLES family members, whether you're a member of the PTA or not! See you soon!

Enjoy the rest of the school year and have a safe and wonderful summer.

Danielle Deaver  
PTA President

**Follow us on twitter**  
Twitter at [@WatersLanding](#)  
**The PTA is on Facebook**  
Waters Landing (WLES) PTA

Celebrate the last day of school at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Germantown!

**June 15, from 1-9PM**

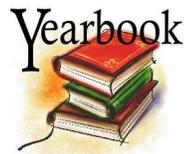
Menchie's (next to the Giant on Middlebrook Road) is teaming with Waters Landing for a fundraiser. Just mention Waters Landing when you order and a portion of the proceeds will go to the PTA.



**What a sweet way to welcome summer!**

“WLES Yearbooks have arrived!

Yearbooks are \$20 cash. You can buy a copy in the front office, by parents sending cash in an envelope to their students' teacher, or find them being sold before and after school. Buy yours before time runs out!”



**\*\*\*Congratulations to the May Box Top winners\*\*\***

**Marie Hybl & Angelina Chan**



Continue to collect Box Tops over the summer and turn them in when school starts winners will be announced in the fall.

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.

Hi WLES Dolphins!!!

We are in desperate need of your help!!! The Book Drive is off to a slow start. Please help us communicate with the students and their families. ALL appropriate K-5 books in “gently used” condition are being accepted.

Perhaps you may want to clean out your house too, or possibly your classroom library needs some sprucing up. The collection box is at the front of the school.

Thank you in advance. Daria, Jane, Alex and the SGA

## From the Media Center!

WLES families, please note that library books are due June 1 and that every effort will be made to help locate lost books. The Germantown Public Library is hosting a Summer Reading Program: EVERY HERO HAS A STORY! FIND YOURS!

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO**

For Parents who have children exhibiting emotional and behavioral difficulties:

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montgomery County ([www.namimc.org](http://www.namimc.org)) is offering NAMI Basics a free, 6-session program for parents and caregivers of children and youth aged 18 and younger with emotional and behavioral difficulties. NAMI Basics helps parents and other family caregivers to understand the illnesses that are causing those behavioral difficulties and the critical role families play in treatment and recovery. The course offers families a lifeline in the midst of crisis and covers coping with the stigma, getting an accurate diagnosis, treatment options, navigating the mental health system and working with the school system to get the support your child needs.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7 and Thursday, July 9, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road, near downtown Silver Spring.

Join us and you'll see you're not alone; in any given year more than 20% of young people are coping with mental illness, particularly anxiety and depression, and in 50% of the cases of severe mental illness, the symptoms first appeared before the age of 14. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also the parents or family caregivers of individuals who experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties prior to age 13. A minimum number of participants is needed to offer the class and pre-registration is required. E-mail [julianne@namimc.org](mailto:julianne@namimc.org) for more information and to register.

### **For Families Who Have Been Receiving Smart Sacks at school every Friday**

School will not be providing Smart Sacks during the summer months. If you want to continue receiving food after June 15, please call 240-777-1245 to get a referral from Health and Human Services. You may pick up the food every 30 days. You will receive approximately 70 pounds of food. The food distribution sites are in Germantown at the Salvation Army, 20221 Aircraft Drive Thursday 2:00-4:00 pm. The Main food distribution site is the Gaithersburg Warehouse, 9311 Gaither Road, Monday-Friday 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

**Questions:** *Call Manna Food Center directly at 301-424-1130. Their website is [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org)*

### **NIH PEDIATRIC RESEARCH STUDIES**

NIH Researchers seek child participants to enroll in clinical studies.

These researchers are trying to understand the emotional basis of behavior problems.

If your child has behavior problems, with symptoms including aggression, disruptive behavior, trouble with the law, and seem to lack guilt or remorse, you may want to take advantage of this excellent diagnostic opportunity. No treatment is offered. Parental permission is required. Participation involves 1-3 outpatient visits, of 2-3 hours each, at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. Children must be medically healthy between the ages of 10-18.

Financial compensation and transportation assistance will be provided.

FOR MORE INFO CALL: 301-594-8705. Website: <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov> (Pediatric/Conduct Disorder.)

Does your child have ADHD? Symptoms include inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. NIH is conducting research studies for children with these symptoms or diagnosis. The same criteria pertains to these studies as to the forementioned one on conduct disorders.

FOR INFORMATION CALL 301-594-8705 <http://oatuebtfi.nimh.nih.gov> (Pediatric/ADHD)

### **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE!**

Art, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Circus Camp, Computer Graphics, Electronics, Legos, Math, Minecraft, Music, Reading, Robotics, Science, Sports, Theatre, Web Design, Writing Yoga and so much more! Over 200 Fun-filled classes for **Grades K-12**. Before and After-Care offered. REGISTER TODAY!

Summer Youth Programs brochures are now in the main office. They can also be accessed on the website: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html>. Pending funding, a limited number of partial scholarships may be available for students who qualify for the free or reduced meals program.

Since courses fill quickly, please register your child as soon as possible. For more information, contact Sharon Wolfgang (240- 567-7917 or 240-567-7264) Asistencia in Espanol Disponible!

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO**

The 2014-2015 school year is drawing to a close. We are going to miss all our fifth graders who are going on to new adventures in Middle School.

We will also miss those boys and girls who are moving and transferring to new schools. We hope that the wonderful memories you have made at WLES throughout the years will inspire and motivate you to continue learning and reaching your full potential. We wish everyone the best of luck in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS-TO-THE-RESCUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**KINDERGARTEN:** KEYLA NUNEZ, SAMUEL SALGADO, JEREMY PARKER, MAYAH ENHALO, MAGGIE ODORISIO, LUKE HEITZMANN, CHRISTIOPHER AVILA, ALI PORTER, AAHANA SAINJU, MARIELA THOMAS, ADRIAN ANDRANDE, KAYLA THORNTON, ERIK MARTINEZ, LELAND SCIPIO, KALISTA KATOSKI, CARTER ASHBY, SIERNA STEVENS, DEION MORGAN, HANNAH ARTHUR

**FIRST GRADE:** ARNAV DHUNGANA, ODETTE KPOMASSI, LESVER ARANA MUDO, MILEY BOLIVAR, JALA WHALEY, NOAH CHU, MAKAI STEWART, ADDISON BENNETT, CAMILA AMAYA, OLUMESE EBHOMIEN, HELEN GARCIA, JAVIER LOPEZ, TYRELL REISINGER, ANGELA RODRIGUEZ-ARGUETA, TRACY ESPINOZA, JADON AMEEVOR, HUNTER PRESTON, NADA ALNAJJAR, JAZLYN WELBON, ANGELO SACARELLO-KOSKI, DARRON ASIEDU, MARGUELE KUITCHOUA

**SECOND GRADE:** SOMERLIN FORD, KHALID MOULTON, RANE GIBSON, PABLO-HERNANDEZ-ROSA, JACOB LUNNY, CHANELLE BRUNSON, ANGELINE RUBIO-ARGUETA, FREDDY GUERRERO, ABBY HEITZMANN, YEMI KODJA, ALESSANDRA PORTILLO, HAILEY DANKIK, ARI WIGGLESWORTH, VERONICA JANDRES, MARGIORY TABRAJ, MAX YOUNG, ANTHONY BARAHON, JANA AL NAJJAR, SAMUEL CORBIN, BIANCA HORTA, CLAIRE HIGGINS, THOMAS BANGURA, TRISH CAO, CHASE WILLIAMS

**THIRD GRADE:** OSAN OLUH, MAIKEIYA SMITH, MATTHEW LUCAS, ALI MAZHAR, OLIVIA LAR, KELVIN ASIEDU, JUDE HASSAN, MAKYE ALEXANDER, NARIAH GOLDMAN, LEIA GRAVES, JOSE SAUCEDO, PRESTON PORTER, ALLISON BROWNING, KYLE POUDYAL, NEHA SHARMA, CARLYNN MOLINA, CRISTIAN ESCOBAR, CHARITY VELASQUEZ, SAM HUMPERT

**FOURTH GRADE:** KATELYN BELTRAN, SPENCER GORDON, MYTHILI MENON, CARINA MADERA, JAMES MARTINEZ-SOLIS, JOHAN PRANDY, ANNA LAZZARI, AL HASSAN BANGURA, SOPHIA VELASCO, ANGELINA CHAN, NALIA MOLINA, KAREN CORTEZ, MALAK AL NAJJAR, [ZOE HIGGINS](#), [DANNY TEJADA](#), [KEMANI BLUE-PRINCE](#), [KARLA SAAVEDRA](#)

**FIFTH GRADE:** JOSE MADERA, ELIA LOPEZ, DANIEL MARTINEZ, CHEYANNE CONWAY, ROSEMARY DEAN, MOAYAD AHMED, COLIN ACKERMAN, MEGHAN LEAVITT, KADIN HIGGINS, SARAH EBHOMIEN, JOHNNY PHAM, KATIE KIMBIS, KIRA DANKIK, EMME GRACE MCCENEY, ERICA SELL, MARIAJOSE MELENDEZ, KEVIN DAMES

## **STUDENTS MOVING**

My child **will not** be returning to Waters Landing Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year.

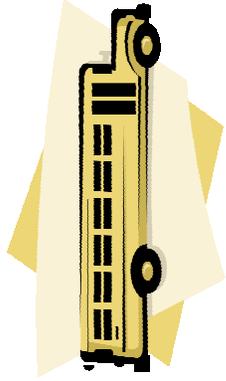
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

We will be moving to: \_\_\_\_\_

School my child will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the school office as soon as possible.**



# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 PTA Meeting 7PM Media Center	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Meet and Greet New Principal 7PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Last day of School	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				