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Dear Waters Landing Families:

The staff and I would like to wish you and your families a happy new year. We thank you for all of your good wishes and for all you do for our students at Waters Landing Elementary School. As we approach the end the second marking period on January 22nd and get ready to begin the third marking period on January 25th, the start of a new quarter is always a good time to review with your child how things are going in school. Please know that at anytime you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress.

Winter is here! The temperatures have change dramatically and we want all students to stay warm. Please remember to send students appropriately dressed for the weather with coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Students will continue to have outdoor recess unless the temperature and/or wind chill are below 32 degrees.

Arrival and dismissal are very busy times. As a reminder, students are allowed to enter the building beginning at 9:10 a.m. Please do not drop students off earlier than 9:05 a.m. as staff are not on duty to supervise. Also, please adhere to safety procedures when picking up and dropping off students. Please wait in the car loop line and do not drive around other cars to exit the car circle. Also, please only enter the car loop making a right turn from Locbury Drive and not a left turn. Following these procedures minimize opportunities for accidents to occur.

If anything should change with your personal information (phone number, email address, or emergency contacts), please make certain to provide the main office with updated information. We want to be able to get in contact with you in case of an emergency. Every Sunday evening I send out a Connect Ed message. This contains information for the upcoming weeks. The voice message goes to your main phone number on file. The email message goes to the email address you have on file. The email will have an attachment including the weekly family news, Landing Ledger, or more information regarding a particular subject. If you haven't been receiving this weekly source of information, please send in your updated information to the main office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, Principal

Mrs. Christine Troffkin, Assistant Principal

WLES Winter Dance—Brr...it's cold outside!

Come warm up at our annual Winter Dance! We'll be getting down Friday, January 22nd, 7 pm - 8:30 pm. DJ, 50/50 raffle, bake sale and more! Open to all grades.

SAVE THE DATES

WLES Spirit Night - Jan. 27 and 28 at Jersey Mikes in Milestone Shopping Center. It runs all day across 2 days. Feel free to share the attached flyer with as many folks as possible.

WLES Science Fair February 18 at 7:00pm - Register by Feb 12. *Forms attached and on the WLES PTA website.*

WLES Book Fair March 7—11

From the PTA President ...



Dear Waters Landing Elementary School Families,

Welcome to 2016! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your families! We have several exciting PTA events going happening within the next couple months and we hope you will be able to join us. We will be holding a Winter Dance on Friday, January 22, 7 pm - 8:30 pm and would love to see you and your family for a night of fun!

Many of the events we have throughout the year sometimes need some helpful hands, please consider volunteering for some of these events. You can also get more information about volunteering by visiting our volunteer page at www.waterslandingpta.com.

As always, we are always welcoming new PTA members, so if you haven't already, please consider joining. Every parent and every membership helps strengthen the PTA. Visit our website for more information about the PTA and its benefits.

Have a wonderful January!

Danielle Deaver
PTA President

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Find us on Facebook: Waters Landing (WLES) PTA

COUNSELOR'S CORNER - MS. LAURENO

Montgomery College Youth Programs presents **THE GREAT ADVENTURE LAB - A special one day program for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 Saturday, January 23, 2016** at the Rockville Campus, Time: 8:30 am -3:30 pm. The GREAT ADVENTURE LAB offers high-quality, hands-on, educational and super-fun programs in science, programming and engineering.

For more information, check the website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthmadventures.html>
Online registration is available.

Please register now. Please contact Sharon Wolfgang 240-567-7264 or Karla Espinoza 240-567-7917 if you have any questions. Asistencia en Espanol disponible.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER- Ms. Laureno

GETTING TO KNOW YOU, MRS. MERYL LUDWIG- P.E. Teacher

Interviewed by Zach Logan Allanach and David Preston Porter- Fourth graders.

1. How long have you been teaching? 24 years.
2. Tell us about your family. I have been married for 25 years. I have two sons and one daughter and two yellow Labs.(Labrador dogs).
3. What is your cultural background? I was born in New Jersey. I celebrate many different cultures.
4. What colleges did you attend? I graduated from New York University. As an undergraduate, I majored in adapted physical education. I also attended University of Maryland and studied kinesiology.
5. What do you most like to do when you are not working? I like running, biking, kayaking, and playing with my dogs at the beach.
6. Tell us some of your favorite things: food: Peanut Butter and Chocolate chip cookies...
....Color: Orange.....Move: McFarland USA.....Actress: Sandra Bullock.....Vacation: Beach.....
Music: Rock and Roll.....Slogan: "Run Your Own Race".....Season: Summer
7. What do you like most about teaching at WLES? I enjoy the students!
8. Where in the world would you most like to visit? I would like to go to Costa Rica so my kids can surf and enjoy nature.
9. If you had one message for your students, what would it be? To relax and have fun!
10. What is your proudest accomplishment? I am proud of running in the Boston Marathon.
11. What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school? I liked P.E., science and reading. I also really liked recess!
12. What is one thing you would like to improve upon? I would like to gain more computer skills.
13. If you could pass a new law in Congress, what would it be? For every child to have P.E. every day of the week!

COUNSELING CLASSROOM VISITS HIGHLIGHT PERSONAL SAFETY – MS. LAURENO

MCPS has initiated a personal safety outreach program for all our students in the elementary school.

I will be visiting all classes and starting the conversation about personal safety with your children. Please continue this discussion at home.

Here are a list of PERSONAL SAFETY RULES FOR KIDS!

1. Always check in with a caregiver for permission to go anywhere with anyone.
2. List and respond to your gut instincts.
3. Don't keep secrets from parents or caregivers. Talk to them honestly about what you are experiencing.
4. Know that your body is your own and some parts are private. (those covered by a bathing suit)
5. Leave any situation and check in with a trusted adult when another adults asks for your help.
6. Know that you are special and deserve to be safe, strong and free.

What Adults Need to Know and Do.

1. You, not the child, make the judgment as to whether it is a good or bad thing to go with another person. Ask your children to let you know where they are at all times.
2. Teach kids to get away and tell a trusted adult when a person or situation causes that “uh-oh” feeling.
3. Help children understand the difference between secrets and surprises, and to say “no” to any adult who is trying to trick them.
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6. When children are abused, reassure them that it is never their fault, and show them the love and support they deserve.
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Play a game of “What if…” with your children. Ask your child questions, e.g. What if a neighbor asks you to help with a project at her house? What if we get separated in a shopping mall? What if someone asks you to get into a car? What if your friend tells you to keep a secret which reveals a threatening situation? Use a calm, reassuring tone of voice to talk about making good personal safety choices. These are important conversations which will keep your family members safe and supported.

Advanced Behavioral Health and Behavioral Health Partners provide free counseling services to students who are receiving medical assistance. Counselors first speak with the parents and then set up a schedule to meet with the students at school on a weekly basis.

This service is a partnership between the parents, the school, and the therapist. It is confidential and does not become part of a student's record. It is meant to be an additional resource to assist our students with challenges in the areas of social/emotional development. Parents can sign up for this at any time, and they can also choose to discontinue services at any time.

Please contact Mrs. Laureno, Counselor at WLES to access this opportunity or for more information. 301-353-0915.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO – CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR JANUARY: GOAL-SETTING

New Year's resolutions. As adults we ask ourselves how we are going to become new and better versions of ourselves. This is a perfect opportunity to sit down with your children and help them set goals, too.

Here are some tips to help you in this discussion.

1. There are short-term and long-term goals. Divide a paper in half and work on one set at a time. A short-term goal example is raising a class grade or improving a skill. A good long-term goal is earning a college scholarship.
2. Tell your child a goal should be realistic, specific, detailed, and challenging.
3. Have you child write down that goal and why he/she wants to reach it.
4. Ask your child to think about what it will take to achieve that goal.
5. Create a goal timeline together. Include the date he/she wants to reach the goal, steps to take, and how long each step will take. A goal is just a dream without a timeline!
6. Remind your child to check the goal timeline to stay on track.
7. If your child misses a deadline, tell him/her to redo the timeline, but don't give up.
8. Celebrate when your child reached the goal...then set another!

We Congratulate Students who were voted by their peers as Peacemakers and Bystanders-to-the-Rescue in the month of December! These students exemplify our core values of respect, responsibility and safety. We are very proud of them.

Kindergarten: Daliah Cobb Giovanni Zeledon Autumn Golden Alphonso Baka Anaia Ameerov Justin Ogando

First Grade: Chelsea Chavez Piero Juarez Mikhi Thomas Abby Zambrana Olivia Hamilton Lukas Sandoval Adriana Hanson Mariano Moreno Ali Porter Brian Springer Jeff Martinez Nicole Hernandez

Second Grade: Breoni Hilliard Darron Asiedu AJ Bon-Jorno, Jr. Demonte Thomas Jayden Garcia Ava Walls Milagro (Milly) Garcia Campos Jayden Cortes Maria Coreas Jeremiah Jones Juliana Mensah Iris Cuneo Frank Hernandez Tatiana Dozier Isaac Davis

Third Grade: Andrew McDonald Kennedy Brokenborough Daniel Boamoah Brianna Martinez Ashley Neupane Nathan Ayele Angie Hernandez Yousuf Alkhadhar

Fourth Grade: Matthew Lucas Katie Ogando Samuel Humpert Nariah Goldman Olivia Lar Daniel Ranaivoarison Romeo Rivera Maikeiya Smith Nicole Hernandez Kaelan Maines Kimberly Mejia Ali Mazhar

Fifth Grade: Anissa Walls Spencer Gordon Jayden Moore Karla Saavedra-Romero

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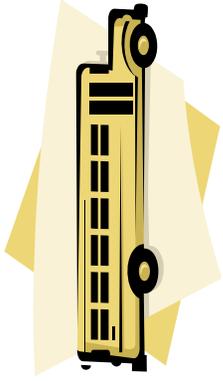
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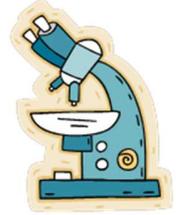


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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18 Holiday—No School	19	20	21	22 WLES Winter Dance	23	
24	25 No School	26	27 Spirit Night at Jersey Mikes	28 Spirit Night at Jersey Mikes	29	30	
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2016 WLES Feria de Ciencias



Jueves, Febrero 18th

Unete a la diversion y registrar!

Horario

6:30pm: Preperar Participantes preparan sus presentaciones en las areas indicadas en el Gimnasio

7:00pm Feria de Ciencias participantes deliveración/calificación por los jueces. Participantes guardan sus presentaciones y responder a las preguntas de los magistrados y las personas que asistan al evento

8:30pm Limpiar estudiantes tomarán en la pantalla y se la lleva a su casa

Como puedes participar?

Esta división es de estudiantes y sus familias en los grados de Kindergarten, Primero y Segundo Primaria. Cada proyecto será proporcionado aproximadamente 36" x 36" para mostrar en la feria de ciencias. Los proyectos deben incluir una platero, que incluye: nombre, Grado, preguntas que están explorando y otra información relacionada con el proyecto. (Se puede encontrar información adicional en la Fira de la Ciència guía.) Los proyectos podrán estar acompañados por objetos físicos como por ejemplo, un modelo, muestras o materiales. Los proyectos deben realizarse **SIN** electricidad, a menos que está funcionando con la batería.

- ✓ **Formulario de entrada fecha límite es 12 de febrero de 2015.** Lugar de pesetas las formas en el recuadro que se encuentra en la oficina de la escuela.
- ✓ Feria de Ciencias triple pantalla guías y directorios están disponibles en el Centro de Medios con Mrs Zygmunt.
- ✓ Paneles de visualización están disponibles por \$4 cada uno. Por favor traiga cambio exacto en efectivo.
- ✓ Formularios de Entrada Feria de Ciencias y también hay guías disponibles para descargar en la PTA WLES WLES y sitios web.
- ✓ Clase con el la mayoría de las entradas recibirán una pizza party! El maestro de esta clase también recibirán un aula suscripción a una revista científica.

Donde puede encontrar proyecto ciencias

Padres! No es necesario ser un científico para ayudar a llevar a su hijo un proyecto para la feria de ciencias.

Feria de Ciencias temas y las ideas se pueden encontrar en los siguientes sitios web: www.sciencebuddies.org, www.cool-science-projects.com, www.super-science-fair-projects.com, www.sciencemadesimple.com, www.education.com/science-fair/elementary-school/

Nombre del Estudiante (Nombre /Apellido)

Grado

Maestro (a)

Nombre del Padre/Tutor

Correo Electrónico

Telefono

Firma del Padre/Tutor que dara el apoyo para el proyecto científico

Titulo del Proyecto: _____

Si se trabaja con un compañero, porfavor escriba su nombre/grado/maestro(a) (**compañeros tambien deben de llenar un formulario de inscripción**): _____

Preguntas?, porfavor contacte a Brooke Levey por correo electrónico a: markandbrooke1@verizon.net.