

Wildcat Review

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King – Schools and Offices CLOSED
Jan. 19	6:30 PM Parent Orientation (Ellicott Mills Middle School)
Jan. 20	6:30 PM PTA Bingo Night (Cafeteria)
Jan. 20-21	*No half day Pre K/RECC
Jan. 22	End of marking period – Schools CLOSED 3 hours early at 12:55pm * No half day Pre K/RECC
Jan. 25	7:00 – 8:30 PM PTA General Meeting w/ Dr. Foose (Media Center)
Jan. 25-26	GR3 9:30 -10:30 AM Bumble Bee Round 1 & 2
Jan. 26	GR4 & 5 2:30 -3:45 PM Spelling Bee - Day 1
Jan. 26	Year Book Group Pictures
Jan. 28	1:45 PM Pre K Field Trip (Miller Branch Library)
Jan. 29	GR3 9:30 -10:30 AM Bumble Bee Round 3 if needed
Jan. 29	GR4 & 5 2:30 - 3:45 PM Spelling Bee - Day 2
Feb. 1	Report Cards Issued
Feb. 3	4:00 -6:30 PM Joe Corbi's Pick-Up
Feb. 4	9:30 -10:30 AM GR4 & GR5 Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 4	10:30 -11:30 AM GR2 & GR3 Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 4	Parent Teacher Conference - Schools CLOSED 3 hours early at 12:55 pm * No half day Pre K/RECC
Feb. 5	Parent Teacher Conference – Schools CLOSED for students
Feb. 8	School CLOSED for students – Countywide Professional Day
Feb. 15	Presidents Day – Schools and Offices CLOSED
Feb. 16	Rescreening Vision and Hearing
Feb. 19	6:30 – 8:30 PM PTA International Night Cafeteria, Gym, Art Room)
Feb. 22-29	Book Fair (Media Center)
Feb. 29	7:00 PM PTA Board Meeting (Media Center)
Feb. 29- Mar 4	9:30 -2:30 PM Kindergarten & New First Grader Registration (Front Office)

For a full view of upcoming events at Waterloo, please visit the new Waterloo website and download the Google Waterloo Calendar.

From the Principal

Alas...no one from Maryland won the 1.5 billion dollar Powerball jackpot on Wednesday. I guess we all will be keeping our day jobs. Fortunately, I thoroughly enjoy being the principal of Waterloo☺!

As was shared earlier this week...Winter conferences will be scheduled on Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5. The Howard County calendar provides 1.5 days for conferences during our 2nd round of conferences in February – the net result is a reduction of a .5-day in available times to conference as compared to the Fall conferences. In an effort to be responsive to the popularity expressed by our parents regarding evening conferences, **and when conducive to individual teacher schedules**, we will offer evening conferences Thursday in addition to day conferences on Friday.

Parents will have access to schedule conferences at Waterloo via Synergy beginning Thursday, October 21. The scheduling window will remain open until Tuesday, February 2. The following content area will be emphasized during our Winter conferences...please schedule your child's conference with the content specific teacher.

Kindergarten – Homeroom
1st Grade – Math
2nd Grade – Reading
3rd Grade – Academic Session #2 (Block 2)
4th Grade – Academic Session #2 (Block 2)
5th Grade - Math

Have a great weekend!
Sean

School News

Energy Savings Partnership at Waterloo - 'Tis the season for being green (and warm!). Local energy company, greenNEWit, is partnering with Howard County and Waterloo Elementary to bring free environmental STEM education and fundraising to students, parents, and teachers at Waterloo.

On January 19th, greenNEWit will provide a free assembly to Waterloo on the importance of STEM with regards to energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. Through this presentation and accompanying lesson plans, students learn the importance of how students Energy Detectives work to make our Life, Energy, and Planet as clean and healthy as possible!

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The school partnership also extends to an energy savings fundraiser where families can raise \$20 for WES by saving energy and money through the Quick Home Energy Check-Up Program. This service takes about 45 minutes and includes free installation of energy and water saving upgrades such as CFLs, aerators, efficient-flow showerheads, smart strips, water heater tank wraps and more. Supported by the Empower MD Act of 2008, greeNEWit can offer these Quick Home Energy Check-ups at NO additional cost to your usual monthly utility bills. Owners and renters in the state qualify simply by having an active utility bill.

Sign up online at [Waterloo Energy Savings Partnership](#) or return the paper sign up form in next week's take home folders. Be sure to indicate Waterloo to properly credit the proceeds!

Front Office: Thank you to all the families that were able to support the Joe Corbi's Fundraiser. Pick-up will be Tuesday, February 2nd from 4:00 -6:00pm. We are unable to refrigerate the items, so please ensure someone is able to pick up the items on February 2nd.

Fifth Grade News – Parent Orientation Night is on Tuesday, **January 19th 2016** at Ellicott Mills Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 pm. This orientation is for Parent' s who will have a 6th grade student entering Ellicott Mills Middle School starting in the fall of 2016.

- **Please mark this date on your calendar. We are looking forward to sharing important information with you about 6th grade.**

Bingo Night - Join us for the always fun Bingo Night on Wednesday, January 20 from 6:30-8:00 pm (snow date January 27). Bingo cards cost \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. Multiple prizes for each game! Bake sale includes sweets and fruit! Fun for the whole family! See you there!

PTA General Meeting - Dr. Foose, Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System, will be our honored guest speaker at the next PTA General Meeting on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in the media center. She will be speaking and participating in Q & A from attendees. Come out to meet her and get involved with Waterloo PTA.

Health Room *The Hearing and Vision Screening has been postponed until further notice. Further instructions will be sent home soon. Thanks.*

HCPSS Workshops for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Oakland Mills High School

Thursday, January 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Atholton High School

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Hammond High School

Monday, February 1, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Howard High School

The Road to Kindergarten helps prepare parents for entering their child into the school system and getting them ready for kindergarten.

Jump Rope for Heart is rapidly approaching! The event will no longer be after school and it will take place during school on Thursday, Feb. 4th, which will give ALL students in grades Second through Fifth the ability to participate. Thursday Feb. 4th is a 3 hours early dismissal day. Information about the event will be given to students at the kick-off assembly. Instead of ducks, students are eligible to receive "PUPPIES" if they choose to participate in fundraising for the American Heart Association. More information about the event and fundraising is available on Waterloo's PE website www.watesPE.weebly.com. Please contact Mrs. Morgan for more information.

Girls on Fire Mentoring Program is a partnership between the Center for Creative Life and Learning Inc and the Columbia Art Center. It is a program that targets girls 8-14. Girls participate in various art form activities and group sessions to build self-esteem, increase academic performance, and to encourage leadership, character, and spiritual development. Meets the 4th Saturday each month at the Columbia Art Center. For information call 410-312-0758.

Kid Empowerment Smashing ANTs & Leadership FUN-damentals Combo!

Grades 2-3 / 7 classes starting Jan 26 / \$119 + \$20 materials

Reach your potential! Realize your self-worth! Gain the leading edge! This fun and entertaining program teaches powerful life skills through a variety of engaging games, activities and motivational cartoon lessons. Create your own Positive Empowering Thoughts (PETs) to "smash" the Automatic Non-Supportive Thoughts (ANTs) such as "I can't do it!" or "I'm afraid to try!" or "What if I make a mistake?" Different ANT Smashers are taught each session. New and continuing students welcome. Info: www.SmashingANTs.com or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov. RP3333.616 4:05-5:05 PM Tuesday

Bricks4Kidz LEGO After-School Laws of Motion

Grades K-5 / 6 classes starting Jan 15 / \$99 We doubt you'll "stay at rest" with these challenging projects designed to accelerate the learning with the force of fun! Test some of Newton's Laws Of Motion with models that illustrate the concepts of inertia, force, mass, acceleration and the observation that "every action has an equal and opposite reaction." Launch paper footballs at targets with the catapult model; give your mini-figures a ride on motorized see-saw and swingorama rides; and build a clock model. Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based

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program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO bricks. (No class 1/22, 2/5.) Info: www.bricks4kidz.com/ellicottcity-md or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov. RP3329.626 4-5 PM Friday

Science Club After School with Club SciKidz Tech Scientific

Grades K-3 / 8 classes starting Jan 20 / \$149 Enjoy two great topics (4 weeks each) that includes a take-home Lab in a Box. Weeks 1-4: Come Fly with Me! – During this engineering-based design process, explore Bernoulli's Principle. Build various aerospace vehicles and discover Newton's Law of Inertia. STEM challenge: Design and build an airplane that will travel 15 feet. Weeks 5-8: Cosmic Cookie Dough – Study the Earth's moon, gravity, moon phases, tides and rocketry. STEM challenge: Design and build a telescope. Info: www.clubscikidzmd.com or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov. RP3355.609 4-5:15 PM Wednesday