



**Waters Landing**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 26<sup>th</sup> and get ready to begin the third marking period on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Chris Troffkin, *Assistant Principal*

### \*\*\* Waters Landing Winter Dance\*\*\*



Come warm up at our Winter Dance on Friday, January 13, 2017, 7 pm - 8:30 pm. We will have Rocking DJ 50/50 raffle, and more! All grades are invited! No Drop-offs please!

### Box Top News

Collected Box Top over the winter break? Don't forget to clip them, and send them to school in a baggie or collection sheet with your child's name and teacher written on it. Box Tops are on the packaging of hundreds of products that you use every day and are each worth 10 cents that quickly add up to real cash for our school.



From the PTA President,

**Happy New Year!!**

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The PTA has some exciting events coming up during the winter months.

On Friday, January 13, we will have our Winter Dance in the All Purpose room from 7:00-8:30 pm. There are no drop offs and an adult must stay with their student. We will have a DJ and a 50/50 raffle. Come and dance away those winter blues!

On Thursday, February 23, we will hold our annual science fair. Like last year, our spring fundraiser will be a READ-A-THON. More details about these events will be coming home in your student's folders.

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM in the school library. If you have any questions or would like to share some of your ideas and thoughts, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Sheri Schully

Waters Landing Elementary School PTA President, 2016-2017

Proud mother of Madeleine (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and Corinne (Kindergarten)

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### **Waters Landing Elementary School PTA Membership**

We are always welcoming new family members, so please take the time to show your support and send in your membership form. Forms are available for download on the PTA's website.

### **Top Ten Reasons to Join the WLES PTA**

1. **Your child benefits.** Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.
2. **We make a difference.** Our mission is to help create a school where teachers, parents, and administrators come together to help all WLES children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom and help create growth opportunities for all WLES children.
3. **We pledge to honor your time constraints.** People are often reluctant to participate because they are afraid they will get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. We will not push you to commit more than you want to or are able to. An hour or two a semester really makes a difference.
4. **We have fun.** We accomplish a lot, and not everything we do is easy. We do not take ourselves too seriously, and we try to enjoy ourselves.
5. **Meet nice people who share your concerns.** We all have a common bond- we care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. Many friendships have developed as a result of those connections.
6. **There is a lot to be done.** These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.
7. **We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.** The work we do covers a broad spectrum: planning and events, writing and editing, working directly with children, managing budgets and cash flow, and lots more. We encourage creative ideas and we are thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.
8. **We are welcoming.** To us, there are no "outsiders." We are people who have come together to work toward common goals. We couldn't be happier to have you join us in working toward those goals.
9. **We are focused on parent involvement, not fundraising.** Our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school. Building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school.

**There are many ways to stay up to date with what is happening with WLES and the PTA.**

- ◆ Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WLESPTA/?fref=ts>
- ◆ Follow us on Twitter - [@WatersLanding](#)
- ◆ Visit our website - [www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com)

As always, you are welcome to contact any of us via the contact us link on our website.

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

Kids College offerings for the Spring at Montgomery College.

### **Keyboarding for Computers** – Grades 4-6 Course: YOU 553 \$158.00

Want to become a typing whiz! Using IBM compatible computers (one per student) and other tools, learn the correct finger placement on the keyboard. Build skills with drills and timed writings. Learn basic MS Word concepts, including formatting a letter and a table.

March 2- May 4: (8 sessions) 4:30-6:30 pm; No class 3/16. 4/13 at the Rockville Campus

### **Cartooning, Comics and Manga** – Grades 5-9 Course: YOU 159 \$184.00

Students will create original characters, designing pages, drawing caricatures, making flip books, and developing a comic strip book.

March 7- May 2: (8 sessions) 4:30-6:30 PM; No class 4/11 Rockville Campus

### **Germantown Baseball Clinic** - Ages 5-13

Work on baseball skills and get ready for spring. The players and coaches of the 2016 Raptors baseball team will provide instruction in hitting, pitching, fielding and throwing.

The clinic will be held in the Montgomery College Germantown indoor facility.

Head Coach: Dan Rascher Fee: \$150.00

Course: CRN#36193: (5 sessions) Jan. 14-Feb. 11 5:45-7:15 pm.

Course: CRN #36194: (5 sessions) Jan. 15-Feb. 12 9-10:30 am.

For more information: [www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth) or call 240-567-7917 or 240-567-7264 Asistencia en Espanol Disponible. Montgomery College Rockville Campus is located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville MD 20850

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER CON'T – Ms. Laureno**

Happy 2017 to all our WLES families! I hope everyone had a very relaxing, pleasurable winter break.

I am grateful for all of your good wishes and support during my recent leave. I am so glad to be back and in better health!

January, the first month in the calendar year, is a natural time for all of us to take stock and set new goals to reach during the year.

### **We are addressing goal-setting in our class room counseling visits.**

There are short term and long term goals which are specific to different parts of our life. (personal/home/family, social/friendships, extra-curricular etc.) Please talk with your children about the following points:

Set daily goals each day. Set weekly and monthly goals. Write them on your calendar! Set yearly goals. Begin doing the small things needed to reach this bigger, long term goal.

To reach your goal, you must persevere. You must keep on trying! You must think positively! You must remember the goal you are working to accomplish.

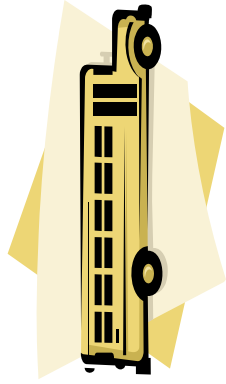
The word QUIT must NEVER be in your vocabulary. Courage is needed to try again and again. In the words of Winston Churchill, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Keep in mind that if you fall back one step, decide to climb forward two steps. Little goals accomplished=bigger goals mastered. It takes climbing one step at a time to reach the top of the stairs.

Talk with someone you trust about your goals. Ask your children to confide in you as parents. Encourage them to confide in other caring family members, teachers and staff at school.

We are sometimes like little puppies. We must run after the ball many times before we become good at bringing it back. We must learn many things before a new goal is reached. We must be willing to chase our dreams. Practice helps you become better at everything. Mistakes are going to be made. They are the way we learn.

*Mistakes are learning opportunities. Keep trying and put out your most effective effort!!!*



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2	3 PTA Meeting 7:00pm Media Center	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Waters Landing Winter Dance 7:00-8:30pm All purpose Room	14
15	16 Holiday No School	17	18	19	20 Holiday No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Professional Day No School	28
29	30	31				