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Dear Waters Landing Families:

As we begin the third marking period, 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 any time you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress in school.

Our students are making great progress. In January students participated in the Winter Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. Students in grades K-2 were assessed in math ONLY. Students in grades 3 through 5 were assessed in reading and math. Additionally, students in grades K-2 were assessed in reading using the MCPS Primary Reading Assessment. Our goal is to have each student at the 50th percentile by the end of the Spring MAP Assessment window. The grade level benchmarks for reading are noted below for each grade level, as well as the Math benchmarks for the MAP assessments. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>End of Year Benchmark</u>	<u>End of Year MAP-R (Reading)</u>	<u>End of Year MAP-P or MAP-M (Math)</u>
Kindergarten	Level 6	N/A	159
1st Grade	Level 16	N/A	181
2nd Grade	Level M	N/A	192
3rd Grade	Level P	199	203
4th Grade	Level S-T	206	213
5th Grade	Level V-W	212	221

National School Counseling Week is celebrated the first full week in February (2/5 – 2/9). We'd like to recognize our school counselors, Mrs. Karen Lauren and Mrs. Felsher, for all they do for our school. School counselors work with students to help them achieve academic and social/emotional success and help identify community resources to assist families. Make certain you acknowledge Mrs. Lauren and Mrs. Felsher when you see them around WLES.

Thank you to all of the parents who have been volunteering their time. Helping out in the classroom or doing things to help instruction at home certainly has made a difference in our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, *Principal*

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, *Assistant Principal*

From the PTA President,



Dear WLES Families,

We had such an exciting time at our Winter Dance on January 26. Thanks to all of the students and parents who came out and helped us shake off the winter blues!

The PTA has some exciting events coming up in February and March. We will have a WLES Spirit Night at Panera Bread in Seneca Meadows (next to Wegmans) on February 12 from 6-9 pm. Our PTA will receive a portion of the sales during this time. On February 22, we will hold our annual science fair. Sign-ups will be coming home soon for participants and judges/volunteers. We hope to see lots of budding scientists showcasing their fantastic ideas!

Our spring fundraiser will be a READ-A-THON which will start in early March and will coincide with our spring book fair. More details about these events will be coming home in your student's folders in the coming weeks. Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 6 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, 2017-2018
Proud mother of Madeleine (4th grade), and Corinne (1st grade)
Email: sherischully@gmail.com



It's time to turn in those Box Tops you've been collecting all winter. Bring them in for a chance to win a gift certificate for \$10 in Scholastic Dollars to be used at the upcoming Book Fair. 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.

WLES Family Restaurant Night



Monday, February 12th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Gather the family, skip cooking and dine at Panera Bread in Germantown, in the Seneca Meadows shopping Center, located at 210680 Seneca Meadows Parkway (same shopping center as Wegmans).

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!



Keep up to date with what's going on at WLES

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Visit our website - www.waterslandingpta.com

COUNSELOR'S CORNER- MRS. LAURENO

CHARACTER AWARDS – FAIRNESS

We are proud to announce the winners of the Fairness Awards. Students voted for two students in each class who best demonstrated being fair.

These award-winning students are listening and caring for others and following the rules. Please join us in congratulating them. Their names will be displayed outside of the cafeteria. They will also be saluted on the morning announcements. Our special students are as follows:

Kindergarten: Regan Santa, Connor Wasson, Juares Nguifo, Sarah Stevens, Baraka Waites, Katie Uzwiak, Mason Babcock, Natasha Gonzalez-DeRocher, Isaiah Blackwell, Annabel Jupin, Makaylen Veasie, Sophia Hernandez

First Grade: Yury Silaev, Brandon Chavez, Deyan ZayZay, Amy Silva, Noah Roldan, Jacob Stewart, Lorenzo Johnson, Bella Arnold, Makayla Early, Aubrey Sweeney, Audriana Palencia, Joseph Gonzalez, Irvin Morataya Benavidez, Jose Garcia Vasquez

Second Grade: Luke Marshall, Chloe Scales, Saanvi Shukla, Braylon Prather, Mawusse Eklou, Liam Ferrer, Olive Rim, Quoc-Juy Lai, Naomi Brewster, Avril Gonzalez, Kimberly Argueta, Giovanni Zeledon, Kaylee Grimes, Kaila Mensah

Third Grade: Ava Harris, Everett Price, Matthew Uzwiak, Irina Ranavoarison, Kalista Katoski, Jason Walton, Kelvin Hernandez, Nicole Hernandez, Abby Zambrana, Elliot Avalos

Fourth Grade: Gabrielle Lindeire, Christopher Galva Rios, Kevin Artica Hernandez, Nyehra Edwards-Moye, Camilla Guerrero, Julian Avalos, Brianna Cherry, Jaden Proctor, Angelo Sacarello-Koski, Briseyda Zavala

Fifth Grade: Anthony Espinosa, Ashley Neupane, Daniel Boamah, Hailey Dancik, Lesly Solis, Max Suchkov, Chase Williams, Kennedy Brokenborough

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Hospice Caring Family Nights – Ms. Laureno

Thursday Feb. 8, 5:30-8 pm - 518 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg MD 20877

For Families who have experienced the loss of a loved one who died. Learn coping strategies for handling holidays and special days. Share dinner with other families who are also grieving. Appropriate for families with kids ages 5-18.

To register or learn more, contact Haily Gonski at hailyg@hospicecaring.org or 301-869-4673

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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 10th, 2018 Time: 9am-5pm Location: 19729 Executive Park Circle Germantown, MD 20874

Salvation Army, Montgomery County

Address is 20021 Aircraft Drive, Germantown MD, 20874

Dial 301-515-5354. This is one of the leading social service agencies. They have an onsite food pantry, offer meals, thrift store, and other aid. Case managers will help families apply for SNAP food stamps, they offer support to seniors and single moms, and help feed the working poor.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – MS. BETHANY PASIERB

Miss Pasierb joined Mr. Baez as our full-time music teacher this year. She was interviewed by two of our third grade students in Mrs. Smith's class: Matthew Uzwiak and Irina Ranaivoarison

1. ***How long and what grades have you been teaching?*** I have been teacher 3 years, k-8th, general music and string lessons.
2. ***Tell us about your family.*** I have two younger sisters and two dogs, Golden Doodles: Bella and Rori.
3. ***What is your cultural background?*** I am mostly Italian, but also Polish. I was born in Maryland, but I have also lived in Pennsylvania. I attended Mercersburg Academy boarding school there.
4. ***What college did you graduate from and what was your major?*** I graduated from Slippery Rock University. I studied musical education and vocal performance. (opera) I also studied opera in Italy.
5. ***What do you most like to do when you are not working?*** I like to sing and listen to music. I also like to watch TV and read. I love to travel!
6. ***What are your favorites:*** Food – Pasta and Chocolate Color- Turquoise Movie- “Aladdin” Book- Harry Potter Vacation- Europe Holiday – April Fool’s Day Actor/Actress: Matt Damon, Anne Hathaway Music “I Lived” (One Republic) Quote or slogan- Without music, life would be flat.
7. ***What do you like best about teaching at WLES?*** Meeting all my awesome students.
8. ***Where in the world would you most like to visit and why?*** Austria- to see where the great composers lived (Mozart)
9. ***If you had one message to students, what would it be?*** To be kind and respectful to everyone.
10. ***What is your favorite season and why?*** I like the winter and playing in the snow.
11. ***Do you celebrate a special tradition from your culture?*** I celebrate the Feast of the Seven Fishes (Italian) We don't eat meat on Christmas Eve, but lots of fish.
12. ***What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school?*** I liked reading and social studies.
13. ***What is your proudest accomplishment?*** Winning a voice competition.
14. ***What is one thing you would like to improve upon?*** My guitar skills.
15. ***If you could pass a law in Congress, what would it be?*** Everyone takes music and arts classes!

CAMP ERIN FOR GRIEVING STUDENTS – MS. LAURENO

This wonderful camp is now taking applications for their annual program on May 11-13.

The camp is free. Round trip transportation is offered from the Hospice Caring Cottage in Gaithersburg, MD. after school on Friday, May 11.

The camp affords students the opportunity to heal from their losses in a safe, pleasant setting where they will be surrounded with others who have experienced grief. Each student will have a big buddy who has suffered a loss when they were young and has been trained to work with students 6-17.

The camp is held at the Bar T campgrounds at Mountainside in Frederick, MD.

Children ages 6-17 are welcome to apply.

Space is limited. Enrollment is on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like further information, please contact the Camp Erin director: Haily Gonski at 301-869-4673 or hailyg@hospicecaring.org

If you are interested, please feel free to contact me for a Camp Erin Camper Application.

You can also access this online yourself through www.HospiceCaring.org or by contacting Haily Gonski.

Waters Landing students have been attending this camp for many years and they rave about it when they come back.

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A SPECIAL CAMP OPPORTUNITY FOR A SELECTIVE GROUP OF STUDENTS

We are very excited to announce the **2018 Camper Application Link** with you and any families you feel fit the criteria of Camp Kesem! As a reminder, our target audience is children between the ages of 6 and 18 years old, who currently have or have had a parent or guardian who has suffered from cancer. Here's some more information about the application!

- 1. Because our camps are offered at no cost to our families and provide an incredible, life-changing experience for children, they fill up quickly.** Because this is our first year for our camp, we have many open positions, however we do expect them to fill up quickly because of the size of the area we are serving.
 - a. We highly suggest signing up sooner rather than later, especially because it takes a few weeks for the process to go through.
- 2. Before filling out the application,** please make sure you have the following information on hand:
 - a. Name, email, and phone numbers for two adults who can serve as emergency contacts (cannot be their main primary guardian(s)).
 - b. Your child's health insurance group/policy number, if your child has health insurance.
- 3. Please complete the application using a laptop or desktop computer.** The application system is not available for use on mobile devices.
- 4. The application does not need to be filled out in one sitting – you can save your progress and come back later.** To save progress when filling out your application, you will need to click on “Save Progress” in the top right corner of the camper application. You will be instructed to provide an email and password. This can be the same as your login to Kesem Central. To resume progress, login to the community and click on the “My Applications” tab and follow the link to continue the application using the email and password created previously.
- 5. There is only one application for all campers (ages 6-16) and CITs (ages 17-18).** The link on the application is provided later in this email.
- 6. On the first page you can search by chapter or by state.** Notes that some Camp Kesem chapters hold camp in a different state from where the university is located.
- 7. Since we are using a new system this year, you will need to create a new account, even if you are a returning family.** If you are having troubles setting up your account, feel free to reach out to applications@campkesem.org. We will make every effort to reply to your inquiry within 48 hours.
- 8. Please note, the application asks for the child's current (2017-2018 school year) grade level.**

2018 Camper Application - Kesem Central Instructions

Begin by going to kesem.force.com/login *then* Click “Sign Up” in the bottom right corner.

Fill out YOUR information (not your camper's information), and make sure you've selected “Camper Family” for “Select Registration Type.”

Once you've entered your information and signed up, it will direct you back to the Home page. Scroll down and click “Add Family Member.”

Add all of your campers and any other parents or guardians here.

Once your family is complete, go to the “Pick a Camp” tab.

If you know your chapter, please select your chapter from the location drop down list.

If you are unsure of your chapter, please select a state and the dates from the search criteria. To select multiple states, please hold Ctrl and click all the states you would like to search within.

Select which camp session you want to sign up for. It will either say “Register” (if there are currently open spots) or “Waitlist” (if there are not).

From there you can select who to sign up for camp and begin the application. You will have to go through this process for each camper you are registering.

Once you've completed the application(s), you can view the status on the “My Applications” tab. You will also receive a confirmation email that your registration(s) have been received.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO

Families in need of food assistance:

1. MANNA FOOD CENTER - Qualified Montgomery County residents may receive food every 30 days. You will be provided 60 pounds of food.

Call to schedule every pick up. Call 301-424-1130 or contact DHHS 240-777-0311. Call no later than 3 pm the day before the pick-up. At your pick-up, show a picture ID that has your Montgomery County address. You can also show a copy of your lease or a utility bill or a bank statement.

Pick up places: Manna Food Center Warehouse Monday – Friday 12 pm – 3 pm 9311 Gaither Road. Gaithersburg 20877 or Second Saturday of the month from 11:30 am -1:30 pm at this Gaither Road Warehouse.

Salvation Army 20021 Aircraft Dr. Germantown 20874 in the parking lot 2:00-4:00 pm. on Thursdays

Family Services 630 E. Diamond Ave. Gaithersburg 20877 in the parking lot 5:00-7:00 pm.

2. SMART SACKS

Food sacks are available to every student in need at WLES. They are distributed bi-weekly, usually on Thursday or Fridays. Please contact Ms. Laureno if you would like to be enrolled in this program. You may also decline this program at any time should you choose to do so. We enroll families in this program on an ongoing basis. These sacks are filled with non-perishable foods, like rice, beans, tuna, soup, cereal packets, fruit cups, shelf-safe milk or juice cartons. Karen_j_Laureno@mcpsmd.org

3. Nourish Now brings food security to families, children, and seniors in need in Montgomery County, Maryland. Through food recovery, we work to solve two major social issues: hunger and food waste. Nourish Now is a 501(c)3 non-profit based in Rockville, Maryland that collects food donations from restaurants, caterers, bakeries, grocery stores and other providers. Food donations are distributed directly to those in need, housing and social service agencies, religious institutions and other organizations that assist in feeding the hungry. Please call us at 301-330-0222 to speak with a Nourish Now representative. If it is your first time calling, you will be asked for your name, household size (number of adults and children), phone number, and address, as well as any known food allergies or other diet restrictions. After receiving this information, the Nourish Now representative will arrange for you to pick up a food donation from our warehouse at 1111 Taft St., Rockville, MD 20850 during our distribution hours 11am-4pm Monday through Friday. ALL FOOD PICKUPS MUST BE SCHEDULED 24HRS IN ADVANCE. CLIENTS MAY RECEIVE FOOD DONATIONS ONCE EACH MONTH.

4. Gaithersburg HELP

Address: 431 N. Frederick Ave. Suite 105, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, Phone number - (301) 216-2510

Hundreds of lower income families call the service each month.

THE MOBILE MARKET PROVIDING FREE FOOD

Montgomery College and the Capital Area Food Bank provide fresh fruits, vegetables and other foods to MC students and the community AT NO COST.

Food Distribution Dates:

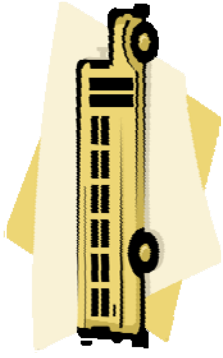
Germantown – Montgomery College High Tech Building, 2nd floor, upper lobby – Observation Drive
Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 - 10 am-12 pm.

Food availability is based on a first come, first serve basis. Bring bags or carts to carry your food. No proof of eligibility is required.

For more info: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department2.aspx?id=102261>



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February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6 WLES PTA Meeting 7pm Media Center	8	9	10	
11	12 WLES Restaurant Night Panera Bread 6-9PM	13	15	16	17	
18	19	20	22 Science Fair	23	24	
25	26	27	28			

**Waters Landing
Elementary
School PTA
Fundraiser
Night**

at



Join us for dinner
with a sandwich,
soup or salad! Or
enjoy freshly
baked breads,
bagels & pastries
from our bakery!

**Monday,
February 12th
from
6-9 PM**

Phone In and Carry-Out orders are welcome! 301-540-3136

Where:

**Seneca Meadows
210680 Seneca Meadows Pkwy
Germantown, MD 20876**

Panera Bread will donate a portion of our
proceeds from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to
Waters Landing Elementary School PTA

2018 Waters Landing Elementary
Thursday, February 22, 2018
7:00-8:30 pm All Purpose Room



Schedule

6:45pm: Set up Students with projects bring their display boards and materials to the **All Purpose Room**.
7:00pm: Science Fair Students present their experiments and demonstrations to judges. Students will stand by their displays and answer questions to both judges and people attending the event.
8:30pm: Clean up Students will break down their displays and take them home.

How Can You Participate?

Participation is voluntary and open to ALL students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Up to three students may work together on a project (each student must submit an entry form). Each project will be provided approximately 36" x 36" space to display at the science fair. Projects must include a free standing display board, which includes: Name(s), Grade(s), Questions you are exploring and other information related to your project. Projects may be accompanied by physical objects such as a model, samples or materials. Projects must NOT require electricity, unless it is battery operated.

- Entry form deadline is **February 13, 2018**. Place forms in the PTA box located in the school office.
- Science Fair Guides and trifold display boards are available in the Media Center. Display boards are available for \$4 each. Please bring exact change in cash.
- Entry forms are also available to download from the WLES PTA website.

Where to find science projects

Parents, you do not need to be a scientist to help your child complete a science fair project. Science Fair topics and ideas can be found on the following websites:
www.sciencebuddies.org, www.cools-science-projects.com, www.super-science-fair-projects.com,
www.sciencemadesimple.com, www.education.com/science-fair/elementary-school/

Questions? Contact Kelli Keith (kelzerk292929@gmail.com) or Sheri Schully (sherischully@gmail.com)

Entry Form

Please complete and return form by February 13th to WLES office in an envelope marked, "PTA Science Fair".

Student Name	Grade	Teacher
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Parent/Guardian Name	Email	Phone
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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Title of project: _____

Partner Name/Grade/Teacher (if applicable): _____

Adults, are you willing to be a judge? If yes, provide your name and contact information below.

2018 Waters Landing Elementary

Jueves, 22 de febrero del 2018

7:00-8:30 pm Salón Multi Uso



Horario

6:45pm: Montaje Estudiantes con proyectos traen su tablero de presentación y materiales al **Salón Multi Uso**.

7:00pm: Feria Científica Estudiantes presentan sus experimentos y demostraciones a jueces. Estudiantes estarán junto a sus presentaciones y contestarán preguntas de los jueces y personas asistiendo al evento.

8:30pm: Limpieza Estudiantes desmontarán su presentación y se lo llevarán a casa.

Cómo Puedes Participar?

Participación es voluntaria y abierta a TODOS los estudiantes de kindergarten hasta 5^{to} grado. Hasta tres estudiantes pueden trabajar juntos en un proyecto (cada estudiante debe someter una solicitud de participación). A cada proyecto se le proveerá un espacio de aproximadamente 36" x 36" para presentar en la feria. Proyectos deben incluir un tablón de presentación triple que incluye: Nombre(s), Grado(s), preguntas que estás explorando y cualquier otra información relacionada a tú proyecto. Proyectos pueden estar acompañados de objetos físicos como modelos, muestras o materiales. Proyectos NO pueden requerir electricidad a menos que sea de baterías.

- La fecha límite para someter el formulario de participación es el **13 de febrero del 2018**. Coloque el formulario en la caja de la PTA localizada dentro de la oficina de la escuela.
- Guías de la Feria Científica y tablonés de presentación triple están disponibles en el Salón de Medios. Los tablonés de presentación triple tienen un costo de \$4 cada uno. Favor de traer cambio exacto en efectivo.
- Formularios de participación también están disponibles para descargar en la página web de la WLES PTA.

Donde encontrar proyectos de ciencia

Padres, no tienen que ser científicos para ayudar a su hijo(a) a completar un proyecto de feria científica.

Temas e ideas para Ferias Científicas se pueden encontrar en las siguientes páginas web:

www.sciencebuddies.org, www.coolscience-projects.com, www.super-science-fair-projects.com, www.sciencemadesimple.com, www.education.com/science-fair/elementary-school/

¿Preguntas? Contactar a Kelli Keith (kelzerk292929@gmail.com) o Sheri Schully (sherischully@gmail.com)

Formulario de Participación

Favor llenar y devolver formulario hasta el 13 de febrero a la oficina de WLES en un sobre marcado "PTA Science Fair".

Nombre de Estudiante	Grado	Maestro(a)
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Nombre del Padre/Guardián	Correo Electrónico	Teléfono
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Firma del Padre/Guardián _____

Título del Proyecto: _____

Nombre del Compañero/Grado/Maestro (si aplica): _____

Adulto, está dispuesto a ser un juez? Si la respuesta es sí, provea su nombre e información de contacto abajo.