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THE TOY DRIVE

by Noam Levine

This year's toy drive was a big success. The toys that W.L.M.S. collected were almost endless. We had so many toys that we filled up Mr. Clint Warren's truck and doubled the amount of toys that the toy drive office had collected in Baltimore. By the way, the toy drive was sponsored by the American Red Cross. Thanks everybody who contributed.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH A NEW TEACHER:

MRS. MARY SPINOLA

by Mike Craig

"How do you like the system?"

"The W.L.M.S. staff is very cooperative and the students are extremely diligent. The system is efficient but I would prefer more social time to get better acquainted with my colleagues and students."

"The W.L.M.S. is super because students have the golden opportunity to study and pursue areas of specific interest, while they are fulfilling educational requirements for high school."

(Mrs. Spinola arrived in October when Mrs. Addis resigned to raise a family.)

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LOST AND FOUND

Items lost and found continue to pile up inside the front door on the cart. House keys and eye glasses are kept in a drawer in the office.

Reminding student to be responsible for personal items is an on-going challenge. Thieves are a part of our society, unfortunately, but we can make their job more difficult if we don't walk away from our property, and are certain that the locker is secure. To slam a locker door is not to guarantee that it is fastened. We are looking for a MICROMA GOLD CASE DIGITAL WATCH. A gift to the unhappy loser. Please return.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 28 - Second Marking Period Ends
31 - Professional Work Day - NO STUDENTS
Feb 1 - Public Hearing on Operating Budget; 8:00 Hammond-Howard Hi Rt 32
3 - Report Cards Distributed
6 - Vo-Tech Center Open House
8 - H.C. Board of Ed Mtg - BoardRoom, Rt 32 9:00 a.m.
12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (School is in session)
13 - Afro-American History Week
14 - Race Relations Day
15 - Bd of Ed mtg to adopt the '77-78 Operating Budget
18 - Professional Half Day, schools closed 2 hrs early.
20 - Brotherhood Week
21 - George Washington's Birthday (Schools in session)
* 21 P.T.A. Mtg. 8:00 p.m. Program to be announced * * * *
22 - Bd of Ed mtg Dunloggin Middle School 8:00 p.m.

"GAME PLAN" FOR THE PROFESSIONAL WORK DAY (Jan 31) at W.L.M.S.

- 9:00 - 10:30 "In-Service" dialogue with administration, math, science,
and social studies teachers
10:30 - 11:30 Individual team meetings
9:00 - 11:30 Report Card Marking for Related Arts, Language Arts,
Reading, and Guidance
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch - Pot-Luck in school
12:30 - 2:00 "In-Service" dialogue with administration, related Arts,
English, reading, guidance
2:00 - 3:00 Team meetings
12:30 - 3:00 Report Card Marking for math, science, social studies
"In-Service" subjects for discussion: "Strengths and Weaknesses
of Packets and Learning Centers;" "Accountability and grading
of students."

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PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO TEACH A STUDENT TO TYPE. Call Mrs. Willis.
Someone really needs you!

MENUES FOR THE YEAR were run off and distributed to students. Did you
get your copy? Is it posted at some conspicuous place?

HOWARD VO-TECH CENTER OPEN HOUSE Mark Sunday Feb. 6 on your calendar.
From 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. you will see student skill contests, demonstrations,
an installation of DECA chapter, and enjoy a spaghetti dinner for
\$2.75 and for the "small fry" under 12 \$1.50.

(This editor feels that the price should be reversed; kids eat more....)

ACCOUNTABILITY UP-DATE

Howard County requires students to perform on a level of proficiency in WRITING SKILLS, ARITHMETIC SKILLS, and READING SKILLS, before graduating from a H.C. high school, unless the student is identified as a Special Education student.

For a frame of reference, it is expected that MASTERY in these BASIC SKILLS will occur by the end of grade five for about 50% of the total student population. Another 30% will need further drill through grade eight in order to score MASTERY in the above areas. The remainder may be involved in a BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM through grade twelve. Failure is not necessarily related to the school, teacher, student, home, or curriculum. Some of our school population may never reach MASTERY regardless of the amount of time spent in study.

ACCOUNTABILITY, then, should be a concern for those who CAN DO but WON'T DO. Such students will be held accountable.

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"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO ON FUN DAYS?"

by Rose-Bladeburgo

Karen Matthews - "I would like more excitement, it's boring."

Sherri Skinner - "Go home, or be free to do whatever I wanted to do in the school building."

Becky Schaeffer - "I agree with Sherri, go home, but that is only because they are so boring. I think there should be more leniency on fun day. I feel as if they are too strict with us. Let us roam around and do what we like."

Maureen Allen - "I would like more games."

Sloan Fried - "I suggest you either make it more interesting or make it a longer period of time."

(FUN DAY is organized by Student Council. It usually operates just before a vacation from school and is designed to appeal to many interests. Ex. basketball shooting - volleyball - dancing - bobbin' for apples - pie-eating contests - Ping Pong - movies - shaving the balloon - wet sponge throw- quiet table games, etc. ONE RULE: No running or rough house play. The time factor: 1:15 - 2:45.)

H.C. Y.P. BASEBALL- SOFTBALL REGISTRATION Saturdays, 1/29 - 2/5 - 2/12
9:00 until 1:00 at the equipment building at Wallas Park, Route 144 and U.S. Route 40 West. Call Phil Kienlen 657-8220.

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CLOSING SCHOOLS FOR EMERGENCIES is announced via radio. PLEASE TUNE-IN and don't call the school. Announcements usually begin at 6:30 a.m.

On Thursday, December 23, Mr. Jones spoke to Mrs. Engleman's classes about the Navajo Indians. It seems that Mr. Jones lived in Arizona for four years while teaching some Navajo Indians.

During his talk, Mr. Jones repeatedly implied about the disgraceful ways the United States Government treated the Indian Nations in order to "have peace." A few of the Indians have made it on their own, but the unlucky ones were placed on reservations. Life on the reservation was more than hard, it was often cruel and impossible to sustain.

Mr. Jones expressed how sorry he felt for those still living on reservations and I'm pretty sure most people felt this way after the discussions had ended.

The class reached the conclusion that there exists some similarity in the treatment of American Blacks. The difference rests that the American Negro found a way to support himself. His financial condition was different from that of the Indian. Another difference rests with the population facts: there are more Blacks than Indians.

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"THOSE BIG GREEN THINGS

As you walk down the commons area toward the cafeteria, glance to the left. WOW! A genuine big green thing! There's another one in Mrs. Davis' area, so you begin to wonder: "What's it for?"

I asked Mr. Jones and he said, "They are vestibules built between the gym doors and the teaching area to cut down the noise which leaks through the doors from the gym."

He also stated that more construction projects are proposed and await approval and budgeting.

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THIS 'N THAT

If parents find difficulty in coping with the generation gap, it may be related to "over-exposure" within the student-peer society, and a need for a counter-balance with more student-adult interactions.

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8th GRADE READING SEMINAR

by Mrs. Gloria Washington

For those students in grade eight who are reading at the grade ten (10) level or above, a new program is being started to stimulate both continued growth and interest in broadening of one's reading perspective.

Group '1' will do individual research and exchange ideas; group '2' will work singly and conference with the teacher.

There is both required reading and open-end reading planned.

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"In order to succeed as an independent learner one must possess an awareness of ORDER, STRUCTURE, and ROUTINE." Dr. Ford Jan. 21, 1977.

We left Tiki when some men took him out of his store. Thennnnnn.....

The men took him to an oddlooking car that appeared to be made from bits and pieces of scrap. They got in it and drove off. For five and one-half hours the men and Tiki drove. They finally arrived at a beautiful factory. Once inside, the men told Tiki their names.

"Mine is Febreo," stated number one.

"That's an unusual name," exclaimed Tiki.

"Wait until you hear mine," said the other man.

"What is it?" anxiously asked Tiki.

"Chracherlandom ga ga ga gosh."

"That is a bit unusual," stated Tiki, "but stop now that I know who you are and let's start talking about why we are here."

Ah ha, that is a secret only known to the writer. You must wait.

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SEVENTH GRADE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

Dressed in their finest and filled with excitement, the 7th grade social studies classes presented court trials . . . a study in jurisprudence.

Sections K and M presented "The 13 Colonies vs. King George III, for Taxation Without Representation and Tyranny;" while sections H, J, L, and G, presented "Great Britain vs John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Benjamin Franklin for Treason."

Students spent a week researching their characters and courtroom procedures. There were memorable performances by judges John Morgan, Damon Fikes, and Laura Penny. Attorneys Spencer Lane, Japella Smith, Beth Clark, Roger Parrish, Paul Gallagher, Wade Smith and Stephen Bachorick, and witnesses Robin Goode, Scott Starnes, Tina Sjiomkjalo, Jill Mahar, and Geoff Curtis rounded out the featured cast.

Some of the trials were video-taped by student trainees Debbie Wills, Mike Thomas, Mike Wingreen, and Johnetta Woolford. Students will get an opportunity to evaluate their performances before the tapes are filed in the Media Center for future use.

This was an excellent opportunity for students to sharpen research skills, evaluate historical data, and develop an understanding of the American system of justice.

More trials are scheduled for Spring by their teacher, Mrs. Knox.

BANANA NOSE

Dear Banana Nose, How come we didn't get off of school Jan 10th when it was icy and there was freezing rain. It was more dangerous than Jan 7th?

"Disturbed"

Dear "Disturbed" - We didn't get off because the roads were clear and the freezing rain wasn't sticking.

Dear Banana Nose I suggest we switch our 70 minute period each quarter so it would be fair to get some other class for 70 minutes.

"Bored of 70 min. class"

Dear "Bored" - Very interesting suggestion!!!! Why don't you hand this question in to Mr. Scharff? He will respond in the next issue of Banana Nose.

Dear Banana Nose, When are we going to have a 50's day?
A 50's Buff

Dear 50's Buff - We will have a 50's day in the Spring. It will then be warmer and easier to wear the necessary clothes.

Dear Banana Nose, What is the Klu Klux Klan?
" Curious"

Dear "Curious," The Klu Klux Klan is a political group formed in the South around the time of the Civil War. They protest against certain races and religions.

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THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

by Kevin Ginyard

I took a poll of sixteen people on the legalization of marijuana with the result that ten were for it, three were against it, and three undecided.

A few of the people that were for it said it was enjoyable, that it was easy to get, and they didn't think that there was anything wrong with it.

Of the people who were against it, the replies were: "Takes all the fun out of it" - "Because there would be all these potheads walking around." - "Because there would be too much of it."

From the undecided I got, "No comment."

I have to agree with the people against the legalizing of marijuana because there would be too much of it available. But then there may be reasons why it should be legal, but I really don't agree with them.

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"Middle School is a school where you are introduced to maturity."
Don Eichhorn "T.S. & Young People"

AROUND SCHOOL

Twenty-seven "Learning Centers" put up by Mrs. Engleman, ably assisted by her spouse, during the Winter Vacation. Count 'em. And all about Mexico.

Mrs. Woodford beginning another show. We can hardly wait.

English teachers overwhelmed with the paper work and stuff for criteria Reference testing of Writing Skills. This means that a supplementary set of curriculum materials is about to be unfolded.

Teachers of READING are in a huddle about student progress evaluations. Their goal is to get as many students as possible reading "ON LEVEL" by June. If the students expend half of the energy exhibited by the teachers the goal is possible.

Mr. Reichenbach is planning to "main-stream" some of his remedial reading students and pick up additional ones who need his special help.

The Tacos were a "HIT" in the cafeteria. The most lunches sold in eight years. Is it possible that they found another favorite????

Visitors ask a dumb question: "Where are the students?" They are surprised to learn that over five hundred of you are here, and we're not counting the average fifty absent, and busy working. The proof of your efforts will be evident next week when report cards are distributed.

The MATH TEAM continues to shuttle students in and out of groups in an effort to get more production on a "needs level." Would you believe that the math ability of our students runs from grade three (3) arithmetic to grade eleven (11) math. That's quite a spread but normal in a public school.

Counselors busy with Vo-Tech orientations. High School assemblies are planned and to be followed by registration and/or course selections.

The Screening Committee continues to meet to discuss ways of helping students who display a "special learning disability."

All teachers appear to be involved in PARENT CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES as more and more parents display an active interest in student progress. Some very positive changes have been evident as results of these meetings. It has been estimated that Parent-Teacher Conferences are at an all time high at Wilde Lake Middle School.

The question in the school: "Did our principal really attend a professional conference in New Orleans recently, when all he reported was disappointment with the weather, and that he met Bob Coussey, Golden Richards, Leroy Jordon, Bruce Jenner, Bob Richards, and heard Pete Fountain and Al Hirt?????" What do you think?

Area brainwister!

MAZE

← Start by David Oskard

