



Waters Landing
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The Dolphin News

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

May is a very exciting and busy month here at Waters Landing! This month brings many events such as testing season, Teacher Appreciation Week, Kindergarten Orientation, field trips, patrol picnics, and the popular Drama Club presentation. Please pay attention to our weekly Landing Ledger for all of the important dates.

Our **Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th**. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018, please call Mrs. Chamberlain in our main office to register for Kindergarten Orientation.

Testing Season is here! Students will begin taking the Mclass reading assessment (Reading K-2), MAP-R (Reading 3-5), MAP-M (Math 3-5), and MAP-P (Math K-2).

Students in grades 3, 4, 5 will take the state PARCC assessment (English-Language Arts/Math). It is important that students attend school daily, get a good night's rest, and eat a healthy breakfast in preparation for the test. Testing will occur on the following dates:

- Grades 3rd & 4th (ELA) - April 23, 24, 27, 30**
- Grades 5th (ELA) - May 1, 3, 4, 7**
- Grades 3rd & 4th (MATH) - May 8, 14, 15, 17**
- Grades 5th (MATH) - May 18, 21, 22, 24**

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>

The most important priority is still **INSTRUCTION!** Teachers will continue delivering strong instruction daily. Encourage your child to stay motivated and continue reading, writing, and practicing basic facts. Let's finish the school year strong!

Sincerely,

Ms. Srelyne A. Harris, *Principal*

Mrs. Chris Troffkin, *Assistant Principal*

WLES Family Restaurant Night



Wednesday May 30 and Thursday, May 31st from 11:00AM - 10:00pm

Take a break from the cooking not only one but two days.
Take the family, invite some friends and dine at Ledo Pizza in Germantown.
A portion of the sales from both days will go to the PTA.

12619-B Wisteria Dr. Germantown, MD 20874

<https://locations.ledopizza.com/ll/US/MD/Germantown/12619~B-Wisteria-Dr>

From the PTA President,



Dear WLES Families,

Dolphinmania will be held on Saturday, May 5 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! As always, we cannot do this large event without your help! We would love to have some more parent volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a8ab2ba2fb6-dolphinmania2> If you would like to contribute to the Bake sale, please email sherischully@gmail.com

Yearbook day is coming! We will be distributing pre-sold yearbooks in June. The 2017-18 school year is almost over--don't miss out--order a yearbook today! Send \$22 in cash or check (made out to WLES PTA) to your student's teacher.

Our next **PTA meeting** will be **Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 PM** in the media center. 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, 2017-2018
Proud mother of Madeleine (4th grade), and Corinne (1st grade)
Email: sherischully@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!



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

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Visit our website - www.waterslandingpta.com



Thank you to all who have been sending in Box Tops. We will be announcing our last Box Tops Collection of the school year this week so keep an eye out for the flyer. 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

Counselors Corner

Waters Landing Elementary School has decided to take on blood cancers! We are raising funds to help The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fund life-saving research until 4/20/2018. You can join our hero squad and help our efforts by donating today on line:

<http://events.ills.org/pages/nca/WatersLandingElementarySchool-2018> or by continuing to send in coins. Our goal this year is \$2018.00

Thank you for your support!

Dear Parents,

First let me thank our community for your interest and involvement in helping your child become a better reader. Our Camp Read-A-Lot evening was very successful. To help you with having more reading material available, the Capstone Interactive book company is allowing all MCPS students access to over 2000 books until June 15, 2018. The website url and special passwords are below.

If you your child has books that are overdue, please send them to school as soon as possible. All library books and or fines for lost/damaged books will be due June 1st. Thank you for your help.

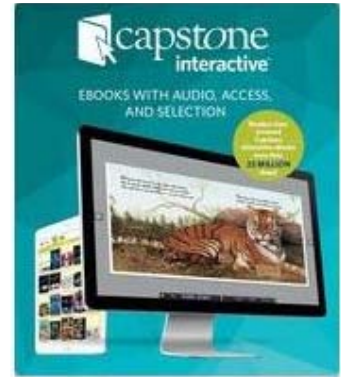
Finally, all students will be introduced to the summer reading program hosted by the Montgomery County Public Library. More information will come home in the June Newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Mary Zygmunt, Media Specialist
Free Access to a Huge Selection of eBooks until June 15th

Username: paebooks
Password: lovetoread

Website for online reading: www.mycapstonelibrary.com
Sign in with Capstone interactive



COUNSELOR'S CORNER – MS. LAURENO

Congratulations to our students who have received the SELF-CONTROL AWARD for the month of April.

These students were chosen for this honor by their peers, who see them as modeling self-control the majority of the time. These honored students know how to stop and think and not act impulsively. They display the ability to regulate their emotions. In doing so, they help establish a peaceful school, where learning can take place without distraction. We salute these responsible students!

Kindergarten: Darya Mortazavi, Iker Cruz-Marquez, Kayleigh Argueta, Payton Genovez, Annabel Mardeeva, William Junior, Aura Trotman, Sendrick Chinnery, Emily Bipat, Diego Monje

First Grade: Irvin Morataya-Benavidez, Yara AlKhadhar, Iyannah James, Reginald Gbulie, Aiden Wallace, Liah Amaya, Gabby Phillips, Joel Boakye, Addison Allen, Alexis Ventura, Jocelyn Mafwenga, Mackenzie Springer

Second Grade: Alyson Monroy, Kimberly Argueta, Luke Marshall, Anaia Ameevor, Nicolas Becerra, Zidano Vasquez, Elizabeth Park, Reece Parsons, Jaden McDonald, Elianna Mitchell, Anthony Arias, Alishba Usman, Levi Ferrer

Third Grade: Kalista Katoski, Christopher Avila, Emilio Jackson, Olivia Hamilton, Seari Martin, Denilson Perdomo, Abby Zambrana, Charles Simmons, Jr., Siena Stevens, Angel Torres

Fourth Grade: Libia Perdomo, Dashawn Reyes James, Isaiah Moye, Melanie Ogando, Isabella Rincon-Noble, Angela Rodriguez, Lorenzo Stephens, Rachel Gordon, Brendon Moore, Camila Guzman

Fifth Grade: Mia Ortega, Julian DeLeon, Lojain Alaala, Anthony Espinoza, Kennedy Brokenborough, Steven Ramirez, Andrew McDonald, Trish Cao

SAVE THE DATE

Waters Landing Field Days - May 24 and 24th

Volunteers are always needed for both these days. If you would like to find out how you can help and would like to volunteer. You can send an email to Mrs. Ludwig at meryl_s_ludwig@mcpsmd.org for more information.

Character Theme for the Month of May is PERSEVERANCE

Hard work at whatever one undertakes is the key to success in life. We are talking with our students in every class about this crucial value.

Please talk with your children at home to reinforce our messages:

1. Staying with the task and not giving up.
2. Showing commitment, pride and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
3. Trying again and again and again.
4. Being patient and willing to work hard, no matter the challenges.

Think of people who have shown perseverance: Sports heroes like Lance Armstrong, and Cristiano Ronaldo, Inventors like Thomas Edison and Jonas Salk,

Leaders like Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King and Helen Keller are just a few. Ask your children to name people they know in their own lives who display perseverance.

Visit the library and look through the biography section. There are so many heroes we can look to for inspiration.

Ask your children what are ways they can show perseverance? Discussing this topic with them will provide them with motivation. Children want to be like their parents. It is vital to teach them good values from a very young age. When you tell them perseverance is so important to you, it will become important to them. Here are some points you can discuss:

1. When you are near the end of a race and struggling to finish, find a burst of energy to cross the finish line.
2. Try a new sport or skill that is difficult and don't quit.
3. Study and work hard to improve your grades.
4. Save up your money and do extra chores to buy something special.
5. Help a younger child learn to ride a bicycle or play a new game.
6. Spend hours practicing a musical instrument.
7. Always finish what you start. Do not give up when things get tough.
8. Try something again, even if you failed the first time.

MCPS HAS DECLARED THE MONTH OF MAY AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN MONTH AND JEWISH AMERICAN MONTH

This month we celebrate the contribution of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Jewish immigrants who have enriched our nation with their talents and dedication. America's strength lies in the unique diversity of our great nation. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks for the transcontinental railroad in the 1800's were Chinese immigrants. Jonas Salk, a Jewish physician, found a vaccine in the 1950's which prevented the dreaded paralyzing disease of polio. These are but two examples of the special talents these immigrants brought to America and to the world.

We actively honor the courage and contributions of these two immigrant groups during the month of May.

LOCAL EVENTS IN MAY

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/md—germantown/festivals>

May 5, 11:00 am 2018 Asia Pacific American Heritage Month Festival Francis Scott Key Mall, Frederick, MD

May 6, 10 am Fiesta Asia, Silver Spring, MD

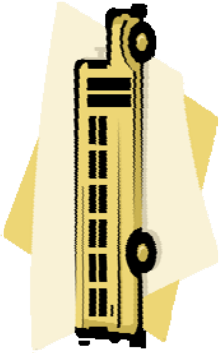
May 19, 11 am EID and Ramadan Bazaar, Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, MD

Pennies for Patients – A successful fund-raiser thanks to all who contributed!

We are still counting the money as this newsletter goes to press. But suffice to say, we are so proud of the many, many donations we are receiving from our students and staff. The National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society thanks each and every one of you! Your money will support their search for a cure for blood cancers.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WLES PTA meeting Media Center 7:00PM	2	3	4	5 WLES 2018 Dolphinmania 2PM-4PM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 WLES Field Day K - 2nd Grade	25 WLES Field Day 3rd - 5th Grade	26
27	28 Happy Memorial Day No School	29	30 Restaurant Night Ledo Pizza 11AM-10PM	31 Restaurant Night Ledo Pizza 11AM-10PM		