



Waters Landing
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Dolphin News

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

It is hard to imagine that we are in the final weeks of the 2016-2017 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 ends on **Friday, June 16th**. 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: *Kim Barrera (Kindergarten), Kate Friend (1st), Kirk Patton (3rd), Gloria Chang (4th), Namra Bokhari (4th), Alexander Aikman-Chechik (5th), Meagan Donovan (Special Education), Natalia Blankinship (ESOL), John LaRocca (PE substitute).* As they move out of state, closer to home; and in to new positions/schools;, 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 2017-2018: 7 - Kindergarten, 7 - Grade 1, 7 - Grade 2, 5-Grade 3, 5-Grade 4, and 4-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 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 2017 – 2018 being another successful year of excellence at Waters Landing Elementary. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, **Principal**

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, **Assistant Principal**



BOX TOP NEWS Box Top for Education Raffle

Bring in your Box Tops for a chance to win a gift card to Regal Cinemas. For every 10 UNEXPIRED Box Tops you send in you get 1 raffle entry. The more Box Tops you bring the more chances you have to win. 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

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Visit our website - www.waterslandingpta.com

From the PTA President,

Dear WLES Families,

The end of school is almost here! It feels like just yesterday that we began this 2016-2017 school year together. Where has the time gone? A huge thank you to our Parents (and aunts, uncles, grandparents, family, etc.) and Teachers/Staff who do so much for the students at Waters Landing. Because of your support and participation, and the dedication of PTA volunteers, we were able to do some amazing things this year.

The PTA sponsored two school-wide assemblies for the students this year (an arts themed assembly and an anti-bullying assembly) that the students thoroughly enjoyed. We were able to provide some wonderful staff appreciation events throughout the year. Both of our fall and spring book fairs were major successes- thank you to all of you who purchased and/or participated. A special thank you to our PTA Vice President, Kathy McDonald, who ran the fairs and spent endless hours ensuring their success. We loved sponsoring the events that brought in the parents of our school- Donuts with Dads (October) and Muffins with Moms (March) as well as our spring fair, Dolphinmania. We had a very successful shoe drive in the fall and Read-A-Thon in the Spring- thank you to all who participated in these events. Through these and many different mechanisms, the PTA raised funds to host our wonderful events (including those listed above), provide teachers with classroom funds, prepare the school yearbook, offer field trip scholarships, provide incentives for students, host school events, and much, much more.

I am honored to serve a second term as WLES PTA President in 2017-2018 along with my fellow board members: Kathy McDonald, Vice President; Chantal Falade, Treasurer; and Diana Hernandez, Secretary. We are looking forward to another amazing year in 2017-2018 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. Our last PTA meeting of the year will be Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the school library and we hope to see many of you there.

Don't forget to get your 2016-2017 WLES yearbook! Cost is \$22 (cash) and can be purchased on a first come, first serve basis on **June 2, 2017** in front of the office. If you pre-ordered a yearbook, it will be delivered to your classroom.

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 (3rd grade), and Corinne (Kindergarten)

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We hope to welcome you as a returning or new PTA Member in September!

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.

From the Media Center

Dear Waters Landing Parents and Guardians.

Thank you so much for helping your child learn and read more than ever this year. We have had thousands of items checked out of the library. That's a lot of reading!

All student library books are due **June 2nd**. 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 10. In addition, your family can take advantage of the many online resources and nearly 400 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.

Access GOOGLE.com (many books only open in the google browser) www.google.com

Access the DESTINY website: <https://destiny.mcpsmd.org/>

Scroll down to WATERS LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Use the CATALOG tab or EBOOK and ONLINE SERVICES navigation pane to access materials.

MCPL – Sign Up for Summer Reading: <http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/readinglistsbygrade>

MCPS Suggested Reading Book List: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

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. Zygmunt

Media Specialist

STUDENT MOVING

My child **will not** be returning to Waters Landing Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year.

Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

We will be moving to: _____

School my child will attend: _____

Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO - Cont.

For all 5th Graders – Middle School Career Technology Education this summer- 2 sessions

June 26-29 and July 31-August 3

Each camp includes 2 programs of study. Cost for each camper is \$50.00. Reduced cost is available for those qualifying for financial aid. Students should bring a snack and bottle of water. Food is not provided, each student is responsible for their own transportation.

Automotive Tech and Collision/Repair (work on cars and equipment skills). Gaithersburg H.S. 8:00 am-12:30 pm offered both sessions.

Captivating Cuisine (Learn culinary skills and food service management, food preparation). Rockville H.S. June 26-29 8:00 am-12:30- pm

Money Smart: Practices to Make you a Millionaire (Financial literacy skills). Rockville H.S. June 26-29 8:00am-12:30pm

Pre-Engineering/Game Design and Robotics/Programming - Richard Montgomery H.S. 8:00-12:30 pm offered both sessions

Website Online: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/news/index.aspx?ID=530250>

Summer Programs at Montgomery College (MC)

For many years, MC has been providing summer programs for students in Montgomery County. There will over 200 fun-filled classes for grades K-12.

Art, Chemistry, Circus Camp, Computer Graphics, Cybersecurity, Drones, Electronics, Fab Labs, Legos, Math, Minecraft, Reading, Robotics, Science, Web Design and Writing and so much more! Before/After Care are offered.

The brochure is posted on MC website at: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html>

A limited supply of hard-copy brochures are available in our main office. Please call Sharon Wolfgang 240-567-7264 or Karla Espinoza 240-567-7917 for more information. Assistance in Spanish is also available. (Asistencia en Espanol Disponible)

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital announce their summer camp June 26-30,2017 at Gaithersburg Middle School 9 am-4 pm for girls in grades K-5

Activities include crafts, games, singing, science experiments etc. Girls will make new friends and learn more about Girl Scouts and HAVE FUN! This is an introductory program for girls who not currently Girl Scouts. Girls will be outside much of the day, enjoying the sunshine and nature. Camp Fees are \$40.00, Financial Assistance is Available. Camp fees are non-refundable. Transportation, breakfast, lunch, and a daily snack will be provided. Please send your camper to camp with a water bottle.

To register for Camp Aventura visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gscnc-summer>

Online registration is strongly encouraged. Though, you may also complete the registration form, attach a check for the camp fees and return to: Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Attn: Camp Aventura 20201 Century Blvd. Germantown. For questions or more information, contact: Ana Ibanez Bonilla 301-978-3877 aibanezbonilla@gscnc.org

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the school year. Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to our WLES community. I feel so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children this past year. My friends and family often laugh at me when I refer to your children as "my kids." They are like my own children. They all have touched my life and enriched our school in very positive and rewarding ways. I hope as the years go by they keep in touch! Today's technology can help us continue to relationships we have built.

Over the summer vacation, I strongly encourage you to set aside some time to review reading and math skills. The Germantown Library has a wonderful summer reading program. Read every day this summer would be a great time to choose a chapter book and read aloud each evening as a family in the language of your choice. Keep a vacation journal if you travel this summer. Ask your child to write about and illustrate a journal page for each day of your vacation. Why not have the kids come up with a list of what they've learned this year, and ask them to write or dictate to you a letter telling about all they have done and learned? Save selected work, art projects, report cards, awards etc. in a box labeled with your child's name and grade for the year 2016-2017. Many years from now this will be a treasure chest for your children to open and share with their children. For those who are moving on to new schools, we know you will succeed wherever you go. We will miss your smiling faces, but we will never forget you.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy, carefree summer!

With much love, Ms. Lauren - Karen_J_Lauren@mcpsmd.org

2016-2017 YEARBOOK

It's the **BIGGEST** story of the year and you are in it!



DISTRIBUTION
June 2

If you purchased a yearbook in advance, it will be delivered to your classroom. If you wish to buy a yearbook, they will be on sale Friday, June 2 from 3-4 pm outside of the office. Each yearbook is \$22 (cash only).

**GET YOUR
YEARBOOK!**

PRICE
\$22
(cash only)

**SEE YOUR
FAVORITE
MEMORIES
FROM THIS
YEAR!**

**HAVE YOUR
FRIENDS
SIGN IT!**

**BROUGHT TO
YOU BY THE
WATERS
LANDING PTA**

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 <p>http://search.ebscohost.com</p>	<p>s9612143/password</p>
 <p>http://www.pebblego.com</p>	<p>waterslanding/school</p>
 <p>http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/auto_login.asp?U=mcpsmd&P=books</p>	<p>None needed for home access</p>

Waters Landing 2016-2017 Online Services Passwords

Resource and website URL	Username/Password (for Home Use)
 <p>http://school.eb.com</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>
 <p>http://quest.eb.com</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>
 <p>http://www.america.eb.com</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>
 <p>http://escolar.eb.com/</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>
 <p>http://moderna.eb.com/</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>
 <p>http://global.eb.com/</p>	<p>mcps, search</p>

You can also access all resources on the Waters Landing ES Media Center Page.

1. Click on the DESTINY link. <https://destiny.mcpsmd.org/>
2. Click on the name of our school.
3. See the links on our homepage. Click on the link and type in the password.



Welcome Back Dolphins!

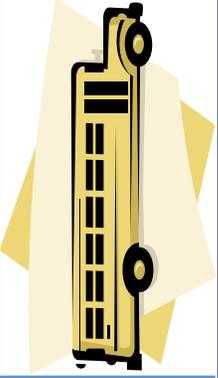
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Services • Britannica Enciclopedia in Spanish • Culture Games • Discovery Kids • EBSCO Site Search • EBSCO Searchbase • Encyclopaedia Britannica • Encyclopaedia • Learn To Read At Starfall • Reading Tools • Reading • 2015 Knowledge Source • Teaching Books • Tumble Books | |

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 http://noodletools.com	Use your <u>GAFE</u> account
 http://decades.sirs.com	<u>mcps</u> , <u>mcps</u>
 http://discoverer.sirs.com	<u>mcps</u> , <u>mcps</u>
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 http://teachingbooks.net/home/	<u>mcps</u> , <u>mcps</u>

 http://askusnow.info/	None needed
 http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/az.php	You will need your library card to login to the databases
 brainpop.com	<u>wles/brainpop</u>
 http://www.factcite.com	<u>waterslanding/search</u>
 www.MyCapstoneLibrary.com	<u>waterslandings/books</u>
 http://www.rourkebooks.com	<u>waterslandings/ebooks74</u>
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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 PTA Meeting 7:00PM Media Center	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony 7:00pm Seneca Valley HS	16 Last Day of School 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	