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Dear Waters Landing Families,

The first quarter has come to an end and parent/teacher conferences are quickly approaching on November 12th and 13th. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference if you have not had the opportunity to do so yet. It is very important that you keep an open line of communication with your child's teacher. You can reach the teacher by sending a note, email, or phone call. Sometimes that is all it takes to help understand or to answer a question. Remember that we love volunteers at WLES!

Our book fair in October was a huge success. Thanks go out to PTA volunteers for the hours you volunteered to ensure everyone had an enjoyable shopping experience! Thank you to all of the shoppers who supported this important fund raiser!

We were delighted to see so many families come in for our October Open House. Please make certain that this isn't the only time you come to visit. We are working together to ensure that your child gets the best education to challenge him or her to learn new skills. In case you want to email us, our staff email addresses are listed on our website.

November is always associated with cooler weather, beautiful multi-colored leaves and being thankful for family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for at Waters Landing

Elementary School. We have fabulous volunteers who unselfishly give their time and talents to our school. We have amazing staff members who go above and beyond every day to ensure that all of our students are safe, learning, growing, and happy to be at school. *We also have the best students, parents, and families in Montgomery County!* We appreciate this special partnership with you and couldn't do it without the support that you provide every day.

Thank you for everything you do for our children and Waters Landing ES!

Readers to Succeed at WLES!

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, Principal

Mrs. Christine Troffkin, Assistant Principal

WLES Spirit Night for a WEEK!!!! November 16-20 (Monday- Friday)

Stop into Menchie's Frozen Yogurt (next to the Giant on Middlebrook) ANY-TIME Nov 16-20 mention Waters Landing, and a portion of the sale will go to our PTA. What a sweet way to support our school!



There is still time to become a PTA Member and help your child's class win a class party!

Deadline for PTA Membership Contest has been extended to November 16. The class with the highest amount of membership wins a class party. Membership forms are attached to this newsletter and can also be downloaded at www.waterslandingpta.com by clicking the Join tab at the top. ***Why Join the PTA? Here are a few reasons.***

**Get Connected - Discover Great Resources - Tap into a Network - Watch Yourself Grow
Speak Up - Witness Improvement - Be a Role Model!**

From the PTA President ...

Join the PTA!

Dear Waters Landing Families,

Welcome to fall! I hope you all got a chance to enjoy our October PTA activities and also found plenty of books at the book fair! We have a lot more events coming up that I hope you will participate in!

Our most exciting event is our Fall Membership Drive. Classes will compete for the largest percentage of members. **The classroom with the largest percentage of members will win a pizza party!** Joining the PTA does not obligate you to attend meetings or volunteer – it just means that you want to be a member of the organization that helps your children and their school. Once you turn in your membership form, you're done!

The PTA likes to say "Thank you" to our staff members every November with a Pie Day. Staff members get to take a break from teaching and helping our children to savor some pies and fun toppings. Please help us with this a fun event for the staff by donating a pie. See information below on how you can support this important thank you event to let WLES staff know how much we appreciate all they do for our children.

Danielle Deaver

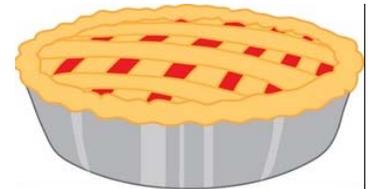
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PTA President

Find us on Facebook: Waters Landing (WLES) PTA

WLES Staff Appreciation – Pie Day!

Thanksgiving will soon be here and we would like to say "Thanks!" to our staff for all of their hard work and dedication to our school. It has become an annual tradition to treat the staff with pies and treats just before the Thanksgiving break. This year's Pie Day is Monday, November 23.



Please sign up here - www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4FABAD23A20-pieday1 and drop off all donations Monday, November 23rd in the morning.

PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS TO THE RESCUE HONOREES!

The following students have been chosen by their classmates as Peacemakers.

The criteria for a peacemaker is a person who is a good listener and shows respect for themselves and others. A peacemaker solves problems and often acts to mediate conflicts.

A peacemaker understands and demonstrates fairness and the ability to compromise and to share. A peacemaker exercises good anger management skills and demonstrates self-control.

A peacemaker communicates clearly and kindly and is friendly and welcoming.

We are very proud of the students who have been recognized as Peacemakers:

Peyton Collard, Quoc-Huy Lai, Daniel Evisou, Raven Pierson, Toby Bennett, Alyson Monroy, Solna Kumanan, Nico Calvo, Abby Zambrana, Jason Walton, Meghan Goldberg, Jacob Tracy, Victoria Saavedra, Breoni Hilliard, Darron Asiedu, Gabby Lindiere, Frank Hernandez, Lucille Garcia, Jayden Delacruz, Demonte Thomas, Mayleen Musa, Emily Arboleda, Jack Murphy, Zen Bambalan, Sofia Ferrante, Katie Ogando, Sam Humpert, Johann Prandy, Zoe Higgins, Nathan Ayele, Angie Hernandez.

Our Bystanders-to-the-Rescue are chosen for their ability to intervene to help others. This is particularly important in eradicating bullying. Students need to be encouraged to assist others in need.

They need to be taught to include those who appear to be without friends, particularly at recess. These are caring and kind students who will be leaders in our community in the future.

We salute our students who have been recognized as Bystanders to the Rescue:

Fernanda Martinez, Reece Parsons, Daniel Evisou, Raven Pierson, Dahlia Cobb, Kaylee Grimes, Lilian Owona, Chelsee Chavez, Adrian Giron-Andrade, Joslyn Xolio-Amaya, Jeremiah Jones, Nevaeh Bishop, Kelly Estrada, Darron Asiedu, Iris Cuneo, Mark Briseno, Isabella Rincon Noble, Jaden Proctor, Jayden Garcia, Mayleen Musa, Herman Harrison, Sydney Parsons, Jayden Jennings, Janessa Edmonds, Katie Ogando, Nariah Goldman, Laila Graves, Danny Tejada, Faith Velasquez, Hamzah Alan-gurli, Peniel Baka

GETTING TO KNOW YOU, MRS. MOORE - FIFTH GRADE TEACHER- WELCOME ABOARD!

We are pleased to welcome a new staff member this year, Rebecca Moore.

Two students interviewed her for this article: Special thanks to Marcus Griffin and Oscar Teruel , fifth graders, for their insightful interviews.

Tell us about your teaching career: - I have been teaching for ten years. I taught fifth and fourth grades, principally in Baltimore County, MD

Tell us about your family: - I have twin baby girls and a devoted husband, Kerry. I have many brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and spend lots of time with my family.

Tell us about your cultural background.—I was born in Iceland. I am of Irish and Scottish heritage.

What colleges did you attend? - I went to Towson University for my undergraduate studies in elementary education. I went to Goucher College to earn my Master's degree in school improvement leadership.

What are your hobbies? - I like to spend time with my family and outdoors enjoying nature.

What are your favorites: - Food: Sushi - Color: Purple and Pink - Movie: "Beauty and the Beast."- Book: "Guess how much I love you?" - Vacation: Beach and Deep Creek Lake - Holiday: Christmas - Music: Country music

What is your favorite season? - I like the summer because I get to spend lots of time with my family.

What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school? - I liked math and writing. Reading was really hard for me.

What is your proudest accomplishment? - Becoming a Mom!

What is one thing you would like to improve upon? - I want to be a better teacher and learn more about teaching different types of learners.

If you could pass a new law in Congress, what would it be? - I would like to see school offered year-round with many breaks each quarter.

What is the most important message you want to relay to your students? - Never give up on your dreams!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO

We are working diligently on teaching our students to be kind, caring, considerate little people. We want everyone to feel accepted and safe here. We have implemented an active bullying prevention program to improve peer relations at school. Our aim is to improve our school climate everywhere in the building. Please review the following material and talk about it with your children at home. It is important for parents to stay in close contact with their child's teacher, if your child feels they have experienced bullying and it has not been addressed. Young children need to learn they can assert themselves and gain respect and acceptance. This is a critical life lesson for their positive emotional development. **What is bullying?** A student is being bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. It is when someone hurts or frightens another person on purpose over and over. The person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. The bully may be bigger, stronger, or more popular than the target. **Our School Rules on Bullying.**

1. We will NOT bully others.
2. We will help students who are being bullied. (We are Bystanders-to-the-Rescue!)
3. We will include students who are left out.
4. We will tell an adult at home and at school when someone is being bullied.

Tips for Teaching Children: Specific Actions to take if you are bullied:

1. Ignore the bully. Don't react.
2. Walk Away – especially if you feel you are in danger.
3. Tell a joke – Change the mood using laughter.
4. Stand up for yourself. Stand erect. Look and feel confident.
5. Find Allies – There is strength in numbers.
6. Don't be a bystander – See bullying, Say "Stop!"
7. Use your words. Say how you feel. Do not get into a fight.
8. Steer clear of the bully. Stick with friends.
9. Ask for help – especially if you feel threatened. Seek out a trusted adult.
10. Do not bully others. Be a role model for your peers. Be a proud Dolphin leader!

Hello Everyone! We have been having loads of fun in the media center! This year our school is purchasing more online services and EBooks. All the services and EBooks are accessible on any device that can search the internet, including cell phones, tablets, and gaming systems. Passwords for the services and EBooks have been included on the Oct. PTA Newsletter and are attached again in the November PTA Newsletter. Students can use the URL's on the passwords list or access the **Waters Landing Elementary Website**. At the Waters Landing Website, students click on the **Media Center** page and then click on the **DESTINY URL**. The links for all online services and EBooks can be found here.

Extra! Extra! The Capstone Publishing Company is extending it's FREE TRIAL access to over **4,000 EBooks** until November 15! Information is below.

My Capstone Library: <http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login>

Username: apple15

Password: spice

It is important to read to your child every day. Not only do students build comprehension skills, practice fluency, and build familiarity with book conventions, the reader demonstrates the relationship between the printed word and meaning – children understand that print tells a story or conveys information. Hopefully, when children understand this, they will want to read more books by themselves.

Most of the EBooks available to your child have 'read aloud' capability. All of our students have more opportunities to learn and develop good reading habits using the many online resources provided. Happy Reading!

Mary Zygmunt
Reading Specialist

Holiday Giving Project

Please contact Mrs. Lauren, Counselor WLES, 301-353-0915, if you are requesting this assistance and have not already submitted your form. The application deadline for the December holiday is Nov. 23rd. Toys will be included for children under the age of 17.

The holidays are coming...don't forget to support WLES!

WLES PTA REWARDS PROGRAMS

Target REDcard - Use the REDcard, and Target will donate 1% of your purchases at Target and Target.com to help Waters Landing. There are two easy ways to sign up. Choose the option that works for you.

Visit: <http://www.Target.com/TCOE> OR call 1-800-316-6142. Shop at Target and using your RED card.

Target WLES School ID: 58240

Giant Grocery Store - Designate your card online at <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus> or Call 1-877-366-2668 to designate via phone.

Safeway Club Card - Designate you card online at <http://www.escrip.com/>

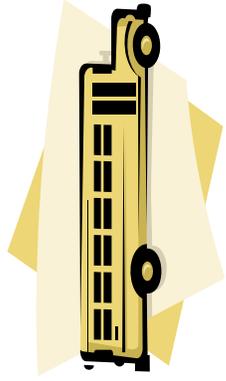
Harris Teeter - Designate you card online at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie_details.aspx

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

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

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Box-Tops—Don't forget to keep collecting box tops throughout the year.



November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 PTA Meeting 7:00PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release Day Parent Teacher Conference	12 Early Release Day Parent Teacher Conference	13	14
15	16 WLES Sprit Night Menchies	17 WLES Sprit Night Menchies	18 WLES Sprit Night Menchies	19 WLES Sprit Night Menchies	20 WLES Sprit Night Menchies	21
22	23 Staff Appreciation Day	24	25 Early Release Day	26 No School  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27 No School	28
29	30	31				

Waters Landing Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is announcing a membership contest! The class with the highest percentage of parents with PTA memberships by **November 6th, 2015** will get to choose between an Ice Cream Sundae or a Pizza party for the entire class! Parents who have already submitted their membership forms will already be included.



Contact Information

Parent/Guardian 1 (Membership \$10)			
Email Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Parent/Guardian 2 (Membership \$10)			
Email Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Street Address (optional)			
Child #1 Name/ Grade/ Teacher			
Child #2 Name/ Grade/ Teacher			
Child #3 Name/ Grade/ Teacher			

Membership Amount: \$	Additional Donation (optional): \$
Total Amount: \$	<i>Please make checks payable to WLES PTA</i>

Volunteer Availability (Please check all that apply)

- Before School
 During School
 After School
 Evenings
 From Home

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<http://waterslandingpta.com/>



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Waters Landing Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

El PTA está anunciando un concurso de membresía ! La clase con el mayor porcentaje de padres con membresías de PTA November 1, 2015 llega a elegir entre un helado de hielo o una fiesta de pizza para toda la clase ! Los padres que ya han presentado sus formularios de afiliación ya estarán incluidos.



Información del Contacto			
Padre/guarda 1 (Calidad de miembro \$10)			
Email Address			
Teléfono casero		Teléfono de la célula	
Padre/guarda 2 (Calidad de miembro \$10)			
Email Address			
Teléfono casero		Teléfono de la célula	
Dirección de la calle (opcional)			
Nombre del niño #1/ grado/ profesor			
Nombre del niño #2/ grado/ profesor			
Nombre del niño #3/ grado/ profesor			
Cantidad de miembros: \$	Donación adicional (opcional): \$		
Cantidad Total: \$	Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de WLES PTA		
De Disponibilidad Voluntaria (compruebe por favor todo el que aplíquese)			
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¡De hogar conecte con nosotros!			
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