



Waters Landing
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

I hope all of our WLES families had a peaceful and restful Thanksgiving Holiday! Not only is this a time to celebrate our families and friends, it is also a time to say 'thanks' to others for the extras they do for you. We would like to thank PTA for organizing the staff appreciation "Pie Day". Thank you to everyone who donated pies for the staff. The WLES staff greatly appreciated your generosity in providing them with this wonderful dessert.

We hope you had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during parent-teacher conferences in November. While these two days are set aside by MCPS for conferences, please know that you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at any time to discuss your child's progress in school.

Winter Weather is coming very soon. Please make certain your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. We go outside every day for recess unless the temperature is below 32 degrees or it is raining. Also, check our Lost and Found, located in the cafeteria, for those coats, etc, that seem to get left behind.

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, commonly known as "Saturday School", at Northwest High School is still enrolling students. If you feel your child would benefit from the extra support and enrichment, you can register either online at www.saturdayschool.org or in person at Northwest HS. Applications are available in the Main Office. There is a one-time registration fee of \$50 (non-FARMS) and \$30 (FARMS) with no monthly tuition or additional fees to attend Saturday School. A payment plan option is also available. Families in need of financial assistance may request a waiver of the registration fee through a request in writing to the Saturday School site Center Director.

During the month of December we will celebrate our character education theme of "kindness". Throughout the month, we will spotlight students who show kindness to others through their words and actions. We look forward to highlighting these acts of kindness and hope that students continue to spread kindness throughout the school year. Thank you for everything you do for your child and Waters Landing Elementary School.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, **Assistant Principal**

**Did you chaperone a class field trip? Volunteer at a party or classroom event?
Attend a concert or other school function?**

If you took pictures, the Yearbook Committee wants them! Submit them to our Community Image Library for consideration for use in the yearbook.

Simply go to <http://community.lifetouch.com/> and create an account by entering the access code MRCHJS.

Cell phone pictures are acceptable, the higher the resolution the better. Please name files as specifically as possible (teacher's name, event name, etc) for easy identification. Pictures can be accepted through mid-spring.

Many thanks from your WLES Yearbook editor!

From the PTA President,

Dear WLES Families,



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all who participated in donating to our wonderful WLES staff for Pie Day in appreciation for all the work they do for our kids and community. Thank you to those who have joined the PTA! We are continuously welcoming members, if you would like to join, please fill out a membership form and send it to the school in your kids folder. Forms are available on our PTA website at <http://www.waterslandingpta.com/>.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 13 for Restaurant Night at Red Robin in Germantown. 20% of sales will be donated to the PTA.

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the school library. We are looking forward to seeing you there and to share all the exciting activities we have planned for the rest of the school year. We hope that you continue to be 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.

Wishing the entire WLES community a wonderful holiday

Thank you,

Sheri Schully
Waters Landing Elementary School PTA President, 2017-2018
Proud mother of Madeleine (4th grade), and Corinne (1st grade)
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WLES Restaurant Night



Gather the family, skip cooking and dine at Red Robin in Germantown on Wednesday, December 13 from **5:00-8:00PM**. Present the attached flyer and our school will get a 20% of the night's sales.



Congratulations to Corinne Schully, Carmen Verillo and Ethan Hernandez for collecting the most Box Tops, and to Alyson Monroy, winner of our random drawing. They all won 2 movie theater tickets and received a Thank You certificate. A special thanks to Mrs. Brewster for turning in an amazing 240 Box Tops, and to every one else who participated. With your help we collected almost 3000 Box Tops for our fall submission which converts into almost \$300 for our school. Make sure to keep collecting as we will announce our next contest soon, but for now please send in any Box Tops you may have with an expiration date of 12/2017. We will need to send them in before the year ends to receive credit.

For more information please visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com> or contact our Box Tops Coordinator at wlesboxtopscordinator@gmail.com

Reminders of ways you can support Waters Landing ES and the PTA

Register your giant grocery store card and support WLES ES when you shop. Visit the PTA rewards tab on our website at www.waterslandingpta.com for more information.



Complete a designation form at the store or visit <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms> to link your card to WLES.



Complete a designation form at the store or visit <http://www.escrip.com> Visit the PTA rewards tab on our website at www.waterslandingpta.com for more information.



Shop for discounted fun activities and get \$5.00 of your purchase of \$30 or more and \$5.00 will also go to WLES. Go to www.certikid.com and sign in or sign up. Enter code WLPTA and you're all set!



CONSOLERS CORNER

CHARACTER THEME FOR DECEMBER: KINDNESS

A person to be admired is caring, compassionate, kind, loving, considerate and charitable. In December we pay special attention to these traits with the approaching religious holidays. We strive to teach our students to be thankful and express gratitude for what people do. Forgiving others for their shortcomings and understanding that no one is perfect are important learnings.

At Waters Landing we have zero tolerance for any form of cruelty, including bullying. We teach our students empathy and sensitivity. We may come from different cultural/religious traditions, but we are all one human family and deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

You can help your children learn the meaning of being charitable. Show your children that you give money, time, support and comfort just for the sake of making someone else's life better, not for praise or gratitude. Children are absorbing what they witness the adults around them doing. We are their role models and mentors.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday season, peace and joy in your hearts and homes! We are so thankful for your beautiful children, who one day will be our contributing leaders.

HUMAN RIGHTS DIVERSITY CAMP NEWS

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, *"People hate each other because people fear people they don't know because people are often separated from each other."*

This is certainly becoming the case more and more in Montgomery County. The county is now home to residents from 164 different nations and nearly 100 different languages are being spoken in our schools. We have indeed become an international county! We are dedicated to ensuring that all our students and their families feel safe, comfortable and included in our community.

Montgomery County Schools recently sponsored a Diversity Camp experience for 40 elementary school students. These students were selected for this camp based on the following characteristics: demonstrating kindness and respect and caring for others, particularly those who may be perceived as "different."

Six of our students attended this camp. We are so proud our these Waters Landing student leaders:
Valerie Badger, Trish Cao, Emerson Figueroa, Romeo Horton, Eva McCeney, Max Young.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER- MRS. LAURENO

It is with great pride that we announce the names of the students who have been voted by their peers as displaying outstanding citizenship during the month of November. These students names are displayed on the bulletin board outside our All Purpose Room.

Kindergarten: Alejandra Blanco Ortiz, AJ Freeman, Dennis Murphy, Kennedy Wasson, Yszabel Montalban, Annabel Meji-Mardeeva, Garrett Ashby, Minnie Solis, Prince-Taita Mubangu, Regan Santa, Breeze Quinn, Carlos Gaitan.

First Grade: Asim Alaalia, Michelle Cornejo, Loey Bertrand, Bevyn St. Jean, Steven Castillo, Sophie Brown, Franchel Nyarko, Elliana Carranza, Jonathan Alvarez-Gonzalez, Mackenzie Springer, Damian Appling, Jeremiah Tamba, Karter Argueta

Second Grade: Alyson Monroy, Jencarlos Ramirez, Anaia Ameenor, Frederick Thomas, Beans Williams, Keissten Crockett, Nathaniel Owusu, Brandon Lugo, Mahek Kamran, Jimi Portillo Nolasco, Lennox Waites, Isatu Kamara, Levi J. Ferrer, Mahnoor Kamran

Third Grade: Christian Galva Rios, Kalista Katoski, Hannah Arthur, Piero Juarez, Winn Zan, Isabelle Hersh, Abby Zambrana, Alex Mitchell, Joanne Mafwenga, Richardo Arevalo.

Fourth Grade: Andrea Gallu, Aanya Grobe, Rachel Gordon, Hunter Preston, Sydney Parsons, Fabiano Juarez, Tracey Espinoza, Libia Perdomo, Dashawn Reyes-James, Nyehra Edwards-Moye

Fifth Grade: Claire Higgins, Gabriel Arias, Adeyemi Kodia, Mia Ortega, Brittany Smith, Isaiah Brewster, Demani Gerard, Karen Lopez Campos.

Important meeting for Parents of Students with Special Needs!

Please join us for an informational presentation from the
**Montgomery County Department
of Health and Human Services**

about services and programs available to you and your family currently and for the future!!! Families who have listened to this presentation said it was some of the most valuable information they have received to date.

During this time, they will be sharing information about county and state resources as well as the “My Turn Program”.

When: Friday, December 15, 2017

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am

Where: Waters Landing ES
All-Purpose Room

Please complete and return the slip below by 12/8/17 to indicate your availability

Yes! I will be able to attend the meeting on 12/15/17 at 9:30 am.

Name _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

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2018 Gives Kids A Smile!

If you or anyone you know has a child(ren) who are ages 0-18, uninsured and are in need of dental care, please feel free to contact the office to schedule a time to come in on February 10, 2018.

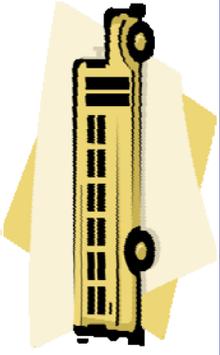
FREE DENTAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Times: 9 am- 5 pm Location: 19729 Executive Park Circle Germantown, MD 20874

For more information, contact Cristina 301-515-0030



Waters Landing
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 WLES PTA Meeting Media Center 7:00pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 WLES Restaurant Night Red Robin In Germantown 5pm-8pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 HAPPY HOLIDAY WLES FAMILIES	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30
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