

# Wildcat Review

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
Mar. 13	7:00 PM County-Wide Spelling Bee at Reservoir High School
Mar. 16	Starting March 17 <sup>th</sup> On going Kindergarten Registration <b>by appointments ONLY</b>
Mar. 19	Dental Clinic for K-3, Dental Assembly for K-2 from at 3p.m.
Mar. 20	7:00 PM Family Dance Night
Mar. 25	4:00 PM Parent Puberty Education Meeting (Mrs. Black's Room)
Mar. 26	Class & Individual Picture Day
Mar. 27	End of marking period- <b>Schools CLOSED 3 hours early 12:55 PM * No Pre K/RECC</b>
Mar. 30-Apr.06	Spring Break- <b>Schools CLOSED</b>
Apr. 7	9:30 AM GR2 Visit by Fire House
Apr. 9	4:00 PM GR5 Simulated Congressional Hearing/Centennial Picnic Meeting (Mrs. Black Room)
Apr. 14	6:30 PM Parent Orientation Night (Ellicott Mills Middle School)
Apr. 14	Report Cards Issued
Apr. 15	7:00 PM Spring Chorus/African Drumming Concert (Cafeteria)
Apr. 21	6:30 PM GT/Parent Orientation (Mayfield Middle School)
Apr. 24	GR5 Kick-Off Simulated Congressional Hearing (Cafeteria)
Apr. 30	9:30 AM GR3 Field Trip (Baltimore Museum of Industry)
Apr. 30	7:45 AM GR4 Field Trip (Historic St. Mary's City)
May. 1	Professional Day-Schools CLOSED
May. 7	Progress Reports Issued
May. 14	9:30 AM GR2 Field Trip (Piney Run Park)
May. 15	In-School Band Concert performed for GR1, GR3, GR5
May. 15	In-School Strings Concert performed for GRK, GR2, GR4
May. 19	4:30-5:30 PM Kindergarten Orientation (Cafeteria)
May. 19	9:30 AM GR5 Field Trip (Ellicott Mills Middle School)
May. 19	9:30 AM GR5 Field Trip (Mayfield Middle School)
May 20	6:30PM Band/Strings Concert at LRHS
May. 22	Field Day All Grades
May. 25	Memorial Day- <b>Schools &amp; Offices CLOSED</b>
May. 27	9:30-3:30 GR5 Simulated Congressional Hearing
May. 28	6:00 PM Enrichment/Stem Fair (All Areas)
June. 2	9:30 AM GR5 Field Trip (Living Classroom)
June. 4	9:30 AM GR5 Field Trip (Living Classroom)

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

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we have had a full week of school! I want to compliment our students who have been taking the PARCC assessment. It has been smooth and the students are putting forth great effort!

Sincerely, *Michelle M. Leader, Principal*

## School News

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS** – Parent Orientation Night is on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at **Ellicott Mills Middle School Cafeteria** from 6:30-7:30 pm. This orientation is for parents who will have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student entering Ellicott Mills Middle School starting in the fall of 2015). Please see attached flyer for details.

**\*Please mark this date on your calendar. We are looking forward to sharing important information with you about 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

**IS YOUR 5<sup>th</sup>-GRADER GOING TO Ellicott Mills MS NEXT YEAR?** Interested in getting involved in the PTA there? The EMMS PTA Nominating Committee is actively searching for Executive Board candidates and committee chairs for the 2015-2016 school year. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn and to get involved at Ellicott Mills!! If you have been thinking about getting active in the PTA, this is your opportunity! If you are interested in serving as a member of the Executive Board or a committee chair, please contact any of the

nominating committee members [Erin Erle ([erle.family@verizon.net](mailto:erle.family@verizon.net)); Andrea LeWinter ([andrealewinter@cs.com](mailto:andrealewinter@cs.com)); Fawzieh Whyte ([dave-wzieh@comcast.net](mailto:dave-wzieh@comcast.net))] by **Monday, March 16th**. Descriptions and responsibilities for each of the Executive Board positions are listed on the EMMS PTA website at <http://www.ellicottmillspta.org/ExecutiveBoard/ExecutiveBoard.htm>. Thank you for your interest!

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CLUB** – is hosting a multicultural event to promote diversity, called World fest. This year, world fest will take place on March 20th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Centennial High School (4300 Centennial Lane). World fest will include different foods, games, dancing, singing, and other performances by our very own Centennial students! Please see attached flyer for more details.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** -Scouting for Food will be held on Saturday, March 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts who attend this school will be out in your neighborhood on that day to collect your donations which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/npdsff4u>.

**FROM THE HEALTH ROOM** - On Thursday, March 19, Chase Brexton Health Services will be coming to Waterloo Elementary to conduct a dental clinic for grades K-3. This dental exam is optional and consents have been sent home. Thank you to those who have returned the completed forms. Monday, March 2 will be the last day that the health room will be able to accept forms. All students in grades K-2 will participate in a dental assembly on March 19. The Chase Brexton staff will provide basic dental education. If you have any questions, please call the health room 410-313-5018.

**FAMILY DANCE NIGHT** - Fri., March 20 at 6:00 PM. Join us for a fun and active evening for the whole family. Your family will participate in 3 rotations designed to get your heart pumping and body moving. The cafeteria will be dancing, the gym will be social/party dances, and the media center will be Just Dance on the Wii. Parents must stay with children and should be engaged in the activities with them. A special thanks to Wegmans for graciously donating healthy snacks for after the event.

**YEARBOOK SALE** - On sale for \$18 through March 27. Order online today at [www.classic-photo.com](http://www.classic-photo.com). Choose: Waterloo Elementary. Enter Passcode: Wildcats. Click on the shopping cart icon below the picture. Follow the steps to checkout. Any questions? Send to [waterlooyb@gmail.com](mailto:waterlooyb@gmail.com).  
FRIENDS + FUN + MEMORIES = YEARBOOK

**PE** - Please save the date for Field Day, which is on Friday, May 22, 2015. Information will be coming home about volunteering after Spring Break. We need over 100 volunteers to make this day possible. Set aside time to have fun with your child/children.

**Grade Team Colors:**

GRK Purple  
GR1 Orange  
GR2 Yellow  
GR3 Green  
GR4 Blue  
GR5 Red

**Waterloo Wellness Committee Heart Healthy Tip: Exploding Common Fitness Myths**

Myth 1: Physical activity takes too much time.

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Physical activity does take some time, but there are ways to make it manageable. If you don't have 30 minutes in your daily schedule for an activity break, try to find three 10-minute periods. If you're aiming for 60 minutes daily—a good goal if you're trying to avoid weight gain—perhaps you can carve out some "fitness time" early in the day, before your schedule gets too busy. Another idea is to combine physical activity with a task that's already part of your daily routine, such as walking the dog or doing yard chores.

## Easy Recipe

### Beefy Corn and Black Bean Chili

No one will ever guess that this chili hasn't simmered on the stove all day. (PS it's ready in about half an hour.)

#### Ingredients:

Ground round (1 pound)

Chili powder blend

1 package frozen seasoned corn and black beans

Beef broth (fat-free, less sodium)

1 can seasoned tomato sauce for chili

Combine in a pot and stir occasionally cook on low to medium for 30 minutes.

**PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM-** The Waterloo Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool programs are now accepting applications for classes for the 2015-2016 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 and 4 years of age for the 2015-2016 school year may see Rebecca Akinmurele in the school office for an application package beginning February 17, 2015.

If you are interested please pick up an application and return it with a check for \$25. The monthly fee for the preschool program will be between \$155.00 and \$250.00 depending on the number of hours your child participates in the program.

All applications must be returned by March 20, 2015. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

The Howard County Public School System continues to offer a Prekindergarten program for income eligible children who will be four years old by September 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Bass or Michele Ojo-Ade at (410) 313-5014.

**Box-Tops/Labels for Education** - Please remember to send your **Box Top labels and Labels for Education**. (Just clip them and send them in a baggie or envelope with your student's name, grade and class.) There are boxes to collect them in the school lobby.

**AMAZON** - If you are shopping on **Amazon** this season please remember to enter the site via the header from the Waterloo PTA website ([www.waterloopta.org](http://www.waterloopta.org)) The PTA gets a small donation every time you make a purchase. Combined, these donations add up!

**Cold & Flu Season is here** and the Health Room staff at Waterloo asks you **keep your child home** if s/he has any of the following symptoms:

**Fever:** a child with a temperature of 100F° or higher must remain home until fever-free, without medication, for 24 hours. The temperature should be checked

when the child has been without fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol for at least 4 hours;

**Diarrhea:** two or more watery bowel movements in a 24- hour period;

**Vomiting:** within the last 24 hours;

**In addition:** greenish discharge from nose and/or persistent cough; sore throat especially with a fever or swollen glands.

*If your child shows any of the above symptoms at school, it will be necessary to pick him/her up.*

**New HCPSS App** - Stay in touch with the Howard County Public School System by downloading the new mobile app! Download on your mobile device today and select yes to receive push notifications with the latest news and updates from the District. School menus, calendars and Waterloo's website at your fingertips.

**GT NEWS** - Howard Community College is once again sponsoring *Kids on Campus* this summer. *Kids on Campus* is open to all elementary, middle and high school students and classes are held right on the college campus. There are numerous classes, covering a wide range of interests, from fine arts to computer programming, nature to engineering. Registration opens February 4, 2015. An Open House is being held Tuesday, April 28 at the Hickory Ridge Building. You can find more information about the *Kids on Campus* program at [howardcc.edu/kidsoncampus](http://howardcc.edu/kidsoncampus).