

PAWS ONLINE

Monday, November 12, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- November 12 - TODAY - Wildcats Walk/ Fun Run **Last day to donate to your child's walk and we have almost reached our goal!!!**
- November 12 - TODAY - Early Release
- November 13 - TOMORROW - Early Release

SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
 - **(TODAY)** Wildcats Walk/ Fun Run - November 12, 9:45 to 11 AM **Last day to donate to your child's walk-- we have almost reached our goal!**
- **General:**
 - **(New Info)** Community Service Thanksgiving Gift Cards
 - **(New Info)** Student portraits are now online
 - **(New Item)** Info about music enrichment
 - Little Free Library
 - Reflections Art Program-- Entries due November 16, Reflections Night is December 4
 - Lost and Found rack is overflowing!
- **Volunteer Needs:**
 - Lunch and recess volunteers needed
 - Kindness Task Force-- Parents Needed
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
 - **(New Item)** Winston Churchill Musical, 11/30 and December 1, 7 and 8

THE DETAILS...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wildcats Walk/ Fun Run: Parents-- We are almost there! We have almost reached our goal of \$18,000-- help us get there. Today is the last day to donate. The walk is today, Monday, November 12th, 2018 - 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM

The children are excited about participating in this great event. HELP our children see their new principal, Mrs. Murphy, get her hair dyed Wildcats blue and enjoy a school-wide ice cream party.

GO to <https://sevenlocks.myfunrun.com/> (4 easy ways to donate). **Share** this link with friends and family. Every dollar counts.

1. "Donate to participant", select the student and complete your donation
2. "Become a sponsor", select the level of sponsorship (either a business or family) - We currently have 12 sponsors
3. Send a check/cash donation to school in an envelope labeled with the student's name and mark for "wildcats Walk"

4.. You can go directly to the SLESEF website <http://slesef.org/> and click donate

Parents are welcome to come cheer on the students as we combine promoting a healthy lifestyle with raising money for our SLES community.

Volunteer your time at the event to help ensure our children's safety: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48aaa82c7-wildcats>

We want everyone to feel like they have contributed in some way.

Grade colors for the event: Students are encouraged to wear the color that represents their grade - to show their school spirit!

Kindergarten - **Yellow** (Yellow)

1st grade - **Purple**

2nd grade - **Red**

3rd grade - **Orange**

4th grade - **Blue**

5th grade - **Green**

Parents are welcome to come to this fun event to cheer for their children. Thank you from The Seven Locks Elementary School Educational Foundation <http://slesef.org/>

GENERAL:

Thanksgiving Gift Card and Donations for Families in Need: Every year at SLES we collect donations for some members in our community during Thanksgiving. This year, we are asking you to either donate a \$25.00 GIANT supermarket gift card for purchase of a turkey or other Thanksgiving food OR make a donation of clothing or other items to Bethesda Cares.

For grocery gift cards, you can follow [this link](#) on Sign Up Genius. Please drop off the gift card at our school front office no later than 19 November.

To donate to Bethesda Cares, a local non-profit that works to prevent, ease and end homelessness in our community, please refer to the recent handout in your child's folder with a list of needed items. There will also be a link to the flyer on the PTA web site soon.

Student Portraits ARE NOW ONLINE! To view and order pictures visit the Freed Photography Ordering Site at www.freedpics.com. The password is 7LOCKS18FZ. The photographers will return to Seven Locks on Friday, November 16th for portrait retakes. Students who were absent on the original date will have their portraits taken. If you would like your child's picture to be retaken on November 16th, please let your child's teacher know. Portraits will be taken outside, weather permitting, in the morning.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kurinsky at Linda_N_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org.

Learn Now Music Parents, you may have received a flyer about a music class being offered by from Learn Now Music in last week's winter activities packet that went home with your kids. We want you to be aware that this is not a class that is part of the PTA sponsored

enrichment program. There will be a PTA sponsored and approved piano class during the winter session on Monday mornings, so please stay tuned for information on that class when we announce enrichment activities for this winter.

Little Free Library: We are excited to share the wonderful news that our Little Free Library has finally been installed in the back of the school, near the canopy. It was a gift from the SLES 5th grade class of 2018. It has been stocked with books and our kids have already started using it during recess. The library is free to use. Your child may take a book home, keep it if they want, bring it back, or share their favorite by putting it in our library. It is our hope that this library will further promote the love of reading. Stay tuned for more information regarding the library.

Attention All Artists! Reflections Art Program—Entries Due November 16. Each year, the [National PTA Reflections Program](#) offers local, regional, state and national opportunities for young artists in Pre-K through Grade 12 to be recognized for their creativity. Students reflect on a common theme and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. The theme for the 2018-2019 school year is **Heroes Around Me**. Entry forms went home in your student's backpack and a link is posted on the SLES PTA web site in the Need to Know section: <http://www.sevenlockspta.org/>. All entries will be presented, and SLES winners will be announced at the SLES PTA meeting on December 4. Please contact the reflections email with any questions: SLESreflections2018@gmail.com

Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check the Lost and Found Rack, located in the hallway leading to the cafeteria for any lost items. Items not claimed will be donated to a local charity at the end of the second marking period

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Lunch and recess volunteers: If you are able to sign up for a lunch/recess block consistently or periodically, the school would appreciate it. They plan to use these additional volunteers to help with different zones on the playground to provide additional support to students on the basketball court, soccer field and/or kickball field. Please click this [link](#) to sign up to volunteer.

Kindness Task Force—Parents Needed: Your Voice, Ideas, Thoughts and Input Matter! Help decide the activities that are part of our School-Wide Kindness Initiative by becoming a part of the Kindness Task Force.

As a Kindness Task Force member, you will work with a dedicated team to help find the best ways to spread the Kindness Message throughout the school by: Collaborating, Generating Ideas, Working with a Team, Implementing a Plan and Having Fun, Fun, Fun!

The meetings will take place once a month during the lunch/recess block – time TBD. Please email Laurie Steinberg, School Counselor, if you are interested: Laurie_M_Steinberg@mcpmsmd.org

WINSTON CHURCHILL HS CLUSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Churchill Musical: Winston Churchill High School will be performing the musical “IF THE SHOE FITS” on November 30, December 1, 7, 8, at 7pm and on December 2 at 2pm. They would love to see as many elementary school students as possible in the audience. There will be a punch and cookie event following the December 2nd 2 pm show where the Cinderella character’s will mingle with the children, sing programs, and discuss their

experiences in the Churchill Drama and Music Department. Follow this link for tickets and information. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=BY302-460>

The Montgomery County School Calendar is available here: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/>

Go to our PTA site for more details on each event & signups: <http://www.sevenlockspta.org/>