

Dear Seven Locks Community,

Thank you to our families and volunteers for making the 2018-2019 such a successful school year. Because of both financial support and dedication as volunteers, our PTA was able to make successful investments in the classroom, enhancing the educational experience for both students and teachers alike:

- **\$8,500** to *reimburse teachers* for classroom supply purchases
- **\$6,000** to bring down *field trip/transportation costs*
- **\$4,000** for *staff appreciation programs*
- **\$3,500** for *assemblies and cultural experiences*, including African Drumming and historic Woodlawn Manor program to celebrate Black History Month.
- **\$700** for *Spelling Bee*
- **\$200** for *Field Day*
- **\$150** for *Science Fair*



The PTA was responsible for planning successful enrichment programs, including **Yoga, 3D Printing**, and an array Flex Academies **Science, Engineering, and Language** courses. In addition, we celebrated our students' artistic talents through the nation-wide **Reflections** program.



Before school began, the PTA hosted a **Balloon & Splash party** at the school to celebrate our new principal—Megan Murphy. From there, our PTA forged an incredible partnership, ensuring open communications with the school administration, and continuing to maintain a strong community.

We enjoyed numerous PTA activities, from the wildly entertaining **Fall Festival, Book Fair, and Back to School Picnic**, to fun-filled **International Night, Movie Nights**, the ever popular **Variety Show, Wildcat Jam, and End of Year Picnic**. These activities require substantial funds, but more importantly, they depend on a strong network of volunteer-parents who devote considerable time and energy to making our School such a lively community.

This support also extends through our **Community Service** efforts, which not only include programs ensuring every Wildcat family has Halloween costumes and winter coats, but also other opportunities to give through a **Thanksgiving food drive, Bethesda Cares, KINDH, Comfort Cases, Manna** food collection, **Greentree**, and many more!

Finally, the PTA is, at its heart, an Advocacy organization. Through our representation on the **Montgomery County Council of PTAs**, we continue to promote Montgomery County Public School policies that'll keep Seven Locks and the greater Churchill Community safe, happy, and achieving our potential. This coming school year, our school cluster will participate in its triennial townhall meeting with the Board of Education. At that time, we will encourage everyone to participate in a lively debate about the future of our schools, from curriculum and testing to transportation and class sizes.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to reach out anytime. We look forward to seeing you around town, at the pool, or at camp this summer!

Sincerely,  
Neal Orringer  
SLES PTA President