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WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING

The Howard County Council of the Experiment in International Living is offering scholarships and loans totaling \$5000 to qualified Howard County students to participate in the student exchange programs abroad in 1977.

You can help by purchasing "People Tree Shirts" and "People Tree Notes" available at Triangle Sporting Goods and New City Stationers in the Mall.

TERRI PETERSEN DANCES

A WLMS student Terri Petersen will be performing with the Maryland Ballet Company in its performance of THE NUTCRACKER at the Lyric Theatre.

Such an experience is of sufficient artistic import that the thrill will long be remembered by Terri. We wish her continued success in this special pursuit.

"Break a leg, Terri."

(Lest the uninitiated are shocked by this wish, it is theatre talk before a performance in which "best wishes" are regarded as bad omens by the actors.)

"CRITERIA/REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP" OPEN

Parents who are interested in making application to serve on the CRITERIA/REVIEW COMMITTEE may do so by completing the necessary form to be found in all schools.

Membership will be for a two-year period with responsibility to review and select criteria, or revising same, and review materials of instruction for subject areas, for specific grade levels.

HOWARD COUNTY NEEDS FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN

"Howard County has a continuing need for foster homes for children, teenagers and elderly persons. There is a particularly strong need for homes for teenagers and for emergency temporary care homes. Emergency shelter parents need to be available to take a child on short notice and to be able to provide care for a period of from overnight to 30 days. Permanent foster homes are also very much in demand.

If you would like to open your home to a child or to an elderly person, or if you would like further information about the foster care program, please call Marilyn Corbett at 997-7604."

-----This is a public service announcement.-----

MENUS FOR JANUARY

| WEEK OF | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Jan. 3 | Grilled Cheese or Sloppy Joe Sandwich. | Hot Roast Beef Sandwich | Foot-Long Franks | Spaghetti | Fishwich or Cheeseburger |
| Jan. 10 | Steak Sub | Hot Turkey Sandwich | Mexican Hamburger | Pizza | Chili or Meat Loaf |
| Jan. 17 | 3-D Sandwich | Fried Chicken w/rice | Franks or Tuna Salad | Spaghetti | Cold Cut Sub or Fishwich |
| Jan. 24 | Pizza | Sloppy Joe or Egg Salad Sandwich | Grilled Cheese or Fried Chicken | Lasagne | Steak Sub |
| Jan. 31 | Spaghetti | 3-D Sandwich | BBQ Roast Beef | Pizza | Hot Dog or Tuna Salad on roll |

TID-BITS . . . BUT NOT, REALLY

"How about making school assignments like the boy/girl scout merit badges where you have to earn a certain amount to pass a grade, as well as a completion requirement for each quarter?" (a student)

"What's all the fuss about painting a bathroom door blue and another pink? It seems to me there is nothing insulting about 'stereotyping' a color for a sex, except for those who have hang-ups about their sex. Remember the pop song 'A boy Named Sue?' You libbers do your thing but don't hang this on me, baby!" (a student)

"TIKI, TIKI TO TO AND HIS INVENTORS"

Chapter I

by Randy Cohen

It once happened. A long time ago in Nirvuna, there was a boy named Tiki Tiki To To. He didn't go to school and his family was very poor.

One day in March, he decided to go off on his own. In so doing, he thought that he would have a better chance in life and his family could survive easier.

He found a job as a clerk. One day, sometime later, while he was working in a store some men came in and offered him a job. They promised him that it would be much easier and that he would make much more money than he now earned. However, they would not tell him who they were or what his new job would be.

Tiki Tiki To To saw dollar signs flash before his eyes and with the men, he left the store.

(What will happen next?????????)

EFFICIENCY/DEFICIENCY FORMS DISTRIBUTED

A review of the efficiency/deficiency reports would indicate that teachers are keeping a close watch on student progress. The comparison number with the previous marking period is not available at this time, but will be shared in a later newsletter.

School is a professional building where students are expected to attend regularly and perform according to their separate talents. The teachers expect students to work and so do most parents. How about you? Have you seen any of your student's work lately?

BANANA NOSE

Dear Banana Nose:

"Why doesn't the other water fountain up near the office work?"
Thirsty

Dear Thirsty:

Would you believe that the lousy fountain hasn't worked for eight years? The factory sent mechanics. The Maintenance Crew has spent many hours on it. It still doesn't work. Mr. Jones promises to invest in a new one and it's about time.
Hopeful

Dear Banana Nose:

"Now that it's Winter and we're wearing heavy coats, we are having problems fitting them into our lockers. Could we have a room or closet?"
Tired of wearing my coat

Dear Tired _ _ _ _:

Mr. Jones says: 'Fold your coat into your locker instead of stuffing it in and it will fit.' Also you might try cleaning out the collection of debris and see if this will help.
B.N.

Dear Banana Nose:

"Why don't they change the names of the PODS?"

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Do you have any suggestions?

Dear Banana Nose:

"Why does Mr. Jones think it's only the 8th grade who messes up the lunch room?"
Tired of getting blamed

Dear Tired of getting blamed:

Now you know he doesn't think this. If anyone is on duty for all three lunch shifts you soon learn the eating habits of individual students. Mr. Jones adds, "We have students with excellent social graces and their eating habits are a joy to watch. There are others who show little interest in eating, even in a sanitary manner, if not with socially acceptable habits."

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| January 3 | Schools open | | |
| January 12, 13, 14 | 8th grade visits Vo-Tech | January 28 | End of 2nd Marking Period |
| January 17 | NO PTA this month | January 31 | Professional Day--No students |
| January 18 | Feature Film "Sounder" | February 3 | Report Cards Distributed |

TUTORS

Forty seventh and eighth grade volunteers are tutoring and aiding others daily for a nine-week period. During the weekly group meetings, most tutors report positive feelings about their experiences. They like the students with whom they work, and, at times encounter frustrations not unlike the teacher they are aiding.

Tutoring is therefore an elective which is taking the place of a related arts class. This is a real service to WLMS in general and "Thanks for the volunteering tutors."

SCHOOL DISTRICT LINES HEARING

New schools open and others are threatened with overcrowded conditions, hence, new school district lines are proposed. The public will be given its opportunity to respond at the Board meeting, January 18 at Atholton High School. Anticipated time of consideration for this particular item: 9:00 p.m.

For information, call Donald Begeny or Dr. Kalin at 531-5744.

"GET RID OF THE PLANETARIUM, BECAUSE IT'S NOT USED THAT MUCH....."

This is a reply to the Banana Nose item in the last issue of Joker's Wilde

"WHEN I read this particular statement in the last Joker's Wilde, I wondered how many other students in our school don't really know that for the first time in eight years, the Planetarium is being used.

"In the short time I have been in Howard County, over 2100 students have visited the planetarium and 50 shows have been presented. You see this planetarium is not only used by WLMS students but every other school in the county is invited to set dates for presentations.

"Three students from this school have special interest in the projector within the planetarium and are learning the techniques of operation and management of the planetarium. Hopefully, these students, and others, will present shows to their peers.

"Do these statistics project a sleeping planetarium?

"The WLMS instrument may be in use part-time because I share my talent with Patapsco on Tuesday and Thursday.

"You may be interested in asking some of our students who have seen some of the shows, or their teachers, for validating your opinion of the use of the planetarium.

"I have talked with others who have nothing but positive information to give regarding the shows they have seen. More students, thanks to the use of the planetarium, have increased their knowledge of astronomy and space science as well as outer surroundings.

"It is important for you, the future leaders of America, to understand astronomy since the space program is constantly expanding its pursuits. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has discovered something new to help our energy situation--solar panels in outer space to beam back to earth the sun's rays for heat and other energy processes. Did you also know that the need for telephone poles is definitely dated according to the success of the work already begun in the use of satellites in outer space to relay telephone calls?

"Why do away with this adequate, complex, and interesting machine? It may not be a 'Cadillac' model, as planetariums go, but it is a smooth-running 'Chevrolet' which will aid us in comprehending the growing demands of Space Science and the future of our world as a civilization."

by Ms. Jane Bubeck
Specialist in Planetarium Science

WORLD CUP SOCCER by Timmy Friend

The "World Cup" is the most competitive and the most popular tournament of all sports events. Over 140 teams are entered and it is only scheduled every four years.

The United States team is in the North American Division along with Mexico and Canada. They have kept their hopes for championship alive and might very well go to Argentina in 1978 with the top 16 teams, but the odds are against it.

Soccer is growing rapidly in the U.S. and in 1982 we might have the best team in the world.

FLASH - FLASH - FLASH - FLASH

THE BATHROOM DOORS WHICH HAVE CAUSED REVERBERATIONS FROM WILMS STUDENTS, THE H.C. OFFICE OF HUMAN RELATIONS, AND A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST IN THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL BE REPAINTED!

We sure did get a lot of mileage out of this paint job, which all happened because the identity signs were not included in the contract job for the new cafeteria and lavatories. Students kept having fun with the temporary signs placed on the doors by the administrator and custodians, by switching them or taking them off completely. Soooo, Mr. Jones told the custodian to paint one door blue and the other pink and see what happens.

It happened, but fast. Apparently the relationship between the sex of the individual and the traditional colors of pink and blue are now "no, no's."

We really didn't mean to upset so many people to the degree experienced, but it was a conversation piece while it lasted.

a student petition suggests identical color for both doors with a sign indicating invited sex use. How proper. How dull.

READ-a-THON COMING

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maryland Chapter, has submitted invitations to participate in the Read-a-thon in January and February. Briefly, this program is designed to raise money for MS. The students will ask sponsors to contribute sums of money for working through a reading list of books. Over 8,000 students participated in Maryland last year.

PLEASE ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON MORE BY SHARING WITH OTHERS.

