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School is Back in Session!! Lots of Learning, Lots of Fun, Lots of Friends

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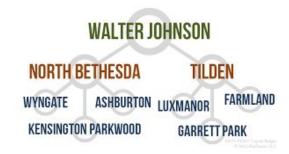




Parents' Back to School Checklist

- 1. Join the listserv (https://www.wyngatepta.com/?page_id=187) for timely updates on school/PTA activities
- 2. Join the PTA (https://www.wyngatepta.com/?page_id=2016) (\$40/household) and you'll receive a school directory (print and online access) and will be providing vital support to our students, teachers, parents, and community.
- 3. Make a Donation to the PTA (https://www.wyngatepta.com/) (recommended amount is \$50/student) to ensure that PTA events and teacher support can continue.
- 4. Download the School Calendar. Your PTA has created a handy Google calendar with all the key dates for MCPS, Wyngate, and PTA events. Visit this page (https://www.wyngatepta.com/?page_id=3046) for instructions on how to download it to sync with your personal Google calendar.
- 5. Help Wyngate earn easy money by setting up your AmazonSmile, Giant and Harris Teeter accounts to benefit the school. Details here (https://www.wyngatepta.com/?page_id=3204)





Walter John Cluster Update

As you may know, Woodward High School was originally built in 1966 and was closed in 1987 due to declining enrollment. The county decision-makers have appeared commit to the re-opening Woodward High School.

Walter Johnson High School currently has a capacity of 2,335 students. Based on the number of students currently enrolled in the elementary and middle schools that feed into Walter Johnson High School, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) estimates that Walter Johnson High School will be approximately 600 students over capacity by the 2021-2022 school year. To

read more please see a full recap on our website. https://www.wyngatepta.com/?p=4716

October Events

See Details Below

1st: Cultural Arts Program

2nd: PTA Meeting

2nd: New Parent Welcome Events

5th: Deadline for being included in PTA's School Directory

8th: Free Shipping on Wyngate SpiritWear ends

5th: MCPS early Release at 12:55

8th: Open House

12th: Fun Run

22nd: NAACP/MCPS Kick-Off

24th: WE Cares (Wyngate Elementary Cares) Sandwich Making for the

Homeless

31st: Halloween Parade and Party



Billy B The Natural Science Song and Dance Man

Cultural Arts Program, October 1

A PTA-sponsored cultural arts program will be held during the school day. Billy B uses songs, dances, theatrical backdrops and improv comedy to reach and teach his audiences about the wonderful workings of our beautiful planet.

https://billybproductions.com/





We Want YOU! PTA Meeting, October 2nd 7pm, Media Center

Come out & get involved in the Wyngate family at our first PTA meeting. Our guest speaker will be Guidance Counselor Terry King, who will talk about how mindfulness is being incorporated at Wyngate. She will provide examples of exercises she has been using with students, and answer questions regarding all things in the school counselor domain. In addition, our new Mindfulness Studio will be open for tours.

Babysitting is provided

New Parent Welcome Events, October 2

Tuesday, October 2 at 10:30 am. and 6:30 pm

Families new to Wyngate are invited to visit with Principal Travis Wiebe and meet other parents either at 10:30 in the Media Center. You are also welcome to join us at a similar event at 6:30 pm, prior to our first PTA meeting of the year.

Update Your Profile in the PTA's School Directory--Deadline is October 5.

Don't miss out on birthday party and playdate invitations. If you have not verified your information at http://www.atozconnect.com THIS YEAR, you will not be included in the directory. Questions? Contact wyngateesdirectory@gmail.com.

Free Shipping on SpiritGear through October 8

Help your child start the school year off right with some cool new Wyngate Spirit Wear. Details at https://www.wyngatepta.com/?p=4695



Come See Them in Action!! Open House, October 8th 9:30 am -11:30 am

Parents may observe their child's classroom in action. Please check out details to come in Mr. Wiebe's Newsletter.



International Walk to School Day, October 10

Enjoy the benefits of walking to school. Stroll with our neighbors. The sidewalks will be filled with Wyngate families. http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/



Wyngate PTA Fun Run, Friday, October 12th.

Join us in supporting the students in this fun and pride-filled event. Grades 1-5 run a full mile and kindergarteners run a 1/4 mile. Neighbors, friends, and grandparents are welcome to cheer on the kids.

We need your help to make this event a success! It takes many volunteers to ensure everyone is safe and encouraged along the route. If you have any questions please reach out to <u>Jill Notini</u> & <u>Sign Up Here</u>





Annual NAACP/MCPS Kick-Off October 22, 5 pm, at Richard Montgomery HS

For the last 20 years, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has partnered with Montgomery County to have a representative from every school to create a Parent Council. The purpose of the council is to provide a forum to assist, guide, and support African American parents and students to pursue the highest quality education within the county. Meeting are held monthly. Please contact your Wyngate Rep, Dana Evans to learn more evans.dana@gmail.com





WE Cares (Wyngate Elementary Cares)
Sandwich Making for the Homeless, October 24th

During this event, which will be held at Wyngate immediately before the start of the school day, you and your children will have the opportunity to make lunches for distribution by Bethesda Cares, a community outreach program for the homeless. Please note change of date. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A9AF2DA5FB6-wecares1

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Halloween Parade and Party, October 31

During the school day, students show off their costumes during a neighborhood walk and have a class party organized by the room parents

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