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## Wink, Tara

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**From:** Tooley, M.J.  
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Good Morning –

Since I am supposed to be off today (and all Fridays between now and July 2 (fingers crossed – it's the only way I can use up vacation until later in the year) I thought I would publish Working early today.

Thanks so much to everyone who attended the Staff meeting. There was huge participation which I greatly appreciated. The questions were very helpful as it helped identify questions we need answered. As I have mentioned throughout the pandemic, many others across UMB are asking the same questions and sometimes there just aren't answers. I have submitted whole lists of questions to various groups on campus. I will always do my best to find out the answers if and when they are available. I will always tell the truth and will try not to issue confusing answers. I apologize again for all the back and forth regarding MTA passes yesterday. It is obvious that is an issue without a clear answer...yet.

Regarding parking – I really encourage all of you to seek out the answers to many of your questions on the Parking and Transportation site especially when it comes to issues like daily parking and monthly parking. Aphrodite can assist with monthly parking however I have heard that new parkers requiring monthly passes or those who paused their parking may not get assigned to the Penn or a close in garage. We will have to see.

Yesterday's CDC announcement about masking was certainly welcome and an incentive to get vaccinated. Please remember UMB is requiring vaccination by August 1. Given that Maryland's indoor mask mandate is in effect until the state hits a 70% vaccination rate, I do not think there will be any changes to UMB's policy at this time. Maybe later in the summer. Steady as she goes for now!

Not a lot of other news.

Congratulations to J-P who gleefully announced (as well he should) that he is now a Certified Carpentries Instructor. This is a great achievement. If you would like to know more about the Carpentries program go here <https://carpentries.org>. Way to go J-P! If anyone else is interested in pursuing Carpentries certification please let me know. I believe Amy is in the program as well.

And a reminder that we are working toward reaching the beach through the Let's Meet at the Beach walking program. **If you need more information, see Amy!**

And also a reminder we will be defending our UMB Walking Championship through the Ultimate Mileage Battle. It starts on Monday and runs through June 11 (when we are back onsite we can walk together!) Our team has a name this year – Stepping Information – HSHSL. **See Lauren if you want to join in on the fun.** This was very competitive last year – and we will be watching our Dental School and SOM rivals. It is not too late to register!

Some food for thought – I do not believe the step equivalence charts for walking distance have **laughing** on them. I am going to check:

**Research shows  
that laughing  
for 2 mins is  
just as healthy  
as a 20 min jog.  
So, now I'm sitting  
in the park  
laughing at  
all the joggers**

The cicadas are still coming but somewhat delayed due to the cool weather:

[https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/12/weather/cicadas-17-year-2021-scn-trnd/index.html?utm\\_term=1620901576143d46fe4c6653b&utm\\_source=cnn\\_Five%20Things%20for%20Thursday%20C%20May%2013%20C%202021&utm\\_medium=email&bt\\_ee=%2F4NaAvJhTzUoPW%2BsvhqSecB2WpLVhm862U5Z%2BOfL2WZWhl8RqXwCXXz506cNlrLq&bt\\_ts=1620901576145&fbclid=IwAR1tfVqUStgtyli2ZylZWwCVvHonGC1yCowIHwofyKjGj7HPnux2cTiRJJk](https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/12/weather/cicadas-17-year-2021-scn-trnd/index.html?utm_term=1620901576143d46fe4c6653b&utm_source=cnn_Five%20Things%20for%20Thursday%20C%20May%2013%20C%202021&utm_medium=email&bt_ee=%2F4NaAvJhTzUoPW%2BsvhqSecB2WpLVhm862U5Z%2BOfL2WZWhl8RqXwCXXz506cNlrLq&bt_ts=1620901576145&fbclid=IwAR1tfVqUStgtyli2ZylZWwCVvHonGC1yCowIHwofyKjGj7HPnux2cTiRJJk)

And some humor –

A late Mother's Day homage!



Stay safe and well!

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