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WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## WILDE LAKE MIDDLE GETS AN EARLY START ON PROGRAMS FOR THE GIFTED

Wilde Lake Middle School has kept in step with the county department of education on programming for the gifted. A summer workshop helped inform a committee of teachers and administrators of the county progress on identification of the gifted and experimental programs already in operation. The Wilde Lake committee has already spent many hours identifying gifted students in the major subject areas. Work is also being done on identification of the gifted in the fine arts. The first in-service program for teachers was used to inform the total staff of county goals and school progress for the gifted. This high interest and motivation by the staff has already been rewarded. A recent letter from the department of education has informed Mr. Jones that Wilde Lake Middle School will be one of eleven schools in the county to incorporate specific programming for gifted children.

More detailed information may be obtained from Jesse Scharff, assistant principal.

## SMALL CROWD BUT INTERESTED for DOUBLE FEATURE

A small, but interested group of parents listened and asked questions of our PTA president, Dr. Hazel Swann, on the subject of the Swine Flu Vaccine. Dr. Swann's remarks were authoritative, and presented in a manner which kept her audience interested throughout.

Second on the PTA program was Ms. Barbara Raposa, health teacher at WLMS. Ms. Raposa gave the parents an outline of the health education course, required of all students for a nine-week span, and addressed herself to general or specific concerns as they related to the unit on Family Life and Human Development, a part of the Health Education course. Parents also viewed a film.

## QUICKIES

Do you have any volume of envelopes at home or business which are out-dated? We can use them for inter-office communication. We can use them if you can't! Call us for pick-up or deliver to school.

Thanks to Jane Moeller for her untiring work for the Ethnic Dinner. It takes several persons to share responsibility but it always takes ONE to mastermind the entire operation and then see that others share responsibilities. Thanks again, Jane.

MORE QUICKIES

For those planning an exodus from home during the holiday season, you are reminded that school will be in session to the end of the day on Thursday, December 23, 1976, and will re-open on Monday, January 3, 1977.

It is good to see the work of students prominently displayed around school. Most of us are ham enough to like to see our names and work being given due recognition, and such public display can be an incentive to keep it neat and thorough.

"BANG!"

..."Must've been a car backfiring."..."Naw, it was too loud."..."Could've been a murder."  
..."AW!"

What really happened wasn't discovered for several minutes after the sound was heard. Two workmen, engaged in straightening the upright poles around the tennis courts, were surprised while using a torch to heat the poles, when one of the poles exploded. The schraunel missed the eye of one man by less than one inch while his partner was knocked to the ground by the explosion.

Why did the ninth pole explode? Because it was filled with cement and cement will explode under such extreme temperature.

Mrs. Anderson cleaned the injured man and sent him on his way with a band-aid.

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COFFEE WITH CHUCK

In an effort to stimulate discussion with the school public, the principal is inviting you to have coffee with him any Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. You need not call in advance. Come as you are. The purpose is to talk to one another in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Why not get several friends to join you, if you hesitate to come alone?

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NEW VIDEO-TAPE FINDS PRACTICAL USE

We are interested in finding a practical use for the new video-tape projector we now have in school. There appears to be countless uses for this machine, and during the recently-held student council elections, the candidates appeared before their peers via the T.V. screen.

Evaluating the taping sessions and the end result, it appears that more students could hear what was being said, since the candidates could work from the privacy of the studio rather than before the entire student body. Classes too were isolated to analyze the speeches and arrive at a final decision as to the fitness of a candidate for the office sought.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Come listen to the Holiday Concert at Wilde Lake Middle School  
at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16th. Bring the family!  
Students of the school will hear same on Wed.

NO HONOR ROLLS, BUT...

It may be contrary to the middle school policy to publish honor rolls, but productivity at WLMS continues to astound teachers and administrators. The report cards distributed on Friday, November 19, 1976, were received by many happy persons if the A's, B's, and C's count would be made public. No honor rolls are seen here but a review of all report cards and grades by the administrators drew quite a few smiles and pleasant remarks. We hope that you too were one of the happy ones.

EDITORIAL

The Disorganization of the School Elections

I have seen people sitting in the lunch room then, out of the blue: "HEY YOU! SIGN THIS!" and before they know it they're signed. There were people in the halls doing this as others went by.

The first day of getting signatures for petitions was something else during lunch--all you could hear was "Sign this!" or "Have you signed someone else's paper for this office?"

Why you couldn't even go the bathroom without someone there asking the same questions. So far, of all the nominees only one presidential candidate has gotten half together. The vice-presidency is running on loose wheels. The treasury is in no way organized or prepared for the elections and as for the secretary, if people keep dropping out, there won't be anybody to run for the office.

In my opinion, the candidates should get it together from the start and not worry about rushing and doing a bad job of it.

by Kevin Ginyard

"IF YOU COULD CHANGE THIS SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD YOU DO FIRST?"

...is the question asked by Beth Weyhrauch of others.

LISA KUTOK: "I wouldn't change anything really. I would keep it cleaner than it is and make it more artistic."

ANONYMOUS: "I would change the colors of the bathroom doors in the cafeteria." (See another article on this.)

SUZANNE GLOVER: "I would make all the areas like the conference room. Also, I would have a plant course where the plants you grew would be used to decorate the school."

WALTER MORGAN: "Get rid of the planetarium because it's not used that much. Also let the kids pick their own related arts programs."

TRACY JONES: "Get rid of some of the teachers."

BANANA NOSE

This is the traditional question box where statements or questions are dropped into the slot and responded to by a member of the Joker's Wilde staff.

- Q. "Why don't we have a coke machine?"-----Thirsty
- A. Dear Thirsty: There has been controversy over this for several years. It would probably fall victim to vandalism and that would only turn out to be a waste of money.
- Q. "Why is SKILLS called a related art, because you never have fun and always work?"-----Friend
- A. Dear Amiable: The amount of enjoyment is, however much you want, related to the work you do. If you don't want to buy this, just remember...scheduling problems, scheduling problems, etc.
- Q. "Dear Nosey: Why is Mr. Jones sarcastic half of the time?"-----Cut Down
- A. Dear Chop-Chop: You must contact the weather bureau to learn what Mr. Jones will do next.
- Q. "Dear Bomb-Nose: I came to this open school a while ago (last week) and I am confused as to where I am, and where I should be. Isn't there an orientation film?"-----Lost
- A. Dear Lost: If you are in the sixth grade, then you should have seen a film on the first day. Why not arrange for a showing through one of the counselors?
- Q. "Dear Banana Nose: Who were the chauvinists who painted the bathroom doors pink and blue? Pure stereo-typing! Why didn't they stoop as low as flowers? The orange coloring was fine since everyone knew which was which. In the school handbooks (Or was it the paper we received last year?) that said that WIMS under no circumstances would support or put up with stereo-typing or discrimination. What the heck do you call this?"-----ferociously signed, Deadly Female
- A. Dear Deadly Female: I can't do anything about it but you can. Get up a petition and get people to help you. Remember, there is power in numbers. Hope this helps!
- Q. "Dear Banana Nose: Since we have a stereo in our school, why not listen to it! Or at least try it?"-----FROM Board Workers
- A. Dear Board Workers: The reason why we don't listen to it is because of the unwanted noise. This is an open space school! Some classes might profit while others would be distracted.

Q. "Dear B.N.: Why don't schools provide better qualified school lunches? I know that the food has some nutrition in it, but I always get sick after I eat it. The cake is stale, the french fries are dried out and raw. The potatoes are greasy and I don't like potatoes. Well, that's all of the complaint for now!-----Anonymous

A. Dear A: Did you ever think of how many kids those cooks have to cook for? The cooks at WLMS have to cook for two other schools besides ours. Seriously, think about it! If you don't like the cooked lunch, bring your own.

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POT LUCK DINNER

The annual WLMS potluck dinner was a success. Approximately 300 family members, students, and faculty attended.

A great deal of thanks is owed to our cafeteria staff for their many hours of work, which insured the success of the dinner. Their rolls and cake were a "hit" as usual.

Thanks too, to the WLMS Chorus and their Director, Mrs. Woodford, who entertained us during dinner.

Obviously, the delicious dishes shared by all the families attending contributed to the success of this affair. Thank you all.

Lastly, thanks to all the students who helped set up for and clean up after the dinner.

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WALTER MORGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL OF WLMS

On Friday, following a week of reviewing the TV taped speeches of all the candidates, the students of WLMS elected Walter Morgan, grade eight, as their president of the student council.

Assisting Walter will be DAVID BOTTIMORE, vice-president, ADRIANE WATTS, secretary, and ANDY WALLAR, treasurer.

The tellers slipped us the information that it was a close election for all offices.

THE ETHNIC DINNER ATTRACTS THREE HUNDRED

by Noam Levine

Hi! I was at the Ethnic Dinner getting people's opinions on the activities of the evening

"...glad I came..."

"It's fine!"

"...good,...very good..."

"Terrific!"

Yes, even some real 'ethnics' got their opinion in:

"Tres Bien"

"Molto Interessante"

"Mui Bueno"

Others thought of it as very interesting and "glad to see this wonderful turnout." But, there were a few negative ones like those who felt the place "crowded" and "not very organized" and one was looking for Alka-Seltzer and "Burp."

So this ends my great adventure at the Ethnic Dinner. This is Noam Levine saying "good-bye and good burps."

### AS STUDENTS SEE THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

by Kevin Ginyard

"I went out and randomly interviewed twenty people on the question, 'What do you think the Board of Education does?'"

"Out of those twenty, eighteen of them did not know the role of the Board, but from the next two persons, one said, '...(they) try to get students to eat right and to get nutrition, but with these lunches, it's impossible.' The other student said, 'I think that they make sure that we have proper learning materials, a clean quiet learning area and a whole bunch of other stuff.'"

"I have to agree with those two who knew what the Board does. But as for the other eighteen who didn't know, I think that's bad. I feel that every student should know what the Board of Education does. I figured if only two out of every twenty students know what our Board of Education does, then seven-eighths or close to five hundred people have no idea of the work of our governing body."

"It is my opinion that we need to find out what is happening. Maybe announce it with the morning announcements or set aside five minutes in homeroom or class and have the teacher at least tell us. I think that if the students really want to know, they will listen and it will leave an imprint on our brains."

(Social Studies teachers, please note...Ed.)

### TITLE IX REGULATIONS

A copy of the regulations is on file in the office of the school principal. Anyone interested in reviewing the HEW Education Amendments of 1972 is welcome to explore the file in Mr. Jones' office.

### WJMS STUDENT COUNCIL PRE-ELECTION COVERAGE

by Catherine Maher & Tanaquil Suttle

MISS LOGAN, who is in the sixth grade, is running for school secretary. She feels she will do a good job. She says she will do the best that she can.

JOHN WALLAR, an eighth grader, is running for treasurer. He says he will do the best he can to improve the school and keep close records so there is no cheating. He will try to make school more exciting and make more fun days.

PAMBRA LEONARD, an eighth grade student, is running for treasurer. She is thirteen years old and claims she will keep account of the money. She feels she has the experience and the ability. She also says she will have games, etc., on Sundays.

BILL HAROKOPIS, eighth grade, is running for treasurer. This is his third year at WIMS and he feels he can do a good job, even better than his opponents. He will do his best to represent us. He will make extra fun days.

GRETA LEWIS, a seventh grade student, is running for vice-president. She claims she will do the things parents and teachers want.

DAVID BOTTIMORE, who is in the eighth grade, is running for vice-president. He does not want a coke machine. He thinks we could use the money for movies and better educational materials. He will make better fun days. He will also make better sports.

MARGARET LEVY, eighth grade, is running for vice-president. She feels she has the ability and creativity. She is against the coke machine. She wants us to get a graduation yearbook so we will always remember our old friends. She wants us to have a school store for which the profits would be used for better fun days, PE equipment, etc.

WALTER MORGAN, grade eight, is running for president. He thinks that he can make a good president. He will make better fun days, school dances, and a better lunch program.

CRICKETT SAMPSON, who is in the eighth grade, is running for president. She feels that teachers and students should open up their communication system.

PETER SOKOLOV, grade six, is running for vice-president. He says that he will keep informed on school matters. He feels responsible and is on our side.

LISSA SARNO, grade eight, is running for vice-president. She feels responsible. She will stand up for students. She will have field trips, fun days, and school dances.

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THE MENU

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|---------|--------|---------------------------------------|
|         | Dec. 6 | Pizza                                 |
|         | 7      | Sloppy Joe or Egg Salad Sandwich      |
|         | 8      | Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup |
|         | 9      | Lasagna                               |
|         | 10     | Steak Sub                             |
|         | 20     | Hamburger                             |
|         | 21     | Lasagna                               |
|         | 22     | Steak Sub                             |
|         | 23     | Fried Chicken                         |
| Dec. 1  |        | Hot Dog                               |
| 2       |        | Spaghetti                             |
| 3       |        | Cold Cut Sub                          |
| Dec. 13 |        | Spaghetti                             |
| 14      |        | 3-D Sandwich                          |
| 15      |        | Fish & Chips                          |
| 16      |        | Hot Turkey with Giblet Gravy          |
| 17      |        | Hot Dog                               |
| Jan. 3  |        | Grilled Cheese                        |
| 4       |        | Hot Roast Beef Sandwich               |
| 5       |        | Foot Long Dog                         |
| 6       |        | Spaghetti                             |
| 7       |        | Cheeseburger                          |

"THANK YOU....new typist of the Joker's Wilde"  
...from "The Staff"

"WELCOME MRS. WASHINGTON"

At this point I would like to take the opportunity to welcome <sup>by Greg. Vency</sup> and introduce one of the newer members of the Wilde Lake Middle School teaching staff: Mrs. Gloria Washington.

Her last teaching position was in Massachusetts where her largest class was no more than four students.

Although she has been here for a short period of time she feels as if she has been here for a long time. Both students and faculty made her feel at home upon her arrival.

Her job does not stop when she leaves school. She has a husband, Craig, whom she married in Baltimore, and a son, Gregg. She enjoys cooking for them and her favorite dish is macaroni and cheese.

She is a graduate of Moegan State University and received her master's degree from Indiana State University. She spent a year as a counselor in Indiana and taught reading for four years in Massachusetts.

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Teachers' names:

Mr. BLACK

Ms. HORNER

Mr. KRALL

Mrs. DUTTERER

Mr. JONES

Ms. SILVERMAN

Mrs. ENGLEMAN

Mrs. KASMIR

Ms. WOERNER



HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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November 1976

Dear Parents:

The Howard County Middle School Report Card for 1976-1977 was developed to reflect a belief by middle school personnel that the marking system should indicate performance in relation to growth.

It is our belief that on the middle school level all students should be able to experience success. Therefore, we have attempted to assign pupils challenging tasks which are within the range of their abilities and are marking them on the basis of growth. We are reporting how well a pupil has completed the work assigned to him. We are not reporting how well he has achieved in relation to other students of his age group and grade.

A "Reading Level" section has been added to the report card. A check mark indicates your child's reading level as determined by standardized tests. Last Spring all present sixth and eighth grade pupils were administered the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills which are the tests used for this section. Seventh grade students have not been tested for two years. However, they will receive the Iowa tests this Spring. As a result the reading level section will not be checked for seventh graders or any other student who did not take the Iowa tests last year. Parents are advised not to expect a change in this section for subsequent marking periods unless the teacher notices a significant difference in his/her reading performance.

If you have additional questions regarding this report card, please call the school counselors or arrange an appointment with your child's teachers. As always, your suggestions and cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Jones  
Principal  
Wilde Lake Middle School