



**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 25<sup>th</sup> and get ready to begin the third marking period on January 29<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.

In December, our character education theme was kindness; specifically using kind words. In the main hallway by the cafeteria, there is a "Caught Being Kind" board which will feature model examples of students who have shown kindness to other students. We are continuing this focus throughout the rest of the school year by encouraging students to recognize others for showing kindness to one another. Each month we will focus on a kindness theme and display model behaviors of this theme on our board. When students see another student do or say something kind, they can write a note and turn it in for consideration for display. In January, we will focus on using kind words and actions during lunch and recess. Talk with your child about ways they can show kindness to other and how they have seen others display kindness!

Winter is here! The temperatures have changed 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. 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**

## WLES Family Restaurant Night



Gather the family, skip cooking and dine at Chik-Fil-A in Germantown on Wednesday, January 10th, from **5:00-8:00PM**. Be sure to mention you are there to support Waters Landing and our school will get a percentage of the night's sales.

**From the PTA President,**



Dear WLES Families,

Can you believe that it is already 2018? The PTA has some exciting events coming up during the winter months. On Friday, January 26, 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. Come and dance away those winter blues! Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM in the school library. We also have our WLES Restaurant Spirit Night at Chik-Fil-A on January 10 from 5-8. Make sure that you mention Waters Landing so that we get a percentage of your purchase.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Original Works Fundraiser. We raised over \$750 for the WLES Arts Department! Also, big thanks to all of the families that came out to Red Robin Spirit Night in December.

If you have any questions or would like to share some of your ideas and thoughts, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

*Wishing the entire WLES community a Happy New Year*

Sheri Schully

Waters Landing Elementary School PTA President, 2017-2018

Proud mother of Madeleine (4th grade), and Corinne (1<sup>st</sup> grade)



**\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP\*\*\***

We are always welcoming new families to join and support the Waters Landing Elementary School PTA. Joining the PTA will not commit you to anything, while we always welcome your help, joining is also a great way to show your support of the various activities that the PTA hosts for the kids and families throughout the year.



Make sure to keep collecting and sending in your Box Tops via your teacher or put in the box outside the office.

For more information please visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com> or contact our Box Tops Coordinator at [wlesboxtopscordinator@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.certikid.com) and sign in or sign up. Enter code WLPTA and you're all set!



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**COUNSELOR'S CORNER- MRS. LAURENO**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS PTA!**

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful giving parents in our Waters Landing family. Thank you for taking care of all our students and staff, for helping and sharing your time and resources, for making each and every one of us feel valued and respected. Words cannot fully express our gratitude.

We wish you all the happiest and healthiest New Year!!

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER- MRS. LAURENO**

Our character education theme for the month of December was **KINDNESS**. In an increasingly stressful society, it is more important than ever for all of us to treat each other kindly and with consideration and respect. The following students have been chosen by their classmates for demonstrating exceptional kindness.

We are proud to share their names with all the Waters Landing community.

**Kindergarten:** Destiney Gray, Sang Nguyen, Guadalupe Espinoza, Connor Wasson, Axel Romero, Sophia Herrera, Yszabel Montalban, William Junior, Melanie Solis, Kajally Drammeh, Yair Diaz, Ketsya Idibo

**First Grade:** Ariana Cortegana, Lorelee Porter, Jonathan Alvarez, Alisson Elias, Aiden Walls, Liah Amaya, Diana Lazzari, Yara Al Khadhar, Aaliyah Cole, Jeovany Garcia Campos, Yousra Murtaza, Khalil Ndiaye, Deyan ZayZay, Anmerin Cole

**Second Grade:** Braylen Proctor, William Romero, Chase Parsons, Nancy Nkrumah, Joseph Reina, Shianne Frzier, Ethan Falade, Elizabeth Park, Elianna Mitchell, Liam Ferrer, Sophia Chen, Josiah Jones Ingram, Raven Pierson, Zion Hollis

**Third Grade:** Ian Bradbury, Kalista Katoski, Elliot Avalos, Abby Zambrana, Marcela Castro-Arias, Antony Zavala Hernandez, Jeff Martinez, Sofia Caviedes, Beverly Munroe, David Zambrano

**Fourth Grade:** Janessa Edmonds, Isaac Navarrete, Herman Harrison, Kaily Carranza, Shania Chinnery, Raymond Hill III, Kelly Estrada, Isaiah Moye

**Fifth Grade:** Stella Ward, Chase Williams, Julian Macias, Adamari Garcia, Anthony Espinoza-Perez, Lojain Alaalla, Trish Cao, Marston Johnson-Wuor

Come see these students names proudly displayed on the bulletin board in the main hallway! And stop by to look at our new display, "Caught You Being Kind," where students created their own FISH explaining how they noticed their friends who were "caught" in the net spreading kindness throughout our school.

We have very talented and articulate "FISH!!!"

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER- MRS. LAURENO**

### **2018 GIVE KIDS A SMILE! FREE DENTAL SERVICES FOR YOUR CHILD**

If you or anyone who know has children who are ages 0-18, uninsured, and are in need of dental care, please feel free to contact our office to schedule a time to come in on Feb. 10, 2018.

**Date: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Time: 9am-5pm Location: 19729 Executive Park Circle Germantown, MD 20874  
For more information, contact Cristina at 301-515-0030

### **FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS ARTICULATION INFORMATION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING MIDDLE SCHOOL (MLK)**

Our fifth graders are registering for sixth grade at MLK in the month of January!

Your children will be in-serviced here by the counselor who will be assigned to them for their Middle School career: Ms. Erin Boss

Ms. Boss will be visiting each class here and reviewing the process with the students and their teachers.

**There will be a parent meeting at 7:00 pm on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the cafeteria at MLK.**

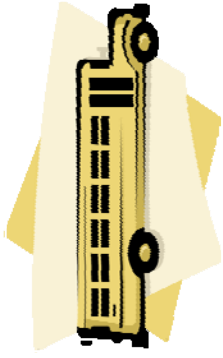
All fifth grade parents should attend this meeting in order to better understand the specifics of their Middle School experience.

If you have any questions concerning articulation or specific courses, please email or call Mrs. Boss at 301-353-8090. She can also be reached through email: [Erin\\_E\\_Boss@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Erin_E_Boss@mcpsmd.org)

If your child is in special education, the special education resource teacher is Jennifer Tucci. She can be reached at 301-353-8080 or through email at [Jennifer\\_S\\_Tucci@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jennifer_S_Tucci@mcpsmd.org)



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# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 WLES PTA meeting Media Center 7:00PM	10 WLES Restaurant Night Chik-Fil-A G'town 5pm-8pm	11	12	13
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