

PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, January 24, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- January 22- TOMORROW - Kindness Campaign posters due
- January 30 - Potomac Pizza Night
- January 31 - SLES Academic Fair Family Learning Night
- January 31 - Parent Info Night for parents of next year's Cabin John Middle School 6th graders
- February 4 - Wildcat Dads night at Lucky Strike
- February 8 - Movie Night
- February 14 and 15 - Variety Show Preview Dates
- February 21 - Science Fair

SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
 - Potomac Pizza Night - January 30, 4:00-9:00 pm
 - Academic Fair/ Family Learning Night - January 31, 6:45 to 8:15
 - Wildcat Dads Night - February 4, 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike
 - **(New Info)** Movie Night - February 8, 6:30 pm
 - Science Fair - February 21, 6:00 pm
 - Variety Show - March 15, Preview dates- February 14 and 15
- **General:**
 - **(New Item)** Enrichment Survey
 - Girls on the Run Spring season
 - MindYeti-- new resource program
 - Cabin John Middle School incoming 6th grade parent information night- January 31
 - Kindergarten Orientation
 - Lost and Found
- **Volunteer Needs:**
 - Spelling Bee Parent Helpers Needed
 - Variety Show Helpers Needed (parents and SSL volunteers are both needed)
 - Lunch and recess volunteers needed (link to January and February SignUp)
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
 - Churchill Winter Basketball Community Night, 2/1
 - Churchill Booster Club Sports Gala, 2/1
- **Other**
 - **(New Item)** Link to a list of resources for families impacted by the government shutdown

THE DETAILS...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Potomac Pizza Night: Join our Community Service group for a fundraiser on January 30 from 4-9 pm at the Potomac Village Potomac Pizza. Mention Seven Locks ES so that the school will get credit for part of your purchase.

Academic Fair/ Family Learning Night: Join us with your family on January 31 from 6:45 to 8:15 and rotate through k-2 and 3-5 age-appropriate, teacher-led math, reading and technology activities. The fun will include hands-on activities, learning games, coding introduction, a news studio production tutorial and a book swap (bring a children's book to swap if you would like to participate in the swap).

Spelling Bee: Seven Locks will have a spelling bee in 2019. The winner of our school's bee will have the opportunity to compete in the regional spelling bee. This program is voluntary and is offered to students in grades 2-5. We hope this program will be an enriching opportunity for all students involved. Parent Volunteers are needed-- for more information, please see below under Volunteer Needs. The dates of the bee are as follows:

Second Elimination Round - February 5 during recess/ lunch

Final Bee Championship - February 19 (morning for second graders and afternoon for grades 3-5)

Lucky Strike Bowling Night Seven Locks Kids, Wildcat Dads, and Moms are invited to a BOWLING NIGHT! Join us at [Lucky Strike](#) in the Montgomery Mall on **February 4 at 5:30 pm**. We can grab dinner too. If you have questions please contact Vivek Patil at vivekpatil@gmail.com **and sign-up** so we can make reservations at the bowling alley: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA8AD2FABFA7-lucky>

Movie Night - Movie Night - Friday, 2/8/19 - The PTA will be hosting a movie night (Incredibles 2) on Friday, February 8th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The PTA will be providing free popcorn and water. The 5th grade promotion committee will be selling pizza, drinks, and candy. They will also be selling SLES cookbooks for \$20 each. This is a family event (no drop-offs). Plan to bring pillows and blankets to get cozy on the floor of the all-purpose room. See you on the 8th!

Science Fair: The Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 6:00pm. It's time for all our young scientists to start thinking about projects to present! There are lots of ideas out there in websites and books, or kids can develop their own ideas! The SLES Science Fair is a non-competitive, fun opportunity for kids in every grade to try out new projects and share them with other kids and adults. Projects can be done individually or in groups and parent involvement is encouraged! For any questions and to sign up, please email Wendy Schiff at wendybschiff@aol.com later than February 17. Please include the name(s) and grade (s) of the students participating and the project topic.

Variety Show: Attention to all variety show performers: The Variety Show is scheduled for March 15th (dress rehearsal on March 14th). Previews for acts will be February 14 and 15. We are excited for another awesome show. If interested in performing or if a parent/older sibling is interested in helping with the show please contact Karen Levin at babyfeet@aol.com.

GENERAL:

Enrichment Survey: Hello Seven Locks parents-- Whether your child currently participates in the school enrichment program or not, we need your help. As the winter session for enrichment has only just begun, we ask you to please participate in a brief survey about the program. We work hard to stock the sessions with solid classes that tap various interests while including something for all the grades. Your feedback is very important in order to continue to have a successful enrichment program. Please click on the link which will take you to the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DBNNWLB>

Girls on the Run: GOTR is returning to Seven Locks Elementary School this Spring! GOTR is a physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-5th grade. It teaches life skills through dynamic interactive

lessons and running games. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. Starting the week of March 11 and concluding with the 5K on May 19, the team will meet at SLES every Tuesday morning from 8:00-9:15am and every Friday afternoon from 4:00-5:15 pm and girls are expected to attend both practices. Registration for the Seven Locks team begins on February 7 at <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/Register-Now> Please contact Lara Hines at lhines@lynxinvestment.com with any questions.

MindYeti: Has your child come home talking about MindYeti? MindYeti is an online resource program that brings mindfulness to kids. Through funding provided by the Seven Locks Elementary School Educational Foundation's grant program, Mrs. Steinberg has re-newed a subscription to MindYeti for SLES! While some of our teachers use MindYeti in the classroom, any SLES family can have access to the MindYeti program. If you are interested in using this fantastic program at home, please feel free to email Mrs. Steinberg (laurie_m_steinberg@mcpsmd.org) for information on how to access this program.

Attention 5th Grade Parents: Cabin John Middle School is having a parent information night on January 31 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Cabin John Middle School for parents of next year's 6th grade class.

Kindergarten Orientation: We are starting the planning process for Kindergarten Orientation. Students may attend kindergarten in the fall if they are 5-years-old by September 1, 2019. If you have a child who will be coming to kindergarten at Seven Locks this fall, please contact Linda Kurinsky at Linda_N_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org. Please share this information with friends and neighbors. Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place later this spring.

Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found rack is overflowing! Please check the rack, located in the hallway across from the gym, next time you are at school. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of January.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Spelling Bee volunteers are needed: We are in need of parent helpers for the Spelling Bee. Please contact Kunja Bandukwalla at kunj77@hotmail.com for more information.

Variety Show volunteers are needed: The Variety Show is scheduled for March 15th, the dress rehearsal is March 14th and previews for the acts will be in mid-February. If parents or older siblings are interested in helping with the show please contact Karen Levin at babyfeet@aol.com.

Lunch and recess volunteers: If you are able to sign up for a lunch/recess block consistently or periodically, the school would appreciate it. Please click this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4babae2aa7f94-lunchrecess2>

WINSTON CHURCHILL HS CLUSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Churchill Winter - Basketball community night! February 1. A great night for all of our Churchill cluster families. Kids get in free and there are games and prizes. Tipoff 5:30 Girls, 7:15 Boys.

Churchill Booster Club Sports Gala February 2. A parents only event that celebrates our student-athletes and is one of the largest fundraising efforts for Churchill Athletics. As you may know, our high school athletics program is funded only about 25% by the county. The rest is raised through the school athletic events and through Boosters. This is a fun and totally casual night. It's at Bar Louie from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. See here for more details and for reservation information: <https://churchillboosterclub.org/>

OTHER:

A parent has provided a link to a list of useful resources for families impacted by the government shutdown: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V6C4i6d6FtCBXbFHOzskwpu_jEkhSRn30lCg1THEmDY/mobile

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/>