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Box Tops for Education

The submission deadline for Box Tops collected over the summer has been extended until **Wednesday, September 10th**. The three (3) students who turn in the most Box Tops will each receive two (2) free movie passes. The winners will be announced on **Friday, September 12th**. You have any questions, please call Tess Rikhoff at (301) 528-5372 or email tess0930@hotmail.com

La fecha de vencimiento para los Box Tops coleccionados en el verano ha sido extendida hasta Sept. 10. Los tres estudiantes que tengan la mayor cantidad de Box Tops recibirán 2 boletos para el cine. Los ganadores serán anunciados el Viernes Sept. 12. Si Tiene alguna pregunta comuníquese con Tess Rikhoff, informacion escrita arriba.

From the Principal

****Carta del Director en Español en Pagina 3****

Dear WLES Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We have gotten off to a wonderful start, one of the smoothest I can recall in my thirty-year career. As always, the first few days of school have a heavier focus on instilling routines and procedures than at any other time of the year. I'm happy to report that our students are demonstrating, on a daily basis, an increased understanding of the basic school routines. More importantly, our staff has wasted no time in getting instruction underway. Just yesterday, for example, I spent the day visiting classrooms across the building and observed staff and students working in small groups in reading and math, and well into the initial instructional units of the year.

It's also time for all of us to get back into school routines, particularly as it relates to arrival and dismissal. I'd like to take a few moments to review those procedures for everyone in the interest of student safety. Students may begin arriving as early as 8:45 a.m., when adult supervision begins at the main entrance. Those students participating in school breakfast are allowed to enter at that time. I strongly encourage any student eating a school breakfast to arrive prior to 9:00 a.m. so that they can complete breakfast and be in class on time at 9:15 a.m. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades who walk or arrive via a private vehicle should line up at the Walker Door which is directly to the left of the Alice and Wonderland Courtyard. All other students should line up at the Main Entrance. Families bringing students to school in a vehicle have two options at arrival. The first is to enter the Carpool Circle and drop off as directed by the staff on duty. Please let your students off from the passenger's side of your vehicle. Adults must remain in their vehicles in the Carpool Circle at all times to keep traffic moving. The other option is to park in the lot in one of the few spaces that still remain open in the morning. If you choose to do this, you must walk your child to the sidewalk area. Families that cannot find an open parking space must exit the lot and park on the street. A key reminder is that the Handicapped parking spaces are meant only for those who have appropriate passes. Please do not park in those spaces without a Handicapped permit. Lastly, we are now in Kiss and Ride mode for our students, so parents and families are to say their goodbyes at the entrance, unless they have specific business in the main office. Our students have demonstrated that they are now able to find their classrooms. However, we still have ample staff on duty in the morning and afternoon to direct students when needed.

In the afternoon, the procedures remain the same. Students who are walking home should exit through the Walker Door. Carpool students exit via the Main Entrance and congregate near the Flag Pole, under the direction of school staff, until their transportation arrives. We typically close the parking lot by 3:20 p.m. to all traffic. If you do gain entrance to the lot, you must park in an open space and walk to the appropriate area to pick up your children. If there are no spaces available, you must park on the street.

We thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines in the interest of the safety of all our children. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr. Poole and Mrs. Cothorne

Le gustaria este Diario en Español? Si su respuesta es si, por favor recorte esta porcion y mandela a la escuela con su estudiante. Por favor escriba el nombre de su estudiante y el nombre de su maestro/a para mandarle una copia exclusivamente en Español.

Nombre de Estudiante _____ **Nombre de Maestro/a** _____

Volunteer Opportunities Oportunidades de Ayudar

Back-to-School Nights

Noches de Regreso a la Escuela

Tues. & Wed., Sep. 16 & 17
7:00 p.m. Meet in the school lobby. Volunteers are needed to help at the PTA table. Duties include answering questions about the PTA, and signing up new members. Contact Denise Ackerman if you can help.

Nos encontraremos por la oficina. Voluntarios se necesitan para ayudar en la mesa de la APM. Ayude a contestar preguntas acer la APM, registrar a nuevos miembros y tomar ordenes de ropa de Espiritu Escolar.

Back-to-School Movie Night

Noche de Pelicula

Fri., Sep. 12 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make the cotton candy, popcorn, setting up and cleaning up.

Please contact **Justine Beachley** at **JustiB@comcast.net** or send a note to school - Attn: Justine - PTA if you are able to help in ANY way. Remember that Middle Schoolers, and High Schoolers can earn SSL hours, too.

*Se necesita ayuda para hacer el dulce de algodón, palomitas de maíz, arreglos y limpieza. Comuníquese con **Justine Beachley** **JustiB@comcast.net** o mande una nota a la escuela - Attn: Justine - PTA*

Market Day Delivery

Tue., Sep. 23: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in the All-Purpose Room. Volunteers are needed to help unload and distribute Market Day orders. This is a monthly opportunity; volunteers will be needed every fourth Tuesday of the month. Call **Lorie**

Chmielowiec at 301-916-8420
mikeandlorie@verizon.net

Nos reuniremos en la cafetería. Ayuda es necesitada para descargar y distribuir las ordenes de Market Day. Esto es una vez por mes. Llame a Lorie al 301-916-8420 o al email escrito arriba.

From the President ...

Welcome to another year filled with opportunity to accomplish great things at Waters Landing Elementary School! This year we have many things to celebrate at Waters Landing: the 20th Anniversary of our school, more classrooms with a better student/teacher ratio in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, many new teachers and staff bringing a fresh perspective to the learning process, new faces in our student body and Waters Landing family, and new energy on our PTA Board. We are all looking forward to continuing the tradition of doing all that we can to encourage academic excellence in our children, all the while equipping them with the social skills necessary to be successful throughout life.

To that end, I would like to reach out to all of the parents in the school and encourage you to join the PTA by completing the membership forms that have been distributed to you. I also invite you to spend some time in your child's classroom this year, volunteer for at least one PTA event, and attend at least one PTA meeting. In doing so, you will touch your children's lives in a way that will benefit them for many years to come. Over thirty years of research has shown that children thrive better when their parents and families are involved both at home AND at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve. YOU can make these outcomes a reality for your children, our school and our community by being involved in the PTA.

Later this month our Ways & Means committee will be distributing our first fundraiser of the year, Sally Foster. The money raised through this fundraiser, and others throughout the year, will go directly to supporting the four cultural arts day programs which the PTA has scheduled for all students this year, our Back to School Movie Night, our three Scholastic Book Fairs, the Snowball Dance in December, the Reflections Art Program, and an exciting Science Night in the Spring (just to name a few!). We hope that you will help to make this fundraiser a huge success.

I hope that you and your children have had a smooth transition into the first week of school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding your experience at Waters Landing this year. I can be reached via e-mail at **rdsic5@hotmail.com**, or at 301.515.4710. I look forward to working with all of you throughout the coming year!

Denise Ackerman
President—Waters Landing PTA

The PTA Child Care Coordinator is looking for donations of board games that can be used by WLES students during indoor recess and PTA meetings when childcare is available. The games must be in good condition—please **NO broken or missing pieces. Please contact Janet Williams if you have a game to donate, or if you can volunteer to help with child care during PTA meetings.**

De la Presidenta...

Bienvenidos a otro año lleno de oportunidades para lograr cosas maravillosas en la Escuela Elementaria de Waters Landing! Este año tenemos muchas cosas que celebrar en Waters Landing: el 20 Aniversario de nuestra escuela, mas aulas con menos estudiantes por cada maestra desde el Kinder hasta el 2do grado, muchos maestros nuevos y empleados trayendo una perspectiva fresca al proceso educativo, caras nueva a nuestro cuerpo escolar y familia de Waters Landing, y energia nueva en nuestra junta de Asociacion de Padres y Maestros (APM). Estamos ansiosos en continuar la tradicion de hacer todo lo que podemos hacer para promover excelencia academica en nuestros hijos, mientras dandole la capacidad social necesaria para lograr exito durante sus vidas.

Por eso, quisiera extenderle la oportunidad a todos los padres en la escuela y motivarlos que se hagan miembros del APM completando los formularios que se le han sido distribuido. Tambien los invito a que pasen tiempo en las clases de sus hijos este año, sea voluntario de por lo menos un evento de la APM, y hagase presente en por lo menos una reunion de APM. Haciendo esto, tocara la vida de sus hijos de una manera que los beneficiara por muchos años. Treinta años de investigaciones han demostrado que los niños prosperan mas cuando sus padres y familia esta involucrada en su hogar Y en la escuela. Sacan notas mas alta. Resultados mas altos en los exámenes. Su autoestima aumenta. Las escuelas mejoran. USTED puede asegurar que estos resultados sean una realidad para sus hijos, nuestra escuela y nuestra comunidad siendo parte de la APM.

Mas adelante en el mes, nuestro Comite de Recaudacion de Fondos distribuira información sobre nuestra primera venta del año, Sally Foster. El dinero que sea reunido de esta venta, y otras durante el año, iran directamente para auspiciar- los cuatros programas de arte cultural que la APM ha planeado para todos los alumnos este año, nuestra Noche de Pelicula, nuestras tres Ferias de Libros Scholastic, el Baile Snowball en Diciembre, el programa de arte "Reflections", y una Noche de Ciencia emocionante en la primavera (solo para mencionar algunos eventos). Esperamos que usted ayude a que este recaudamiento de fondos sea un gran exito.

Espero que usted y sus hijos haigan tenido una primera semana de clases sin problemas. Por favor no dude en llamarme si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupación con respecto a su experiencia en Waters Landing este año. Se puede comunicar conmigo por correo electronico al **rdsic5@hotmail.com**, o al 301.515.4710. Espero trabajar con todos ustedes durante este año!

Denise Ackerman
President
APM de Waters Landing

Coordinadora de Guarderia Infantil,

Alguna familia de WLES tiene juegos que les gustaria donar para el recreo escolar y para el Programa de Guarderia Infantil? Los juegos deben estar en buenas condiciones. **Sin piezas quebradas o perdidas.** Podemos usar los juegos lo mas pronto possible. Ayuda es necesitados para ayudar la APM. Gracias. Janet, Cordinadora de Guarderia Infantil-L/P

Del Director.....

Estimados Padres y Guardianes de WLES,

Bienvenidos al año escolar 2008-2009! Hemos tenido un maravilloso comienzo, uno de los mas suaves que he tenido en mis treinta años de carrera. Como siempre, ningún tiempo en el año es como los primeros días que tienen un gran enfoque en enseñarles a los estudiantes las rutinas y los procedimientos. Estoy feliz de reportarles que nuestros estudiantes están demostrando, a diario, un incremento en la comprensión de las rutinas básicas. Y mas importante, nuestro personal no ha perdido tiempo en dar instrucción. Ayer, por ejemplo, pase el día entero visitando las aulas en todo el edificio y observe al personal y a los estudiantes trabajando en grupos pequeños repasando lecturas y matemáticas, e iban en perfecto camino a los estudios escolares.

También es tiempo que todos regresemos a las rutinas escolares, especialmente porque todo tiene que ver con la entrada a la escuela y la salida. Me gustaría tomar unos momentos para repasar estos procedimientos con todos para la seguridad de los estudiantes. Los estudiantes pueden llegar a las 8:45am cuando hay supervisión del personal en la entrada principal. Los estudiantes que van a desayunar en la escuela pueden entrar a esa hora. Les aconsejo arduamente a todos que cualquier estudiante que va a desayunar en la escuela llegue antes de las 9am, para que así puedan desayunar y estar en sus clases a las 9:15am. Los estudiantes que están en tercer, cuarto y quinto grado deben entrar en la entrada de en medio, la que esta a la par el Patio de Alicia en el País de las Maravillas. Los demás estudiantes deben hacer fila en la entrada principal. Las familias que manejan para dejar a sus estudiantes en la escuela, tienen dos opciones al llegar. La primera es entrar al Circulo de Carros y dejar a sus estudiantes de acuerdo a la dirección del personal encargado. Por favor deje que su estudiante se baje del carro por el lado del pasajero. Los adultos deben permanecer dentro de sus carros a todo tiempo mientras están en el Circulo de Carros para mantener el tráfico moviéndose. La otra opción es de parquear su carro en el parqueo escolar. Si decide hacer esto, usted tiene que caminar a su estudiante a la acera. Las familias que no encuentren espacio en el parqueo escolar deben salir del estacionamiento y encontrar puesto en la calle. Un recordatorio muy importante es que los parqueos para los Discapacitados es solo para aquellos que tienen pases apropiados. Por favor no use esos espacios si no tiene un permiso de Discapacitación. Finalmente, hemos llegado a la fase de Beso y Viaje para nuestros estudiantes, así que los padres y familias tienen que despedirse afuera de la escuela y los estudiantes deben entrar solos, amenos que tengan asuntos específicos en la oficina. Nuestros estudiantes han demostrado que ya son capaces de encontrar sus clases. Sin embargo, tenemos suficiente personal en servicio en la mañana y por las tardes para dirigir a los estudiantes cuando sea necesario.

En las tardes, los procedimientos seguirán igual. Los estudiantes que caminan a casa deben salir por la salida de en medio de la escuela. Estudiantes que se van en carro salen por la salida principal y esperan por el palo de la bandera bajo supervisión del personal, hasta que su carro llegue. Típicamente cerramos el parqueo escolar a las 3:20PM. Si llega a entrar debe parquearse en un espacio vacío y caminar a recoger a su estudiante. Si no hay espacios vacíos, tiene que parquearse en la calle.

Les agradecemos a todos, de antemano, por seguir estas normas que son en el mejor interés para la seguridad de todos nuestros niños. Que tengan un buen fin de semana!

Sr. Poole and Sra. Cothorne

Two Support Groups for Parents of Children with Mental Illness

General Parents Group

Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 17,
April 21, May 19

Parents of School-Age Children with Bipolar Disorder

Sundays, 3:00-4:30

Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, March 1, March
29, May 3, June 7

Free— Open to the Public— Refreshments served

Contact Emily Novick — 301-949-5852

enovick@namimc.org or www.namimc.org

NAMI of Montgomery County

It's Nearly Election Time... Do Your Part!

As you're probably all aware, this is an election year. The following information is useful for those of you looking to register to participate in this vital process. The Waters Landing PTA urges everyone in the community to do so. Residents who want to vote in the November 4 general election and who haven't already registered can call 240-777-VOTE, or go to any one of the county libraries, regional service centers, Motor Vehicle Administration or post offices. For on-line information, please go to www.777vote.org or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections. The Board of Elections is located at 751 Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome Home!

Yes, this is our school home, and we are thrilled to greet our friends from last year and meet and greet all the new boys and girls and their families. We are a growing community, as you can see from our newest additions, our "learning cottages" on the side of the parking lot. Fortunately, we were given additional staffing for our first and second grades, making our class sizes at those grade levels ideal. In these times of budgetary cuts, we are very lucky indeed. We welcome all our new, wonderful staff, who have already made such an outstanding contribution to our school in such a short time. As the school counselor, I will visit each classroom once a month to teach a character education lesson based on a program from "Building Esteem in Students Today." (B.E.S.T.)

We are highlighting a theme each month. In September we focus on COURTESY. Look for the parent newsletter on this theme in your children's Friday Folders. Please review with them good manners and vocabulary which exemplify politeness. (Please, Thank You, Excuse Me, May I?, etc.) Each teacher will be facilitating a class meeting every week. At these meetings children have an opportunity to affirm each other, as well as problem solve issues which need addressing. Your children will be coming home with PBIS (Positive Behavior) coupons which staff give out when a child is showing respect and caring for themselves, others or the environment. Please ask your child why they received the award, and praise them for their effective effort. We often think of consequences as negative actions resulting from poor choices. These coupons represent consequences for good choices. The research shows that positive affirmations really help children to grow in confidence and self-esteem. In the long run, the children grow up to be happier, more competent and compassionate adults when they received genuine praise on a regular basis.

I am going to be holding small responsive counseling groups, as I have done in the past, when needs are expressed for this sort of group. (Group topics have consisted of divorce/separation ("Banana Splits"), grief/loss/bereavement, anger management/conflict resolution, peer relationships, stress management, assertiveness training etc.) If you have experienced a split up/separation/divorce in your family which is impacting your child, please feel free to contact me, so that I can work with your child individually, or bring a group together to discuss this situation, or refer you and/or your spouse and children for counseling. The same is true for a death in your family.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am here every day and can schedule a meeting to confer with you. If you are in the building, please stop by if you see me alone in my office and say Hi! I am looking forward to meeting all of you during this school year. Hope to see you all at Back-to-School Night or on the afternoon car circle line-up! Keep those cars moving! Thank you for helping us to make dismissal safe and speedy.

Here's to a wonderful beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Karen Lauren

Esquina de la Consejera

Bienvenidos a casa!!

Si, esta escuela es como nuestra casa, y estamos muy alegres de volver a ver amigos(as) del año pasado y conocer a nuevos niños(as) y a sus familias. Somos una comunidad que esta creciendo, asi lo pueden ver con nuestras nuevas adiciones que estan al lado del parqueo. Afortunadamente se nos ha proveido de mas personal, para 1er y 2do grado, haciendo el numero de estudiantes ideal. Aun en estos tiempos de reduccion del presupuesto, hemos tenido suerte. Damos la gran bienvenida al nuevo personal sensacional, quienes han contribuido en gran manera a la escuela en tan corto tiempo. Como consejera de la escuela, yo estare visitando cada clase una vez por mes, para enseñar una clase de caracter, basada en el programa "Re-enforzando Estima en Estudiantes de Hoy) (B.E.S.T.). Estaremos viendo un tema cada mes. En Septiembre nos estaremos enfocando en "Cortesía". Esperen una hoja informativa sobre este tema en los folderes de sus hijos(as) todos los viernes. Por favor repasen con ellos buenos modales y vocabulario que demuestra respeto. (Ej. Por favor, gracias, disculpe, puedo?, etc) Cada maestro estara facilitando una clase cada semana. En estas reuniones, los estudiantes tendran la oportunidad de afirmarse el uno al otro, y tambien solventar cualquier problema que sea necesario arreglar. Sus hijos (as) estaran llevando a casa unos cupones (Comportamiento Positivo) que el personal de la escuela estara repartiendo a aquellos niños(as) que demuestren respeto, cuidado de si mismos, a otros y al medio ambiente. Por favor preguntele a sus hijos(as) por que recibio el cupon y animelo(a) por su esfuerzo! Nosotros pensamos en consecuencias por mal o comportamiento negativo y malas decisiones, pero estos cupones representan consecuencias por BUEN comportamiento. Estudios enseñan que afirmaciones positivas verdaderamente ayudan a niños a crecer en confianza en si mismos. Y a largo plazo ellos crecen siendo mas alegres, competidores y adultos compasionesales.

Voy a estar teniendo pequenos grupos como los he tenido en el pasado, a manera que vaya habiendo necesidad de tenerlos. Temas que se han tratado son divorcio/separacion, perdidas, dolor, manejando el enojo, resolucion de conflicto, presion en amistades, etc. Si usted ha pasado por separacion o divorcio en su familia, en la cual le esta afectando a su hijo(a) por favor sientase libre en llamarme, asi puedo trabajar con su hijo(a) individualmente o traer un grupo junto para discutir la situacion o referirlos para recibir consejeria. De la misma manera si ha sufrido perdida en su familia. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o duda, yo estoy aqui todos los dias y puedo hacer una cita y hablar con ustedes. Si usted esta en el edificio por favor pare por mi oficina y si estoy sola, saludeme!!! Espero hablar con ustedes y conocerlos este año y verlos a todos en "Noche De Regreso a la Escuela", por las tardes, en la linea de espera para los niños(as) que son recojidos en carros. Mantengan esos carros en movimiento! Gracias por hacer la llegada a recoger a sus hijos(as) bien segura y rapida. Aqui esta para un comienzo del año escolar 2008-2009.

Karen Lauren

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SIRS Knowledge Store	www.sks.sirs.com	MD1234H	20874
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<h2>Join your PTA</h2>	<h2>Afiliase a la APM</h2>	<h2>Happy Birthday!</h2>
<p>You'll never spend a better \$7 than you will in joining the Waters Landing PTA. In the past we have helped the music department purchase the drums for our Drum Club, we sponsored after-school foreign language and science programs, we helped establish a Spanish-language homework club and held three reduced cost book fairs. We staged the always fun Dolphinmania (our spring fair), the Family Game Night and the Reflections art program. We organized the community survey to guide MCPS in its principal search for our school. The list of what your PTA does for Waters Landing Elementary could fill many pages.</p> <p>PTA Membership Chair Jeff Wilson can be reached at dogsalmosthome@yahoo.com and will be in attendance at the Back to School Night. Please see him if you have any questions . Join the PTA today!</p>	<p>Nunca gastara de mejor forma \$7, que cuando se afilia a la APM de WLES. El año pasado ayudamos al departamento de musica a comprar los tambores que nuestros hijos han disfrutado tanto. Patrocinamos programas de lenguaje y ciencias, ayudamos a establecer un club de tarea en Español y tubimos 3 ferias de libros a precios reducidos. Llevamos acabo Delfinmania (nuestra feria primaveral), Noche Familiar de Juegos y el programa de artes "Reflections". Organizamos un cuestionario para ayudar al condado a encontrar nuestro Director. La lista de todo lo que la APM hace llena muchas paginas. El Director de Membresia se llama Jeff Wilson y se pueden comunicar con el por correo electronic endogsalmosthome@yahoo.com, tambien estara presente en las Noches de Regreso Eacolar. Por favor hable con el si tiene alguna pregunta. Afiliase a la APM hoy!</p>	<p>Mr. Marty Levine 8-2, Ms. Elaine Schneider 8-4, Ms. Rita Auth 8-11, Mr. John Broschart 8-11, Ms. Amy Barnes 8-15 Ms. Pam Fish 8-19 Ms. Marysia Hartz 8-24 Ms. Leena Sardesai 8-24, Ms. Terisha Cook 8-36, Ms. Elizabeth Flickinger 8-26 Ms Claudia Keating 9-2 Mr. Jack Greenhouse 9-8 Ms. Patricia Williams 9-8 Ms. Sandy Bruce 9-19 Ms. Laila Nasrawi 9-24 Ms. Amanda Atrite Mr. Matthew Ray 9-25</p>

Back to School Movie Night Noche de Pelicula

Compliments of the WLES PTA.
 You Bring the Picnic, We'll Bring the Movie.
 Chicken Run - rated G
 Join Us for a Night of Family Fun
 Friday, September 12, 2008 from 7 - 9 p.m.
 Popcorn and Cotton Candy will be served compliments of the WLES PTA
 Bring your own picnic/snacks, drinks, chairs, and blankets. NO glass containers, and NO alcohol.
 All children must be accompanied by an adult 18 yrs. or older at all times.
 La APM ha planeado su Noche de Pelicula anual para el Viernes 12 de Septiembre comenzando a la 7pm en la Cafeteria. Familias y amistades son invitados a venir, traer sábanas y sillas y acompañarnos en una pequeña Reunion de Membresia General de la APM despues de la cual disfrutaremos de la pelicula "Chicken Run". Pueden traer sus meriendas y bebida (botellas de vidrio/cristal y alcohol son PROHIBIDAS) o pueden disfrutar de las palomitas de maiz y dulce de algodón que seran servidos gratis de parte de la APM. Todos los niños deben ser acompañados por un adulto de 18 años o mayor.



Read To Me /Talk with Me
 RTM/TWM is a family reading program for Kindergarten and 1st grade students and their families. If you think you'd like to volunteer in this program, you may contact **RTM/TWM Coordinator Janet Williams** at janet_k_williams@yahoo.com. Or **301-528-8663** any time. **We are also accepting book donations— drop them off by the main office.**
Leeme/Platicame
 L/P es un programa de lectura para los estudiantes de Kinder y Ter grado. Si le gustaria ayudarnos en el programa, comuniquese con la **Coordinadora Bilingue Lucy Monroy** al **301-793-9871**. **Tambien estamos aceptando donaciones de libros.**

It's Media Center Time

Welcome back to school! Mrs. Zygmunt and Mr. Edwards are looking forward to helping you and your children find great books to read. The library is open to students from 8:30 – 3:30 each day. Students are scheduled to visit the media center once every other week. Students may also exchange books anytime using a library pass from their teacher.

Due dates are always stamped on the back of books your child brings home. Please help your child return books on time so that other students may have the use of them.

In addition to wonderful books, MCPS provides several online resources for students and families to use at home. Passwords are on the previous page of this newsletter. Internet access is available at the public library if needed. Please share the passwords only with those connected with MCPS.

It will be our pleasure to help your child love reading and learning.

La Biblioteca

Bienvenidos de regreso a la escuela! La Sra. Zygmunt y Sr. Edwards esperan con anticipación ayudar a usted y sus niños encontrar libros increíbles para leer. La biblioteca está abierta para los estudiantes de 8:30am a 3:30pm cada día. Esta planificado que todos los estudiantes visiten la biblioteca una vez cada dos semanas. Los estudiantes pueden cambiar los libros en cualquier momento utilizando un pase para la biblioteca de su maestro. Las fechas de vencimiento siempre son estampadas en la parte de atras de los libros que su niño trae a casa. Por favor recuérdede a sus hijos de regresar sus libros a tiempo para que otros estudiantes puedan disfrutar el uso de ellos. Además de libros maravillosos, MCPS proporciona varios recursos en línea para estudiantes y familias para utilizar en casa. Las contraseñas están en la pagina anterior. El acceso al internet está disponible en las bibliotecas públicas si es necesitado. Por favor comparta las contraseñas sólo con los conectados de MCPS.

Será nuestro placer ayudar a su niño a amar la lectura y el aprendizaje.

Back to School Nights
Noche de Regreso Escolar
 Tues., September 16, 7:00 p.m.: Back to school night for Grades K-2.
 Wed., September 17, 7:00 p.m.: Back to school night for Grades 3-5.

Registration Sheet
Formulario de Registro
 Please be sure to complete the yellow registration sheet for each student and return to the school as soon as possible. If at any time during the school year your information changes, please be sure to notify the school office.
 Por Favor llene el formulario amarillo para cada estudiante y devuelvalo a la escuela lo mas pronto posible. Si en cualquier tiempo su informacion cambia, asegurese de avisar a la oficina.



**Official Waters Landing Elementary School PTA
Membership Form for 2008-2009
Formulario de Membresia para 2009-2009
Oficial de la Escuela Primaria Waters Landing**

Please complete the form below, including the membership dues, and return in a sealed envelope marked "PTA" to school with your child. Cash or checks welcomed. Please make checks payable to WLES PTA. We encourage donations through the membership process, as well as multiple members per family. Please print legibly. Thank you and welcome to the PTA!

Por favor llene el formulario, incluya su pago, y devuelvalo a la escuela en un sobre que diga PTA/APM a la escuela con su estudiante. Dinero en efectivo y cheques son bienvenidos. Haga el cheque a nombre de WLES PTA. Aceptamos donaciones en el proceso de membresia, y animamos a que se afilien multiples miembros de la familia. Por favor escriba claramente. Gracias y bienvenidos.

Mother's Name (Nombre de la Madre) _____

Father's Name (Nombre del Padre) _____

Additional Member's Names (Nombres de Miembros Adicionales) _____

Total Members (Miembros en Total) _____ x \$7.00/each(c/u) \$ _____

Donation (Donacion) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Contact Information (Informacion)

Address (Direccion) _____

City (Ciudad) _____ State (Estado) _____ Zip _____

Child's Name (Nombre de Hijo/a) _____

Child's Teacher (Nombre de Maestro/a) _____

Physical Education News:

Mrs. Schneider and Ms. Miller welcome everyone back for a safe and healthy school year. Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes to P.E. class. The following is a schedule of when each class has P.E.:

- Monday**= Brelsford (4), Williams (4), Auth (2), Scott (5)
- Tuesday**= Burgess (4), Hinsvark (4), Hinsvark (5), Cokinos
- Wednesday**= Flickinger (2), Najafi (2), Galluppi (2), Sardesai (2), Sentfle (1), Wilson (1), Keating (LFI), Malik (K), Fagnano (K), Elias (K), Tung (K)
- Thursday**= Muehl (1), Barnes (1), Novak (1), Bauman(1), Harrigan (K), Quick (K), Burr (3), Hartz (3), Cook (3), Miller (3)
- Friday**= Fry (5), Bruce (1), Merritt (1)

Cross Country= Running Club

Here at W.L.E.S., we have a Cross Country club for fourth and fifth graders. The students learn how to stretch properly, increase their running distance and cool down. Permission forms will be handed out next week. 4th graders practice on Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30 and fifth graders practice on Thursday's, from 3:30-4:30. Practice will start on Sept. 16th.

June A. Miller
Physical Education
Waters Landing Elem. School 301-353-0915

Noticias de Educacion Fisica

La Sra. Schneider y la Srta. Miller le dan la bienvenida a todos, para un año escolar sano y saludable. Por favor recuerdele a su estudiante de usar zapatos tenis para la clase de educacion fisica. La siguiente es el calendario de clases-

- Lunes**= Brelsford (4), Williams (4), Auth (2), Scott (5)
- Martes**= Burgess (4), Hinsvark (4), Hinsvark (5), Cokinos
- Miercoles**= Flickinger (2), Najafi (2), Galluppi (2), Sardesai (2), Sentfle (1), Wilson (1), Keating (LFI), Malik (K), Fagnano (K), Elias (K), Tung (K)
- Jueves**= Muehl (1), Barnes (1), Novak (1), Bauman(1), Harrigan (K), Quick (K), Burr (3), Hartz (3), Cook (3), Miller (3)
- Viernes**= Fry (5), Bruce (1), Merritt (1)

Cross Country=Club de Correr

Aca en WLES tenemos un Club de Correr para estudiantes de 4to y 5to grado. Los estudiantes aprenden con estirarse apropiadamente, incrementar su distancia de corer y como enfriarse. Fomularios de permiso seran entregadas la semana entrante. Los de 4to grado practicarán los Martes de 3:30 a 4:30pm y los de 5to grado el Jueves a la misma hora. Comensaremos el 16 de Septiembre.

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Thank you to all the Volunteers who Helped !

Denise Ackerman, Justine Beachley, Kendra Blatzheim, Beth Bogren, Michele Delgadillo, Elizabeth Grout, Katia Nascimento, Karen O'Connor, Shelly Schenck, Jennifer Schrock, Kathy Socha, and Pam Wilson.

They helped recently with the back-to-school luncheon. Because of all the parents that can contribute, we are able to offer these events to the Great Staff at Waters Landing. There were nice sandwiches from Panera Bread and lots of donations of beverages and yummy desserts from the PTA parents.

Most of all.... Thank you to the Staff at Waters Landing Elementary School for what they do to take care of our children and help them grow. When they are with you, we are confident that our children are safe, well educated, and taken care of individually. There are not enough Thanks! for what you do to watch after our young ones.

If you are interested in helping/volunteering with Staff Appreciation, please contact Tess Rikhoff or Erika Walden.

They may look like trash, but they add up to CASH for WLES PTA! Our school recycles!

We proudly participate in a Ink Cartridge, Toner Cartridge, and Cell Phone recycling program. This program allows Waters Landing Students, Staff and Families to do something wonderful for the environment while raising funds for our school. Not only is this an easy thing to do, it also teaches our children valuable lessons about the variety of materials that can be recycled and it helps them develop life long patterns.

Recycled items will be reconditioned and used again instead of ending up in landfills. Did you know that every second of every day nine ink cartridges are thrown away? Help WLES PTA turn this waste into GREEN for our school and keep the planet GREEN!

Please donate your cell phones and cartridges by placing them in the collection box (BIG GREEN BOX) found at the front of the school. This collection bin will be accessible during normal school hours. You can drop off your recyclable cell phones and cartridges whenever it's convenient for you. Don't forget about the toner, ink and laser cartridges at your office too!

Your contribution not only helps save the earth's natural resources but it allows WLES' PTA to continue to provide programs, activities and events that MCPS does NOT pay for like the cultural arts/educational assembly program "Sprocket the Robot" that will be held on September 22, 2008.

This recycling effort will not be successful without the support of wonderful people like you. Thank you for your help in recycling and for earning much needed money for Waters Landing PTA!

If You toss...it's our loss!

If you have any questions, please contact Justine Beachley, at JustiB@comcast.net - Thank You

Get FREE items locally using the Web

These are hard-pressed times when all the prices are rising. But there are many websites where you can get **FREE** items, and *Locally!* You can also give away your unwanted items (that are still in good shape) instead of throwing them in the trash (and increasing our human footprints on the Earth) or driving to a Donation Station (and using up expensive gas). Reusing items not only cuts down on goods in the landfills, but also helps reduce the strain on our natural resources by keeping useable items in circulation, reducing the need to manufacture additional goods. The primary benefit is that it reduces the amount of reusable items that end up in the trash with a secondary benefit of reducing the overall amount of items thrown into the landfills.

Get everything from outgrown clothing and shoes, school supplies, furniture, food (yes!) and everything in between. **Everything is 100% FREE!**

Save Money, go Green, ReUse-Reduce-Recycle!

Check out these websites and join the groups if you'd like, all of them have local groups for convenient offers and pick ups.

www.ReUseItNetwork.org

www.Freecycle.org

www.Craigslist.org (free section)

★ WHEN SENDING MONEY IN TO SCHOOL ★

It is very important to remember when you are sending money into school that all cash or checks should be placed in a SEALED envelope. On the outside of the envelope please indicate what the money is for, the student's name, and the teacher's name. Money that is not sent in with these safeguards is easy to misplace or lose, or to be credited to another student. Thank you for your consideration.

Giant, Safeway and Harris Teeter Grocery Card Programs

Last year from these grocery card programs, Waters Landing PTA earned **over \$3000**.

That money helped pay for various items and events, such as the Dolphin News newsletter, Back to School Movie Night, Educational Day Programs, Read to Me/Talk with Me Program, Snowball Dance, Staff Appreciation, Dolphinmania, Book Fairs, 5th Grade Promotion, Patrol Picnic and much, much more...

For Giant Bonus Bucks:

WLES needs your **12 digit Bonus Card number**, and the **1st 3 letters of your last name**.

To designate WLES to receive benefits:

- Fill out a designation form at school (extra forms are available) or at ANY Giant store (**WLES ID #00791**) Designate online at www.giantfood.com/aplus
- Call 1-877-366-2668 to designate via phone **and then Shop at Giant and Use your Bonus Card!!**

For Safeway Club Card:

WLES needs your **Club Card #, First Name, Last Name, Address, and Phone**.

To designate WLES:

- Fill out a designation form at school or at ANY Safeway Store (**WLES ID# 6679543**)
- Designate online at www.escrip.com **and then Shop at Safeway and Use your Club Card!**

For Harris Teeter VIC Card:

WLES needs your **Last Name**, and your **11 digit VIC Card number**.

To designate WLES you can fill out a form at school or:

- Give the cashier your VIC Card and **WLES ID# 6579** when you are at the store.
- Designate online at www.harristeeter.com **and then Shop at Harris Teeter and Use your VIC Card!**

ALL CARDS MUST BE REGISTERED BY NOVEMBER 1st, 2008 for WLES PTA to receive credit.

If you prefer, you can email your registration information for any of these programs to Justine Beachley at JustiB@comcast.net, and she will be happy to enter it for you.

REMEMBER - Friends, Family, Co-workers, Teachers, Staff---

ANYONE can designate WLES as a school they would like to receive contributions from their grocery card. They do not have to live in Germantown, or in Maryland (***Safeway uses a company called eScrip, and other grocery stores NOT in our area participate as well, e.g., VONS, Adams, Carrs, Dominick's, Pavilions). ALL of the programs allow for up to 3 designations as well. **So please make WATERS LANDING one of them.**

If you have ANY questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact Justine Beachley @ JustiB@comcast.net or send a note to school - attn: Justine-PTA!



Waters Landing
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School Holiday	2 PTA Mtg 7pm	3	4 Parent Mtg. 7pm In-strumental Music	5	6
7	8 Hearing/Vision Screening Pre-Planned Red/Blue Drills	9 Hearing/Vision Screening	10 Hearing/Vision Screening	11	12 Back to School Movie Night 7pm	13
14	15	16 Back to School Night 7pm (K-2)	17 Back to School Night 7pm (3-5) Market Day Orders Due by 12pm	18 SVHS Back to School Night	19	20
21	22 Sprocket the Robot (K-2) 9:30am (3-5) 2:15pm	23 Market Day Pick Up 7pm MLK Back to School Night	24 Parent Meeting on Grading/Reporting 7pm	25	26	27
28	29 Early Release - Dis-missal at 1pm	30 No School - Holiday *** <u>Newsletter Dead-line for October</u> ***	October 1 Student Pictures			