



**Waters Landing**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# The Dolphin News

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

Happy Almost Spring! The cold temperatures and snow have kept our students in for indoor recess. Our recess team is asking that if anyone has any board games or fun small activities that could be donated for our indoor recess, to please bring them to the office. We are trying our best to get the children outside but will only bring them out when the temperatures and wind chills are above 32 degrees and the ground is dry. Any donations would be appreciated.

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Valentine's Parties, Science Fair, Read-A-Thon Kick-Off, and the Winter Chorus Concert. It was great to see so many families at our school. Our students are great!

Interims for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter will be sent home on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to review this with your child. If you have any questions, please make certain you email or call 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.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne Harris, Principal

Mrs. Christine Troffkin, Assistant Principal

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

## WLES March Spirit Night

Mark your calendar for March 16 when Zoe's Kitchen in Germantown will host Spirit Night from 5-8pm! Just mention Waters Landing when you place your order and 15% of the proceeds will go back to our school via the PTA.



Lifetouch is excited to offer you a Fast, Easy, and Convenient way for your families to order their student's yearbook. Simply copy and past the link below to order.

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectStudent?isAdvertisementOnly=False>

## WLES Parent-Staff Basketball Game

Want to play some hoops?

We're looking for parents and staff volunteers for our upcoming fundraising basketball game. Contact Amy Maclean at [WLESVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:WLESVolunteer@gmail.com). Even if you don't want to play, plan on coming out to support parents and staff on April 15 at MLK Middle School at 7pm.



## **From the PTA President ...**

Hello Waters Landing Families!

We have an exciting month planned! I hope that your children are all participating in our Read-a-Thon. This is a wonderful way to encourage them to read, and to raise money for the school! All of the money raised will help the PTA do things such as put on cultural assemblies for the students, offer scholarships for field trips, hold our exciting spring carnival, Dolphinmania, and much, much more! Please encourage your children to read and to reach out to family members and friends for sponsorships. The child who reads the most will win our Grand Prize, a Kindle Fire.

During the last week of the Read-a-Thon, we will have one of the children's favorite activities: the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be held from March 7-11. Please feel free to stop by at any time to look through the books and other materials and to make purchases. We will have two Family Nights, from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. We hope to see you there!

We will also be having our first-ever Moms for Muffins event this month. On Friday, March 11, we hope all of the moms, aunts, grandmothers or guardians will join us with the children for a special morning of muffins and fun! It will be a great time to see your child at his or her school and to meet other children and parents.

The rest of spring will be just as exciting. We will have a Parent-Teacher basketball game on April 15 and Dolphinmania, our big spring carnival, on May 7. More information will be coming out soon about those events.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting at 7 p.m. on March 1 in the Media Center. And please contact me if you have any comments or questions about the school or PTA.

Thank you!

Danielle Deaver

PTA President

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

### **PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS-TO-THE-RESCUE**

We are proud to announce our students who have been elected by their peers to receive these awards. These students are role models for us all.

**Kindergarten:** Braylen Proctor, Camila Cruz Lopez, Jalia Joseph, Sophia Garcia, Madison Archible, Frederick Thomas, Mahek Kamran, Jayden Segovia, JenCarlos Zavala-Martinez, Kaylee Grimes, Shianne Frazer, Ellie Mitchell, Nathaniel Owusu, Nancy Nkrumah, Jaylen Jones, Teagan Maines, Nate Williams, Amara Brown, Ava Harris

**First Grade:** Edward Palencia, Joslyn Xolio-Amaya, Aidan Lisboa, Isabelle Hersh, Chelsee Chavez, Shane Beebe, Nickolas Calvo, Abby Zambrana, Nicole Hernandez, Jeff Martinez, Christian Galva, Brielle Taylor, Kingston Lemar, Sarah Jordan, Akil Bruce

**Second Grade:** Herman Harrison, Sarah Ntumba, Jonathan Cantillano-Lara, Katie Diaz, Ashley Boakye, Beatrice Cole, Zen Bambalan, Camila Guzman, Helen Garcia, Eduar Paz Machado, AJ Bon Jorno Jr, Breoni Hilliard, Jayden Garcia, Leilani Miles, Tasha Cosby, A'nyah Hines, Rachel Gordon, Jayden Delacruz, Jaden Proctor, Marguele Kuitichoua, Tatiana Dozier, Mark Briseno, Liahna Larios, Frank Hernandez

**Third Grade:** Ashley Neupane, Yousuf Alkhadhar, Veronica Jandres-Ayala, Marston Johnson-Wuor, Dylan Lisboa, April Adams, Julian Deleon, Mia Ortega, Kenneth Chavez, Brittany Smith, Kennedy Brokenborough, Joseph Dean

**Fourth Grade:** Sam Humpert, Katie Ogando, Nariah Goldman, Matthew Lucas, Jude Hassan

**Get your WLES Spirit Wear for the Spring!!!**

We are now taking orders for Spirit Wear again. Watch for the order form in the Friday folders or go to the PTA website and download the order form yourself. Fill out the form and return it with a check, cash, or money order to your child's teacher. **Orders are due Friday March 18th.**



**Box Top Winners  
for February**

Stella Ward and Jazmin Johnson

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO - CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME OF THE MONTH:  
FAIRNESS AND HONESTY**

In February we celebrated Black History Month as well as Presidents' Day, honoring both President George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays.

What did these two towering historical figures have in common?

They both believed in fairness. George Washington, first as General and next as President, believed that the people in this country had a right to be free from the British.

Abraham Lincoln believed slavery should be abolished and wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. Their sense of fairness and what was just and right propelled them.

Please talk with your children about the importance of being fair, of being a good person.

You may want to have a family discussion highlights these points: Fairness is.....

1. Sharing and taking turns
2. Playing by the rules
3. Being honest
4. Compromising
5. Caring and including others
6. Not blaming others
7. Admitting when you are wrong
8. Making decisions in a fair way, taking into account everyone's feelings
9. Keeping an open mind about different opinions

Overall, fairness is about making sure all are treated with kindness and respect they deserve. When people are not treated fairly, they can become jealous and angry. We want to make our world, whether it be in school or at home or in the greater society, a peaceful place. Talk with your children about how they can contribute to a peaceful world.

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS LAURENO**

We have just celebrated Valentine's Day, a day set aside to recognize our friends and family who enrich our lives with affection and caring.

Our students have shown their caring and compassion this month with their donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma's "Pennies for Patients" program. We have raised over a thousand dollars for this worthy cause. Special thanks to all the children and their parents who have contributed. Also, we are very grateful to Mrs. Deaver, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Schully for their help in transporting these funds for deposit. Picture how many pounds of pennies had to be transported to the bank. This was not as easy task. We could not have done this without your help, ladies! Thank you!

We also want to recognize at this time our MANNA partners, who donate Smart Sacks, food bags for our students in need, every month. Seneca Valley H.S. is one of our contributors, the other is the Islamic Cultural Center of Germantown. They have been helping us for years. We so appreciate their generosity. If any family is in need of this assistance, please let me know. I can add you to the list at any time.

Last, but not least, we want to celebrate our magical Media Center specialist, Mary Zygmunt. Mrs. Zygmunt is always trying to provide students with additional programs which will inspire them in every educational area. She sponsored a Science Club, facilitating exciting hands-on science experiments. She worked together with the PTA on the Science Fair Night. And the very next evening, after Science Fair, she was organizing and running the Read-A-Thon with the PTA. We are truly fortunate to have" Mrs. Z." on staff here.

\*\*\*\*\*Happening now\*\*\*\*\*

# Waters Landing Elementary Online Read-A-Thon! February 19th - March 11th

Read Books... Log Online... Get Sponsors... Raise Money!



Children choose whatever they want to read.



Children log their reading on their secure profiles.

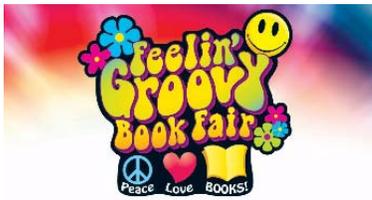


Parents invite sponsors via email and social media.



Your school keeps 80% of funds raised.

## WLES Spring Book Fair is here!



Come out and enjoy a far-out celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for kids to discover. Want to help, volunteers are always welcome, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094aa4a828a57-feelin/>

## CAMP CARING

Camp Caring is an overnight weekend camp for children who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Who: Montgomery County children, grades 2-5, who are grieving the death of a loved one.

When: Friday June 3, 2016 at 4 pm- Sunday June 5, 2016 at 2 pm.

Where: The Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD ([www.claggettcenter.org](http://www.claggettcenter.org))

Round-trip transportation is provided to and from the Hospice Caring Cottage in Gaithersburg, MD

What: Campers participate in a wide range of activities including: Shared Memories, Expressive Arts, Trust and Bonding Activities, Recreation, Swimming and outdoor activities. Register: For more information or to register contact Marie Daly at 301-869-4673 or [maried@hospicecaring.org](mailto:maried@hospicecaring.org)

Camp Caring was developed in 2003 and is offered on an annual basis ever since. We have had many students attend each year. They all come back with wonderful stories about their experience.

## KIDS COLLEGE AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE, SPRING 2016

Do you want your child to become a whiz at keyboarding? Sign up for the Keyboarding for Computers class given here. This is for students in grades 4-6. Brochures are available in the office or can be obtained by calling 240-567-7917 or via the website: [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth)

# WLES March 2016 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WLES PTA Meeting 7pm Media Center	2	3	4	5
6	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair	9 Book Fair Family Night 5-7pm	10 Book Fair Family Night 6-8pm	11 Book Fair Muffins with Mom	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Teacher professional day No school	25 Spring Break No School	26
27	28 Spring Break No School	29 Spring Break No School	30 Spring Break No School	31 Spring Break No School		