

P.T.A. MEETING  
Wilde Lake Middle School  
Monday, March 21, 1977  
8:00 P.M.

Program: Mr. Angelo Fortunato, Principal of Centennial Lane High School  
Mr. Alan C. Lovell, Association for Retarded Citizens (remarks)  
Dr. Hazel Swann, M.D., remarks about teen-age drinking

#### REQUESTS FOR PUPIL TRANSFER

The "Open Enrollment" Policy of Howard County Schools will remain for parent and student use; however, DATES for decisions will be in practice for the first time this year.

In an effort to stabilize September enrollments and thereby fix the number of teaching positions needed for each school, we need to have a more accurate account of expected enrollments. Transfers which are registered during the summer can be upsetting to a school organization, for teachers are allotted according to school enrollment, schedules are completed by early Summer, and transfers do affect the total enrollment and thereby can create a hardship on both the staff and students.

THEREFORE: Deadline for September, 1977 transfers is APRIL 8, 1977.

Application for pupils who wish to transfer out of the assigned school district is April 8, 1977.

#### KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS APRIL 1, 1977

This earlier date is set to allow the principals to have enrollment information by May 1, when staffing allotments are made to each school. PLEASE register MONDAY through FRIDAY, MARCH 28 through APRIL 1, 1977 (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at the school which serves the community in which you reside.

HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Howard County School Board proposes a Policy and Procedure regarding "Advisory Committee to Assist Board of Education" 1221.1.

This proposal is now in each school and has been forwarded to the president of each P.T.A. If you are interested in learning more about the work of such a committee, please contact any Howard County school principal or Dr. John Freudenberger at 725-7600.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21 PTA 8:00 featuring Mr. Fortunato, principal Centennial Lane High  
28 "OLIVER" for students a.m. and p.m.  
29 "OLIVER" for families 7:30 p.m....7:30 p.m.  
30 End of 3rd marking period  
31 Student Pictures; pre-paid only (\$5.00 per packet)

April 1 "Half-Day" for students; dismissal at 11:00 a.m. NO LUNCH  
4-11 Schools Closed--Spring Vacation  
12 Schools re-open  
13 Report Cards Due

ITBS COMPLETED

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills have been completed except for make-ups. It is to be reported that the seventh graders appeared to be knuckling down to the tasks at hand. If their test scores match their efforts and apparent industry, we should all be pleased. Sixth and eighth graders did a good job of keeping the interferences down to a minimum. Thanks to all!

STUDENT PICTURES--THURSDAY, March 31

In response to requests from students and parents, the individual student pictures will be taken Thursday, March 31. As is the custom here at Wilde Lake Middle School, only those pictures will be taken who pay the \$5.00 price for the total package BEFORE that date. Should the picture be blemished and unsatisfactory, the money will be refunded.

This pre-paid practice is very practical for us and reduces the amount of bookkeeping as well as unwanted picture taking.

"OLIVER" - "OLIVER" - "OLIVER"

Daytime shows for students (and parents who can't make the evening performance) on Monday March 28, 1977.

March 29, TUESDAY 7:30 7:30 7:30 We are scheduling this at 7:30 p.m. in order that the wee ones can come too.

If you want an enjoyable evening with the family, bring them. And it's FREE!

### "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

"Fiddler on the Roof" is the show of the week...and several weeks to come. You'll be sorry if you miss this. Wilde Lake High School--Saturday Nite, Sunday Afternoon.

### RIDE-A-BIKE FOR THE RETARDED

Sunday, April 24, is Ride-A-Bike for the retarded day. Forms will be distributed to each middle and high school student. Any further questions may be directed to Alan C. Lovell, Executive Director of HCARC.

### KING TUT FIELD TRIP by Rose Blandeburgo

The field trip to the National Art Gallery to see the collection of artifacts from King Tut's Tomb was organized by Mrs. Washington's reading classes. The trip was greatly enjoyed. The line was long to get to the exhibit but it was worth the two hour wait. Every item at the gallery made you think of what it would be like to live in Egyptian times, ages past. The mask of King Tutankhamun (his original name) was very beautiful. It was all gold and decorated with precious stones. For people who didn't get to go on the field trip, the exhibit will be at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., until March 15, 1977.

### THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY by Lisa Matthews

Early in the morning as the new day began,  
I got dressed and ate, then outside I ran,  
I heard the birds singing as the sun began to rise,  
Another beautiful day, which wasn't a surprise,  
It was a little bit chilly but the sun was shining,  
There were baby blue clouds with a white, fluffy lining,  
I walked in the meadow, with its bright pink flowers,  
Seemed like minutes had passed, but what passed was hours,  
It's really a shame, wouldn't you say,  
That such beauty was wasted on a stupid, school day?

### FOUR FATHOMS by Laura Penny

As I fell over backwards from the boat in a confusion of bubbles, I emptied my air vest and joined the rest of the dive in the turquoise water. All around was white sand and an occasional sea urchin. The leader started to swim towards the left in strong strokes, making it hard to keep up. Soon ahead I saw a large rock formation. As we grew near, I could see it was covered with coral and fish. Small canyons dotted with rigid yellow, red and white coral interrupted the flowing of the sea fans. Occasionally there were huge growths of fire coral and florescent blue-green and orange parrot fish. Up above, an inch below the surface, was a layer of small transparent fish. The surprising sight was on the other side. As we followed an eel around the rocks there was one entire school of fish blanketing the bottom as far as the eye could see. The underwater life is as pretty as it is in the movies.

### COLUMBIA GOSPEL MESSENGER CHOIR

The Columbia Gospel Messenger Choir is a community organization of youth ranging from the age of four to twenty. About forty of these people are involved in singing for churches, convalescent homes, and other organizations.

This year they will be celebrating their first anniversary at the Interfaith Center in Oakland Mills. In order to "dress up" for this and future occasions, they are asking for financial contributions to be used to buy robes for this singing group.

Each robe costs about \$20.00 and your contribution will be appreciated.

Address: The Columbia Gospel Messenger Choir  
4937 West Running Brook Road  
Columbia, Maryland 21044  
596-6654  
Mrs. Janet Griffin, Director

### BANANA-NOSE

Dear Banana-nose:

I realize that the school lunches are a complete and balanced diet of vitamins, iron, protein, etc. The school, by law, is required to provide me with a free meal containing the above mentioned. However; I am a vegetarian, and I am concerned with whether or not I get the proper amount of protein in my day-to-day diet.

How can I be sure, and if not how can I get it? -----Concerned-----

Dear Concerned:

You are entitled to a free meal only if the family income permits approval of your application for same. If you have any special dietary concerns, this is up to you to supply. A student with special diet needs is dependent upon supplying same from home. If you have needs for refrigeration service, this can be provided by the school.

Dear Banana-nose:

My mother and my grandparents have always taught me that colors mean a lot. Three of them I love dearly: red, white, and blue. Some of the colors have traditional meanings: blue for boys, pink for girls. I believe that whoever said discrimination was painting bathroom doors pink and blue isn't far from being discriminating themselves, or they don't know any better. "Thank you."

Dear "Thank you":

There are arguments being presented on both sides. Some people are sensitive about either argument. Personally, I feel that Womens' Rights should have better things to be concerned about than the color of bathroom doors.

Dear Banana-nose:

Congratulations on the obvious improvement shown in your latest issue. You still aren't exceptionally great, but it's nice to know you're improving.

Dear "Improving":

Thanks, we'll keep trying harder.

Dear Banana-nose:

Why don't they let office aides use the "all-call" when necessary. If a teacher wants a student who is hooking class, we are responsible to get them, so why not...?  
M.A.C.

Dear M.A.C.

To begin with, the office aides are not responsible to locate any and all missing persons, only to help find them. The problem belongs to the student who is hooking class and no one else. They will be dealt with by the teacher reporting same. It is more important not to disrupt the entire school with frequent use of the "all call."

Dear Banana-nose:

Things are getting out-of-hand with the kids who are swearing too much! Teachers should take drastic measures when a student swears. "Anonymous"

Dear Anonymous:

Swearing is several things to different people, it all depends upon what your upbringing is like. I agree that "swearing" has no place in a decent society. It means that the person can be ignorant about how to express oneself with more descriptive language.

What was once "swearing" appears to be more commonplace. "Hell" or "damn" and other words are commonplace on radio and T.V. when once such was banned.

Personally, I like more picturesque speech. I don't think that such words listed above should be acceptable in schools on this level.

Dear Banana-nose:

Why do the present eighth graders have to go to Centennial Lane High School, if they live in Running Brook or the outskirts of Columbia on Route 108? All my friends are going to Wilde Lake High School except for a few! "Disgusted"

Dear Disgusted:

The Howard County Board of Education decision followed parent group discussion. In any area where new schools are being built and there is a population growth, or decrease, in the numbers which are experienced in Howard County, there is bound to be a need to change school boundary lines. This condition will continue until the population changes become less dramatic. It also means that not everybody will be pleased regardless of the decision. It's tough to accept but necessary in order that there is a better balance of student population in each school.

Dear Banana-nose:

Why can't you chew gum in some classes? "Mad"

Dear "Mad":

This question has been present since there has been chewing gum and society. It is a personal choice with each teacher. Some teachers don't like to see bubbles. (Do you know that there are countless man-hours spent yearly cleaning up the filthy habit of some people who do not deposit their gum with garbage; i.e., under furniture, swimming pools, gym floors, etc.)

Dear Banana-nose:

How come the food here isn't very good? "Sick"

Dear "Sick":

I don't agree with you! The food isn't so bad, especially considering the low price! But if you don't like the food anyway, then bring your own lunch. Our kitchen crew tries very hard to please with the very small budget with which they operate.

COLUMBIA'S BIRTHDAY

As part of Columbia's approaching celebration of its tenth birthday the entire city is planning neighborhood parties on June 26 in each village. Wilde Lake is kicking off its neighborhood activities with a parade and hopes to make the event a real community happening. Needed are drummers, other musicians, majorettes, twirlers, etc. Clubs and organizations are invited to march and enter floats. For information, call Ethel Hill, coordinator at 730-4122.

KINGS AND QUEENS

Let's have some fun! We are taking an opinion poll looking for the KING and QUEEN for several categories. Complete the following and place your pick in BANANA NOSE. We will close the event Apr. 1.

KINGS

QUEENS

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| ----- | BEST GROOMED  | ----- |
| ----- | STRONGEST     | ----- |
| ----- | ATHLETIC      | ----- |
| ----- | SMARTEST      | ----- |
| ----- | MOST TALENTED | ----- |
| ----- | LOUDEST       | ----- |
| ----- | FUNNIEST      | ----- |
| ----- | FRIENDLIEST   | ----- |

## AN EYEFUL OF "GOOD STUFF"

An honest opening sentence must be made to condition the reader to understand that Wilde Lake Middle School does have many exciting teaching learning areas which are planned and directed by energetic teachers who accept the accountability factor which requires that "students should lea

You are invited to visit one such area in particular: the 7th grade science classroom, operated by Mrs. Bryce. If you will sit in this area and look all around you will see:

N.E. - A "Web of Life Bulletin Board"...N. - Assignments about the "Nervous System" - "The Eye" - "The Ear" all in clear, large print on colorful paper. On the N.W. wall are models of the ear, the kidney, the heart, the maxillary jaw, and a student's project of "Mitosis." S.W. is a chalk surface upon which is written items of current interest - "Agenda for today" - "Tentative Schedule" - "Quiz grades score legend" - and a model of the human torso. S.E. is another chalk surface containing "Vocabulary Words" germane to the inquiry of the day's lesson - a poster of the "Grading" practices for the subject - and a notebook containing lesson plans and assignments of the immediate past, for those who may have been absent. In the E. there are three colorful posters relating to pollution concerns.

This learning arena is undeniable proof that a teacher has planned thoroughly for students in a continuum of related subjects dealing with the human body. She is also concerned that each student who comes to her class has an opportunity to zero-in on an objective, a target, a concept to which there are several paths: 'easy,' 'medium difficult,' 'difficult' and 'very hard.'

Thanks, Mrs. Bryce!

(Now, go back and re-read sentence 'one.'

### GIFTED AND TALENTED

#### SUMMER PROGRAM

The Maryland Centers for the Gifted and Talented are soliciting student applications for participation in four (4) summer programs. The program descriptions and application procedures are outlined in a yellow flyer (in each school). The school guidance department should coordinate and forward to Gerry Einem, Resource Teacher for the Gifted and Talented at the Central Office, on or before APRIL 15 all applications.

The final selection of student participants will be made by the Maryland State Department of Education.

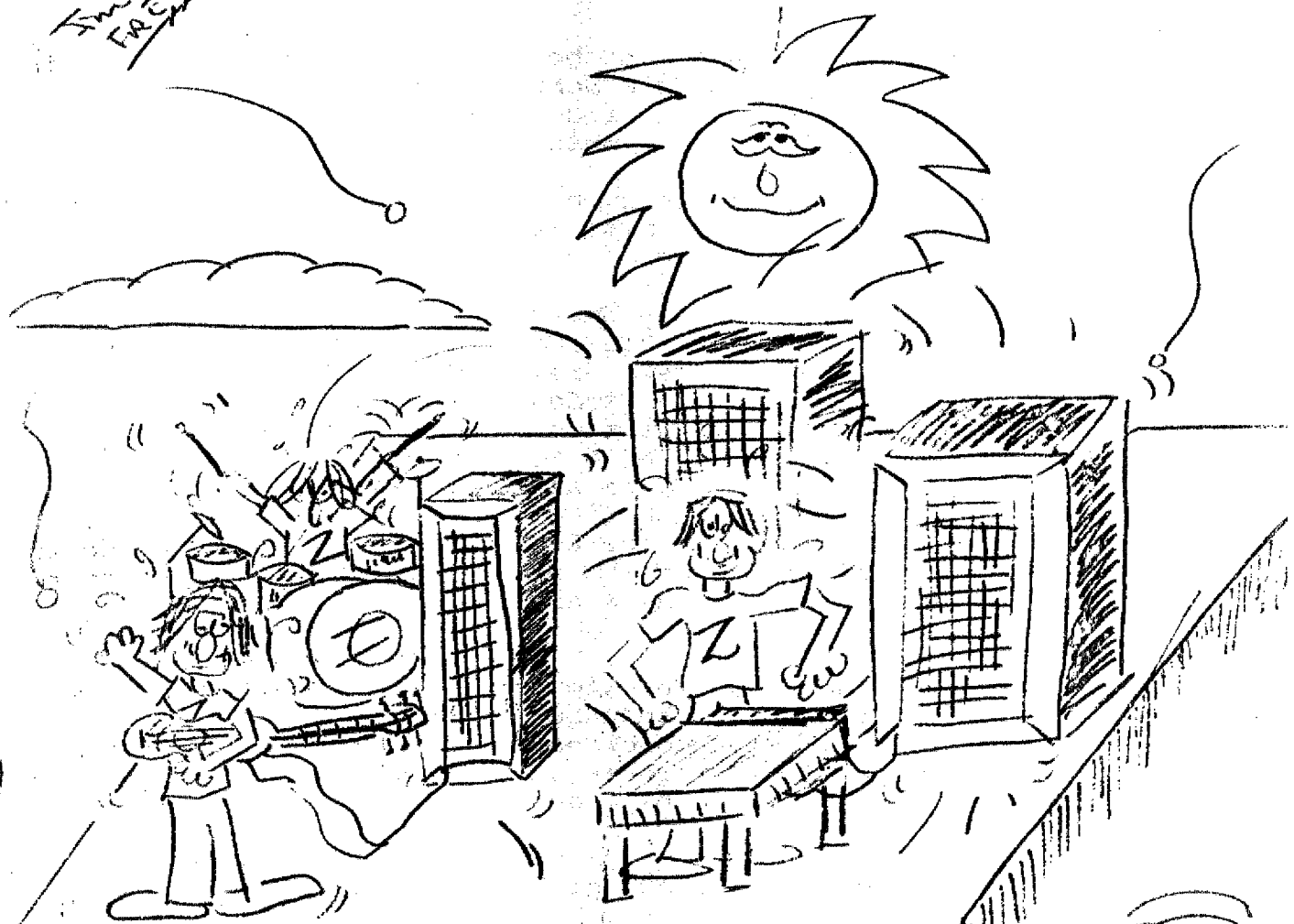
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"The helping hand can be found at the end of your arm."

"It takes two to argue and the one who is the loudest is often the one who is wrong."

Did you know that our Spring Vacation begins with a celebration of the Christian Palm Sunday and the Jewish Passover. Both religions agree with a central theme of "Love" - "Human worth - "Honesty with self" and "Life, as a service for others."

THE FACETS



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