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Dear Waters Landing Families:

It is hard to imagine that we are in the final weeks of the 2015 – 2016 school year. The past few weeks have been very busy for the Waters Landing community. We are looking forward to various grade levels' end of year events and 5th grade promotion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who make Waters Landing a place where everyone is “respectful, responsible, and safe.” First, I’d like to thank the teachers and staff who devote their time and attention, and are committed to assuring that all our students are successful. Thank you to all the families who support our programs, volunteer their time and make sure our students are here every day ready to do their best. Thank you to our students - you brighten our day and make it all worthwhile to do what we do. Finally, I would like to thank our PTA officers and volunteers. I wanted to remind everyone that our school year has been extended to **Monday, June 20th**. It will be a half day of instruction for all students. Please be sure to take note of this change.

As we close this current school year, we begin to look ahead to the next year that is on the horizon. First, we will be saying farewell to the following staff members: Pam Fish (administrative secretary) Jennifer Pearce (2nd), Elizabeth Martinez (2nd), Amanda Palmer (special education), Sae Mi Jang (art), Lisa Shum (ESOL), John LaRocca (PE substitute). As they move out of state, closer to home; in to new positions/schools; and retire, we wish them the best of luck and will always consider them a part of the Waters Landing family. We are projected to have the following sections of classes for 2016-2017: 6-Kindergarten, 7-Grade 1, 7-Grade 2, 5-Grade 3, 4-Grade 4, and 5-Grade 5 classes. We will closely monitor our enrollment throughout the summer to determine if any changes need to be made to our classroom sections. Please keep in mind that staffing is also based on our student enrollment. Therefore, there could be possible changes made to this as well.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every student, parent, and staff member of the Waters Landing community. Mrs. Troffkin and I had a great first year as building administrators and it’s all because of the wealth of support from families and staff. We are very excited to return next year and look forward to reaching new heights of success. We are very fortunate to be administrators in such an AWESOME school. We look forward to 2016 – 2017 being another successful year of excellence at Waters Landing Elementary. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, Principal

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, Assistant Principal

“Readers to Succeed at Waters Landing Elementary School”

Congratulations to WLES Girls on the Run!

You did an amazing job on Sunday, May 22.



Have a great



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From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Families,

It's the last month of the school year, and my last month as President of the Waters Landing PTA. I want to thank everyone who has helped the PTA during the past two years. There are too many people to mention individually, but without each and every person who has stepped up to help, the PTA could not have done all of the great things it has done during the past two years. So thank you!

And the school year is not over yet! With the upcoming year, the PTA will need more help. Any amount of time that you can spend volunteering – even if it's just an hour a month - would be wonderful. If you would like to give more time, we have committee positions that would allow you to do that. And even if you can't volunteer, PTA meetings are a great place to meet other parents and to hear the latest news about the school. Let's all work together to make sure that our children have a wonderful experience at Waters Landing Elementary School.

Have a great summer!

Thank you,

Danielle Deaver

Waters Landing ES, PTA President

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Dear Waters Landing Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for helping your child learn and read more than ever this year.

All student library books were due **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. 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!**

The wonderful world of reading does not have to end with the school year. Your child can take advantage of the Montgomery County Public Library's reading program. Sign-up begins June 1st. In addition, your family can take advantage of the many online resources and nearly 200 ebooks available to Waters Landing families on our school's website. These resources can be enjoyed on any device that can access the internet. A list of passwords is included with this newsletter.

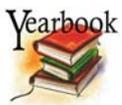
To access our online books using an internet device.

1. Access GOOGLE.com (many books only open in the google browser) www.google.com
2. Access the DESTINY website: <https://destiny.mcpsmd.org/>
3. Scroll down to WATERS LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4. Use the CATALOG tab or EBOOK and ONLINE SERVICES navigation pane to access materials.

Your child should read every day this summer. Reading can include signs, board games, restaurant menus and much, much more. I look forward to next year and our school's goal of helping your children become life-long learners.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Zygmont, Media Specialist



****WLES Yearbooks****

All yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 13. Based on previous year sales, we only ordered 200 yearbooks for the 2015-2016 school year and we already have approximately 150 pre-ordered. This leaves only about 50 for sale. If you would like to order a yearbook (**\$22.00**), please check with the front office or email one of the us at the email addresses found in the front of this newsletter for availability.



Box Top News

Further submissions of box tops will be added to the back to school contest in September. Be sure to verify expiration dates before submitting. Box Tops is a great way to earn money for our school so keep on collecting during the summer.

We collected over \$1200 this year, thanks to all who participated!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO

This is a bittersweet time of year, happy, reflecting on our students' many accomplishments. We have watched our children bloom and grow in size and maturity. It has been a joy and an honor to be part of all our students' learning and progress. But we are also sad to see our fifth graders graduate, leaving our Waters Landing community for the increasingly complex and independent life of Middle School. Our hearts are filled with pride watching these boys and girls, enthusiastic, energetic and confident, move on to the next step in their journey. We wish them the very best! And we hope they will come back to visit us and stay in touch. We will never forget you.

SUMMER FUN!

July and August are months to relax and restore and soak up the sun before returning in late August to school. There are many camps which still have openings. We have brochures about this in the turn-style in the main hallway. Germantown Library has a wonderful summer reading program. Please stop by and check it out. The librarians came to our school and spoke to the students about the programs.

We hope every child will have their own MCPS Library Card and read as much as possible over the summer. There are many workbooks and resources for students to continue to hone their basic knowledge in all subject areas. They can be bought at Dollar Stores, Barnes and Nobles, teaching supply stores, ordered online etc. etc. There are also many computer programs online for children to enjoy and learn from at the same time. It is equally crucial for boys and girls to learn social skills through playing with friends and working together as a family or a team.

On behalf of all of us here at Waters Landing, I want to wish you a safe and stupendous summer vacation! Let the merriment begin!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS LAURENO

SUMMER READING SKILLS AND SPEED READING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-17 AND ADULTS

Sponsored by Loyola University of Maryland School of Education. Offered this summer (June and July) Unity Christ Church located at 111 Central Ave. Gaithersburg, MD. Brochures are available in the main office. For more information or to register please call 1-800-483-5013.

SUMMER SCHOOL - The 2016 Summer School Registration information is available NOW.

Attending summer school is a great opportunity for students to receive extra help during the summer. The nearest Summer School site is located at Candlewood Elementary School in Rockville, MD. Registration is open May 4 – June 20. Parents are responsible for transportation. Families may apply for partial or full tuition waivers to off-set costs.

You may access the summer school registration form on the MCPS website or at the following link.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/325-5es.pdf>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Ms. Lauren

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS FROM MONTGOMERY COLLEGE BROCHURES ARE NOW IN THE MAIN OFFICE

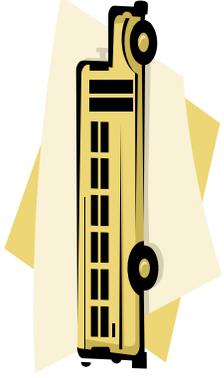
There are over 200 fun-filled classes for grades K-12 at Montgomery College, including the Germantown Campus, Rockville and Takoma Park Campuses. These classes include summer sport camps as well as math, writing, technology, cooking, arts and crafts etc. Classes begin the week of June 27. There are new sessions starting each week through August 15. Before Care and After Care are also available for an additional fee. Registration is being taken on a first come, first served basis. More information online at: www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth.html

Camp attendees will be involved in a number of therapeutic activities that include such topics as:

- Self-esteem building
- Expressing Feelings
- Setting Goals
- Organizational Skills
- Reading Verbal & Nonverbal Cues
- Bully Busting
- Making & Keeping Friends
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Resolution

<http://www.expressivetherapycenter.com/summer-programs>

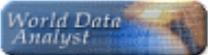




June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 PTA Meeting Median Center 7:00pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Last Day of School Early Release	21 Let the summer fun begin!!!	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Centrally Purchased Online Subscription Services- and E-Book Passwords for Waters Landing ES

Resource and website URL	Username/Password (for Home Use)	Description
 http://school.eb.com	mcps, search	Britannica School is an encyclopedia where you can search for articles on a variety of topics.
 http://quest.eb.com	mcps, search	Image Quest has a collection of images that you can download and use in your school projects.
 http://www.america.eb.com	mcps, search	Annals of American History has speeches, historical accounts, memoirs, poems, images and multimedia all about American History.
 http://escolar.eb.com/	mcps, search	Escolar Online is the Britannica School encyclopedia in Spanish. Find articles on a variety of topics written in Spanish.
 http://moderna.eb.com/	mcps, search	Enciclopedia Moderna is a Spanish language encyclopedia that has many articles plus timelines, an atlas, and a dictionary.
 http://global.eb.com/	mcps, search	Global Reference Center is a database where you can find information from around the globe written in Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French and Spanish.
 http://world.eb.com/	mcps, search	World Data Analyst is a database in which you can compare data on different countries.
 http://online.culturegrams.com	mcps, mcps	Culturegrams has information on 182 countries and cultures, including history, land and climate, religion, personal appearance, gestures, language, government, and family life.
 http://decades.sirs.com	mcps, mcps	SIRS Decades is a database of primary and secondary source documents organized around the decades of the 20th century.

 http://discoverer.sirs.com	<p>mcps, mcps</p>	<p>SIRS Discoverer is a database of articles and images from newspapers, magazines, government documents, and websites.</p>
 http://sks.sirs.com	<p>mcps, mcps</p>	<p>SIRS Knowledge Source has several databases to help middle and high school students with research on current issues, government topics, arts and history.</p>
 http://teachingbooks.net/home/	<p>mcps, mcps</p>	<p>Teaching books has author interviews, book summaries and other information about books and authors.</p>

 http://search.ebscohost.com	<p>s9612143/password</p>	<p>Explora Primary School includes a dictionary, encyclopedia and images and videos. It also has teacher resources.</p>
 http://www.pebblego.com	<p>waterslanding/school</p>	<p>PebbleGo has Animals, Biographies, Dinosaurs, Social Studies and Science articles to help you with your research projects.</p>
 http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/auto_login.asp?U=mcpsmd&P=books	<p>None needed for home access</p>	<p>TumbleBook Library has animated “talking” books. You can read a book on your own or have it read to you.</p>

 http://askusnow.info/	<p>None needed</p>	<p><i>Ask Us Now!</i> let’s you ask an online librarian questions about research and get help in using websites and online resources.</p>
 http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/az.php	<p>You will need your library card to login to the databases</p>	<p><i>MCPL A-Z Databases</i> has magazine articles, encyclopedias and eBooks to support your research needs.</p>

 brainpop.com	wles/brainpop	<p><i>Brainpop</i> is a group of educational websites with over 1,000 short animated movies for students in grades K-12 (ages 6 to 17), together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, mathematics, engineering and technology, health , art and music.</p>
 http://scienceflix.scholastic.com	waterslanding/flix	<p><i>scienceFlix</i> combines curriculum- driven leveled content, interactive features, and intuitive navigation into a single, highly engaging science resource.</p>
 http://bkflix.grolier.com	waterslanding/flix	<p><i>BookFlix</i> is a new online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning.</p>
 http://trueflix.scholastic.com	waterslanding/flix	<p><i>TrueFlix</i> is the online resource that allows students to master content-area knowledge in science and social studies while honing their literacy skills.</p>
 www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com	waterslandinges/books	<p><i>Capstone E-Books</i> Books to read online!</p>
 http://www.rourkebooks.com	waterslandinges/ebooks74	<p><i>Rourke E-Books</i> Books to read online!</p>
 http://www.epointplus.com/login	waters/waters	<p><i>Rosen EPoint Plus</i> Books to read online!</p>
 https://www.mackinvia.com	waterslanding/mackin	<p><i>MackinVIA</i> Books to read online!</p>