

# Windy Hill Elementary

## Wizard Wire

April 15, 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My family and I enjoyed the weather so much this weekend, we spent every moment outside. I find a lot of satisfaction in doing yard work and enjoy seeing the progress from drab and unkept to something well-tended and organized. Being outside keeps me away from phones, computer and the TV. (we did find time this weekend to watch some hockey and Games of Thrones!). However, my apology for the delay in getting out this week's Wizard Wire.

While tending to the garden I was reminded of something we get frustrated with at school. I will say to myself, "Didn't we already go over this before? They should remember." or "I know we did this before." Just like a well-tended garden we need to constantly pay attention and repeat what has already been done or said. Last spring, I pulled the same weeds, as I did this weekend. We pruned the same trees last spring.

At school it's time to review some details to keep our school community running safely.

### MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURES

1. Staff members are in the parking lot at 7:55am
2. Buses have the right of way. Please do not pass buses on the left side. Do not pull into the bus lane closest to the school for drop off.
3. **"Kiss and Go" lane** (middle lane of parking lot)
  - used for students who can exit the car unassisted
  - students to exit from the right rear door whenever possible and walk on yellow marked line
  - driver remains in the car
  - pull all the way up to the staff member at the end of the lane
  - refrain from stopping in the crosswalk

4. **"Park and Walk" lane** (bottom lane of parking lot)
  - this is not a drop-off lane
  - drivers park and escort students to a staff member in the crosswalk area
5. Students entering the building at 8:20 am or later are considered tardy. They must be escorted in to the school by an adult and sign in. Staff members are visible and in the parking lot until 8:20.
6. Always follow staff members' directions AND use crosswalks.
7. Please be patient, take your time, and always be mindful of your surroundings.

We are continuing to examine our morning drop off procedures for safety and efficiency.

### PTA corner ~ Happy Spring 🌸

*PTA and WHES will be celebrating April the month of the Military child this week. April is designated as the month of the Military Child. We would like to celebrate the strength and sacrifice that these students show everyday! Please show your support for our military children this week and join in our Spirit Week.*

- **Monday April 15th – Purple Up Day**  
Purple is the color used to represent all military services. Wear as much purple as possible to show your support of our military children.
- **Tuesday April 16th - Patriotic Day Red, White and Blue**  
Wear red, white and blue to show that we appreciate and respect the flag, its colors and this nation as our service members do.
- **Wednesday April 17th – Hero's Breakfast**  
We would like to show a small token of gratitude to our military families with a light

breakfast from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. at WHES cafeteria. See separate flyer for RSVP.

- **Thursday April 18th - Camouflage Day**  
Our service men and women wear camouflage to protect them from being seen by blending in with their surroundings. Let's see how well we can intermingle with them!
- **Friday April 19th - Represent your Branch (no school, but show your pride in the community!)**  
Show your pride! Wear clothing and accessories that represent the branch of the military your family serves.

*Thank you to all who serve and the ones that love those that serve. us ♥*

### **WINDY HILL Spotlights**

Ms. Jaynie Jones and Mrs. June Shaffstall were both recognized Thursday night at the Calvert County Teacher and Support Person of the Year event. Congratulations to both!

Several staff members were nominated by community members for SECAC (Special Education Citizens Advisory Council) awards! Congratulations to those staff members and thank you to the people who took the time to nominate the staff!

Congratulations to our MESA team!

- 1st place wearable tech
- 2nd place bridge
- 2nd place scratch

Coaches and students worked hard all year to collaborate, plan and problem solve!

### **Upcoming Events**

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> BUS EVACUATIONS
- April 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Recess
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 hour delayed opening
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> MCAP testing (specific details will be sent home to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade families)
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag & Book Night 6:00 – 8:00
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Interims posted in HAC
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Prek & Kindergarten Registration 9-2:00
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Music Programs
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Windy Hill at Bowie Baysox Game
- May 30<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> Field Day
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini Relay for Life
- June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2-hour early dismissal for HS graduations

- June 7<sup>th</sup> Storybook Parade
- June 10<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition (WHMS)
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School/2 hour early dismissal

**WHES Mission:** Windy Hill Elementary School will work collaboratively with the entire school community to provide our students with the skills, learning tools, and knowledge to meet their full potential, ensuring that high expectations are held for all.

**WHES Vision:** The Windy Hill Elementary School staff will work collaboratively to create a learning community which will enable students to become college and/or career ready. Students will become actively engaged in the learning process by developing problem solving and critical thinking skills. We will promote high expectations and standards in academics and citizenship to develop confident, responsible students.

**Student Hours 7:55am-3:05pm**

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