

Dear Staff,

So what happened to the rain? I held off watering my garden because they were calling for rain. Now, I found the weather on Saturday and Sunday to be great for everything other than my yard that really needs a drink of water. I haven't seen the forecast for this week, and I can do a little spot watering to take care of the immediate need until the heavens open.



It's fun to notice the "little things" that make NCSC a great place to work. On Friday night Ms. Williamson (CIS at the Jr./Sr. high) and I greeted spectators and sold tickets at the front gate for the football game. I anticipated that the money box and the tickets would be in good order, and they were. What I didn't expect was that someone had gone the extra mile and placed a little cooler with ice and bottles of cold water in the ticket booth for us! This was such a thoughtful gesture that we almost didn't notice the mosquitoes. Whoever our Guardian Tiger was, they deserve our first tip of the Tiger's tail this week! Thank you!



During Budget Season it's tough to attend as many co-curricular events as I'd like to, so we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Harney for keeping us up to speed on Hagerstown athletic accomplishments. Volleyball is tearing it up at both the Varsity and JV levels. We send tips of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Dale and Ms. Swimm for their teams' successes. According to Mr. Harney, the Varsity stands at 15-4 on the season and the JV are 16-1. Mr. Gray and his cross country team received a Thumbs-Up in the *Courier-Times* on Sunday for their success at the New Castle Invitational earlier in the month.



Teachers set up tables and offered school visitors student-made crafts and baked goods as a means to earn room money which will come in handy to help defray classroom expenses through the year.

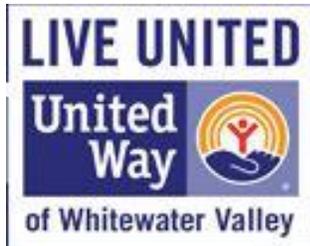
If you saw Sunday's CT, you couldn't miss the front-page photo of Clifford and several HES Tigers who came back to school on Thursday Night with their families to do some shopping and to enjoy the activities that were found in the school hallways and in the gymnasium. The school hosted its annual book fair in the LGI Room. The event really brought in a crowd for the evening sale.



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Richardson who is the Board's representative on the New Castle Career Center governing board. Mr. Richardson attended a meeting last week and is bringing information about programming at the Career Center back for the other NCSC Board members at this week's Board meeting.



We send out a reminder that the first week in October will be United Way Week at NCSC. We hope you will be able to support this local cause.



Boys & Girls Club is only one of the organizations that receive support through United Way. If you would like your donation to be sent to any particular cause, there is a spot on the form where you can indicate your wishes. Forms will appear in mailboxes and will be available at school offices and the Transportation facility. Payroll deduction or a one-time donation are both available. Thank you!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Stainbrook and all staff members at the Jr./Sr. high this week as they celebrate Homecoming! As the clock strikes 9:00P.M. this evening, hallway decorations should be in place, and this is only the beginning of a fun-filled week for students. Among other events, Mr. Tyner, Ms. Schaeffer and Mr. Snodgrass will each be sitting in a dunk tank for students (and staff?) to take a shot at on Wednesday. I hope the weather is warm, for their sakes!

Finally, I received a note from Mr. Huffman that visiting, area students who were participating at the Jr./Sr. high in Model Leg activity loved the lunch options and the service provided at lunchtime. Mr. Huffman sent a tip of the Tiger's tail to his lunch staff for their teamwork, their good cooking and their welcoming nature. Thank you! We are fortunate to be able to eat their meals every day!

Yours for another successful Homecoming Week with children!

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