

## PAWS ONLINE

Monday, November 19, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving to our Seven Locks Elementary School students, staff, and parents! The SLES PTA is thankful to have the overwhelming support of our school community. We are grateful for the many parents and staff who volunteer their time to help enrich our kids' educational experience. A special thank you goes to our PTA Community Service team, Esther Rosen and Lilian Ng, as well as to Ms. Laurie Steinberg, our school counselor, who together organized the Halloween costume donations, and the Thanksgiving Baskets we are sending to our community. Thanks also to everyone who donated so generously to these and other community service projects.

### IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- November 21 - Early Release
- November 22 and 23 - School closed for Thanksgiving Break
- November 26 - Square One Art Orders Due
- December 4 - PTA Meeting and Reflections Art winners announced

### SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - PTA Meeting and Reflections Art winners announced, 6:30 PM, All Purpose Room
- **General:**
  - Square One Art-- Orders due 11/26
  - Community Service Thanksgiving Gift Cards
  - **(New Item)** Winter Enrichment
  - **(New Item)** MCPS QuickNotes-- link to get the MCPS newsletter emailed to you every two weeks
  - Student portraits are now online
  - Info about music enrichment
- **Volunteer Needs:**
  - Lunch and recess volunteers needed
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
  - **(New Item)** Bulldog Midnight Madness Basketball @ Churchill 11/30, 5:00 PM
  - Winston Churchill Musical, 11/30 and December 1, 7 and 8

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### THE DETAILS...

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **GENERAL:**

**Square 1 Art:** Orders due November 26. This art fundraiser for the PTA gives families a chance to order their child(ren)'s artwork reproduced on useful and personalized keepsakes, and makes great gifts for the holidays and beyond!

Look for order packets featuring a sample of YOUR CHILDREN'S ARTWORK that went home in your child(ren)'s folder.

**Artwork can be ordered online. If ordering by paper order form, please return all order forms to SLES/PTA Fundraising BY NOVEMBER 26!** Please make checks payable to SLES PTA.

ALL orders (online and paper) must be in by November 26 to ensure delivery to school before the winter holiday break!

**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.

**Enrichment:** Please stay tuned for the winter enrichment schedule. It will be finalized and posted to the SLES PTA site and referenced in the POL shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday, with registration starting December 10.

**MCPS QuickNotes:** Did you know that the Montgomery County Public Schools 2019-2020 calendar just came out and that the 2020 Spring Break will be two days longer than the 2019 Spring Break? Or that there are upcoming MCPS Latino and Asian parent engagement events? What's the quickest way to be informed of this and other important information? Subscribe to the MCPS QuickNotes and get the MCPS newsletter emailed to you every other Wednesday. Here's the link:

[http://quicknotes.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/clients/montgomeryschools/survey.htm?email=%3Cemail\\_address%3E](http://quicknotes.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/clients/montgomeryschools/survey.htm?email=%3Cemail_address%3E)

**Student Portraits ARE NOW ONLINE!** To view and order pictures visit the Freed Photography Ordering Site at [www.freedpics.com](http://www.freedpics.com). The password is 7LOCKS18FZ. The photographers will return to Seven Locks on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**WINSTON CHURCHILL HS CLUSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

**Bulldog Midnight Madness Basketball:** Friday, November 30 from 5:00 to 6:30 in the main gym at Winston Churchill. Meet the 2018-2019 boys and girls varsity basketball teams. Performances by the 2018-2019 varsity poms and varsity cheer squads, games and prizes for all ages. Deejay and concessions too! Open to all ages. Students and children are free!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pm show where the Cinderella character's will mingle with the children, sign 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/>