

# WILDCAT WATCH

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## Mr. Hunsinger's Wildcat Wisdom

I want to begin by thanking the many people that were involved in our *Campus Beautification Day* on Saturday, October 4. I cannot think of many days more special during my ten years here than to see members of the Beautification Committee along with PTA officers, various Brownie troops, parents and friends of HWES all working together. Our campus looks great and the courtyards are really looking special. On behalf of the students and staff, I say "Thanks" for going above and beyond our expectations to help make our school look so great.

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I want to remind you of some upcoming meetings. As mentioned earlier, we have evening meetings regarding school uniforms at the feeder high schools. The dates and locations are as follows:

Bel Air High School on October 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
Fallston High School on October 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Kids Vote Parade will be on October 16 at 9:15 a.m. It will start at the Wakefield building and will go to the Homestead building playground after a brief turn around in front of the Bel Air Middle School. The assembly for all children will be on the playground behind the Homestead building. We will share the results of the school voting in the areas of art, music, media and physical education, as well as other topics we voted for. There will be invited guests and special remarks by Lieutenant Colonel Christine Moser. In the event the grass is damp, we will have plastic tarps for each class to sit upon.

Parents and friends are invited to join us. If you will attend, we request that you watch the parade from the driveway leading to the Homestead building as we all make our way to the playground area. We request parents not march with their student's class, rather to watch the parade from the designated area along the driveway.

There will be an area set aside for parents to watch the assembly program on the playground area. Visitors may want to bring folding chairs to sit upon during the program. We expect the entire event to be over by 10:45 a.m. so we can follow the early lunch schedule for the early dismissal day.

We appreciate the Bel Air High School Band and the Bel Air Middle School Chorus for playing a part in this celebration.

Remember that on October 21 we will have our PTA meeting in the Homestead building Media Center. Our meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation and discussion with Mr. Joe Licata, Chief of Operations for HCPS. Please note the time change to 6:00 p.m. due to a schedule conflict with our guest speaker.

Be sure to send in your pledge for the *Wildcat Walk-a-Thon* scheduled for October 30. This is a special event that has become a tradition here at HWES. Information regarding the times the individual grade levels are walking will be sent out shortly. This event will be held on the Homestead playground area.

### Upcoming Dates of Importance

October 16	Parade - 9:15 a.m. Early dismissal - 1:00 p.m.
October 17	Closed for Teachers Convention
October 21	PTA Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
October 30	Wildcat Walk-a-Thon
October 31	Closed for Staff Development
November 3	Closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences (Kindergarten building to be in cafeteria and grade 2 to be in gym)
November 4	Closed for General Election

November 6 Half Day Conference for Parents of PreK Students (Schools in Session)  
November 17,18 and 19 American Education Week (Specific Grades and Times to be Announced)  
November 21 Early dismissal - 1:00 p.m.  
November 26 Close at 1:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve  
November 27 and 28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed

### **PAWS IN THE HALLS**

Homestead Special Area teachers rewarded students who demonstrated excellent hallway behavior. These students received a "Paw" to let them know that they were doing a great job. We would like to acknowledge the following students for their outstanding hallway manners:

Jamie E	James B
Colleen B	Oliver L
Daniel W	Emma C
Kirsten McD	Qadry I
Adam F	
Drake P	

Be on the lookout - you never know who will give you a "Paw in the Hall"!

### **FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Parents of 5th grade band, string and chorus students need to note that the date of our Winter Concert has been changed! The new concert date is Monday December 8. The concert will be at Patterson Mill High School auditorium. There is plenty of room in this nice new facility so bring lots of friends to our concert. Please change this date on your family calendars.

### **FROM THE NURSES**

The FluMist vaccine will be administered by the Health Department on Friday, October 24th at HWES. If you are interested in your child receiving the vaccine and have not turned in a consent, you still have time. There are extra consents in the office. Parent volunteers are also needed for that day. Please contact the school nurse if you are interested, 410-638-4175.