



**Waters Landing**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# The Dolphin News

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

We are getting ready to enter the 4th Quarter of this school year! It really seems like the school year just started. Staff are working hard to make certain all of our students are learning and making progress. Thank you to all of the volunteers who donate their time to help out with our classes and school events. We appreciate all you do to make our school a great place to learn.

Report Cards for the 3rd Quarter will be sent home on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to review this report with your child. If you have any questions, please contact 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.

Our **Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, please call Mrs. Chamberlain in our main office at 240-740-1020 to register for Kindergarten Orientation.

Please remind your children about the importance of following the school rules: We are **RESPECTFUL**. We are **RESPONSIBLE**. We are **SAFE**. When students demonstrate behaviors that are not within the confines of the school rules, we follow the **MCPS Code of Conduct** to determine appropriate consequences. You can review the MCPS Code of Conduct at the following web address:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/students/rights/CodeofConduct.pdf>

We are all looking forward to wonderful Spring!

*Sincerely,*

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, *Principal*

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, *Assistant Principal*

## BOX TOP NEWS



Congratulations to Justin Iadicola from Mrs. Friend's class and Jaheim Bond-Thompson from Mrs. Reyes' class. They won our Spring Raffle and both received \$25.00 in Scholastic Dollars to buy books. Thank you to all who participated. We will be announcing our last Box Tops Collection of the school year very soon so PLEASE keep clipping. Don't forget, 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. Every little bit helps. For more information visit [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com)



## WLES Family Spirit Night— April 19-20

We have double the Spirit Night fun in April with Ledo Pizza hosting a fundraiser. Be sure to mention Waters Landing when you order. Thank you for your support!

## Thank you from the Book fair Chairs

Thank you to all families that took the time to volunteer at our Spring Book Fair it was a huge success and we had our highest sales to date!

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Visit our website - [www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com)

**From the PTA President,**

Dear WLES Families,

Can you believe that it is already April? This month, Waters Landing Elementary is participating in a fundraiser that also focuses on our students' love of reading. The PTA is sponsoring a read-a-thon similar to the one we conducted last year. All students are encouraged to participate in this program. Meeting our school goal of 30,000 minutes will take only slightly more than your child's daily reading assignments. In order to be eligible for prizes for reading minutes, both parents and students must sign the Read-A-Thon contract that was sent home. There is more information on the flier in this newsletter and on the PTA website at [www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com).

Don't forget to order your **2016-2017 WLES yearbook!** The cost is \$22 and it can be ordered online (<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectStudent?isAdvertisementOnly=False&jobnumber=12291217>) or by sending in money to your student's teacher with their name and homeroom teacher listed clearly.

**Dolphinmania** will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 2-4 PM at our school. The event will include the teacher auction, face painting, inflatables, a bake sale, and Kona Ice. We also have some fabulous finds at our silent auction! Check them out on the flier in this newsletter.

Our next **PTA meeting** will be Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM in the school library. We are looking forward to another amazing year and hope to get many more of you involved with the PTA and assisting with our mission to enrich and enhance the social and educational opportunities for the children of WLES. If you have any questions or would like to share some of your ideas and thoughts, please feel free to contact me or any of our board members.

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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**MCPS STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AT BLACKROCK**

We would like to highlight some of our students who's art is on display at Blackrock Center in Germantown, located next to the Germantown Library.

Exhibit on View: Thursday, March 30 – Saturday, April 8, 2017

Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm\*

Students with work on display from Waters Landing Elementary School

Robert Urey 2nd grade	Genaro Guzman 5th grade
Abby Zabrana Urquizo 2nd grade	Wesley Diaz Flores 5th grade
Samantha Hernandez 5th grade	Sadai Davis 5th grade
Stella Ward 4th grade	Flor Bonilla 5th grade
Brandon Chavez Kindergarten	Jaiden Campain 3rd grade
Melany Lopez 5th grade	Joshua Oh 1st grade
Fernanda Martinez 1st grade	Kiera Allen 3rd grade

**MCCPTA Holds 6th Performing Arts Festival, April 29th at the Rockville Town Square**

On Saturday April 29th, 2017 the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will hold its 6th Performing Arts Festival on the Rockville Town Square Stage from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. This year the festival will feature 37 performances by students providing a variety of dance and musical entertainment. The festival features student performance groups from dozens of MCPS schools.

The event will feature over 400 student performers and offers a wide range of cultural and modern artistic talent. The performances feature dance and musical performances, including traditional Chinese and classical Indian dance, Hip-Hop dance, Bollywood Indian dance, African dance, Broadway musicals (including both Mulan and Beauty and the Beast), modern dance, and several step teams. The musical performances include jazz and light rock, choral groups, strings, and a-capella groups.

## Waters Landing Elementary School PTA Membership

### A few good reasons to be involved in the PTA

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO

#### SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

Responsible students grow up to be responsible adults and achieve success. Please review this list with your child. Perhaps you want to make a chart for these principles and reward your son or daughter when they are meeting the standard. The key thing is to reiterate and reinforce these behaviors, so that they become natural habits. This will make your life as a parent much easier, too!

Responsible students:

#### 1. **THEY SET GOALS**

Goals keep kids focused on the future. Help your child set goals. Ask questions such as: “How much improvement would she like to see on this week’s test? How would he like to improve his grades this marking period? What are two things she would like to accomplish this school year?”

#### 2. **THEY PLAN THEIR TIME**

It takes planning to meet their obligations. Remember the old adage: “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Use a big calendar to help teach your child how to organize her time. Use technology, if this is available.

#### 3. **THEY STUDY EVERY DAY**

Learning any subject is like building a brick wall- you do it steadily, one step at a time. Encourage your child to read and to think at all times, not just for assigned homework.

Visit the library often. Let your child pick out books that appeal to them. Limit the amount of hours of television time and monitor their choice of programs. This is also true for technology. Access from computers and cell phones should be adult-approved.

#### 4. **THEY TAKE NOTES IN CLASS**

Teach your child to take notes when the teacher is talking. Help them learn to focus on the speaker, giving their full attention.

#### 5. **THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED**

Make sure your child has all the basic supplies they need. These will require updating throughout the year. Come to school with sharpened pencils.

#### 6. **THEY ARE ORGANIZED**

This is frequently overlooked, but is very critical to success in our fast-paced world. Successful students get ready ahead of time. They are on time. They prepare.

They think ahead. The night before school, they get their backpacks ready, their lunches made, their clothes laid out. They get to school and are ready to work.

#### 7. **THEY KEEP THEIR COMMITMENTS**

Responsible people honor their commitments – to others and to themselves. They do their share of a group project. They attend soccer practice even when it is cold.

Parents can talk about their commitments to their family – to provide meals, to keep clothes clean, to care for anyone who is sick. Ask your children to make commitments of their own at home, to help the family by doing chores. Help them feel the satisfaction that comes from meeting their commitments.

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### **OUR THIRD GRADERS SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL USE!**

**Camila Guzman** – “Drugs and cigarettes are bad and can hurt you and get in your lungs and your lungs get black and your teeth get yellow and you might get a disease from smoking a cigarette.”

**Jayden B. Jennings**- “Do not accept a job unless they give you terms of use or an application. It is not good to follow some commercials and advertisements because they can get you doing very illegal stuff, like smoking cigars, drinking wine and other wine products, and using drugs. If you don't listen to adults, you could have an emergency.”

**Miley Bolivar Velez**- “Drinking is a drug and smoking is a drug, too. If you smoke too much you will be very, very sick. Do not smoke because your teeth can be yellow and your lungs can be black and disgusting. **DO NOT SMOKE!**”

**Angelo Sacarello- Koski** – “Don't follow what other people do if you think it's cool. Often kids are doing bad things like drinking. Get pizza!”

**Makayla Elizabeth Frederick** – “You should not listen to commercials that have ads for cigarettes, drinking, or drugs. Cigarettes made your lungs black inside. Some people who smoke get throats that have holes in them to breathe and doctors have to patch them.”

**Amaya Inman** - “Do not follow ads and movies that tell you to do bad things because you need to follow your own choices. If you smoke, you will get dizzy and your teeth will be yellow and you will have years taken off your life. If you drink you can get drunk and you can die and get sick, so make your own choices.”

**Katie Dias** – “Do not drink or smoke and do not listen to the commercials on TV! If you drink, you might get drunk and you can get hurt.”

**Ashley Boakye** – “Smoking is bad for your body and it gives you yellow teeth. You have to listen to your parents and teachers or you wouldn't know what to do. If you don't listen to your parents, then you'll be punished and sometimes when you run on ice when your parents say not to then you will slip and fall.”

**Minnah Anifowoshe** – “You should never use cigarettes and you can get sick and get dizzy and your lungs can turn black. Your teeth can turn yellow. Don't listen to commercials.

When you see wine on TV it might look good, but it is bad. It can make you sick and feel bad. And you need to listen to your Mom and Dad because they know everything that can happen. And even if you see things on TV they can make you sick.

**Tracy Espinoza** – “Just because on TV they say that smoking and drinking beer is cool, it actually can cause people to die and get very bad diseases. Smoking can make your lungs black and get you very sick. About 10,00 people die because of smoking cigarettes.”

**Dashan James** – “ Do not drink beer or alcohol and don't smoke cigarettes or you may die.”

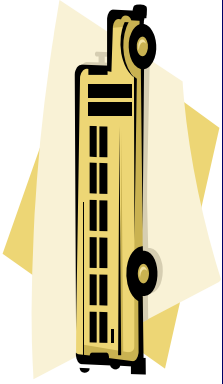
**A'nyah Hines** – “You have to listen to your parents or you will get in trouble. You should not smoke or you can die.”

**Briseyda Zavala** – “I need to listen to what my Mom and Dad need to say to me. If I do not listen, I can do something I do not want to do.”

**Lesver Arana** – “Sometimes commercials never tell you the truth. Smoking can make you sick or you could die. You need to ask questions and find the truth.”

**Jack Murphy** – “Always listen to your Mom!”

**Fabiano Juarez** – “Smoking can kill people and never buy drugs.”



# April 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3		4 WLES PTA Meeting Media Center 7pm	5	6 WLES Read-A-Thon Kicks off April 6th - 28th	7 No School	8
9	10 No School		11 No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 No School	15
16	17 No School		18	19	20 Restaurant Night All Day Ledo Pizza	21 Restaurant Night All Day Ledo Pizza	22
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# Waters Landing Elementary Online Read-A-Thon! April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Whoooo's Reading?

*Will your Owlvatar look like these?*



## About our Read-A-Thon

This year, the Waters Landing PTA is sponsoring a read-a-thon similar to the one we conducted last year. Last year we raised close to \$5,000 for our school and our various programs.

All students are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser. It will not require much more effort than your child's daily work (10 - 20 minutes of reading per night). Using our current reading goals as a basis you'll follow these simple steps:

**Step 1:** Parents log-in and authorize the account per the log-in sent home to your child. If you cannot find this information, please contact your student's teacher. YouTube tutorials for this are found here:

- How to authorize your child's Reading-Raiser account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7hoPff0fjI>

- How to become a sponsor and invite sponsors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRQI2f8Rj5o>

Parents and students choose whatever they want to read that is grade and reading level appropriate.

**Step 2:** Parents and students will simply log their reading minutes online with their secure profiles on their Who's Reading site.

**Step 3:** Parents and students will invite friends and family to sponsor them, by pledging a certain amount of money for every minute they read, every book they finish or simply a one-time donation. The website will show you how to use your social media as an easy way to get more sponsors

For example, if someone donates \$0.05/minute and your child reads 200 minutes, that would be \$10 from one sponsor.

**Step 4:** As the online donations come in, WLES keeps 80% of the funds raised. Our school goal is 30,000 minutes. We hope that each student is able to get a few sponsors and raise roughly \$25 each. With this level of support we have the potential to raise quite a bit for WLES

So who's ready to curl up with a good book and start reading?

### Key Dates

We have lots of key dates for you to mark on your calendars related to this fun and interactive event:

- Student/Parent contract are due prior to the April 6<sup>th</sup> kick-off
- April 6<sup>th</sup>: Kick Off Night
- Weekly winners by individual and grade
- April 28<sup>th</sup>: Last day for logging minutes
- Winners of overall prizes will be announced the first week in May!

# Dolphinmania 2017



Fun!



Inflatables



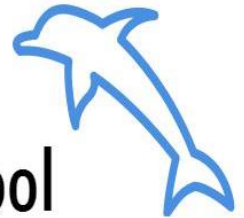
Silent Auction



Bake Sale



May 6, 2017  
2:00 - 4:00 pm



Waters Landing Elementary School

Dolphinmania is a community-building event that encourages WLES students, their families, and staff to gather for an afternoon of fun. We will have inflatables, face painting, a silent auction, a teacher auction, and a bake sale. We encourage all WLES families and community members to join this fun event!

Silent Auction bids will be available for: summer camps, gift cards to local grocery stores, an authentic American Girl doll, Park Hopper tickets to Disney World and much, much more!

If you know of any businesses that may want to donate to our silent auction, please contact [sherischully@gmail.com](mailto:sherischully@gmail.com)

Adult and SSL student volunteers are needed, please contact [sherischully@gmail.com](mailto:sherischully@gmail.com) to volunteer for this event

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