

# PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Happy Valentines Day!!!

## IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- February 14 - Valentines Day Class Parties
- February 14 and 15 - TODAY and TOMORROW Variety Show Preview Dates
- February 15 to March 1 - Manna Food Collection
- February 20 - Winter Concert
- February 21 - Science Fair
- March 5 - PTA Enrichment Night

## SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - **(New Item)** Winter Concert (Chorus, Advanced Band and Orchestra) - February 20, 2:00 pm and 7:00 PM
  - Science Fair - February 21, 6:00 pm
  - Variety Show - March 15, Preview dates- February 14 and 15
  - **(New Item)** PTA Enrichment Night - March 5, 6:45 to 7:30 pm
- **General:**
  - **(New Info-- extended to today)** Candy Grams for Valentine's Day
  - **(New Item)** Community Service Projects-- upcoming new projects and Manna Food Collection, February 15 to March 1
  - Defeat DIPG 6K-- Early Bird Signup through February 28
  - MindYeti-- new resource program
  - Box Tops- next collection date is February 26
  - Kindergarten Orientation
- **Volunteer Needs:**
  - Lunch and recess volunteers needed (link to January and February SignUp)
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
- **Other**

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## THE DETAILS...

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Winter Concert:** The Seven Locks Elementary Chorus and Advanced Band and Orchestra will perform their **Winter Concert** on **Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 & 7pm.** *Also as a reminder for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents...*Please begin to pull together your student's chorus/band uniform. All students will be wearing **white button-down/dress tops** and **black dress pants or skirts (with tights)** and **black shoes**. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Mrs. McFate at [Rebecca J Mcfate@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rebecca.J.Mcfate@mcpsmd.org) or call the school 240-740-0940.

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

**Science Fair:** The Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wendybschiff@aol.com) no 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](mailto:babyfeet@aol.com).

**PTA Enrichment Night:** Save the Date! March 5, 6:45PM - 7:30PM in the multipurpose room. Meet our partners, FLEX Academies, and talk with our Enrichment Co-Chairs about the numerous PTA sponsored activities and classes offered to the students of Seven Locks --- from yoga to languages, science, chess, dance, art, and more. Please come and learn more about all the hard work by the PTA to offer your children fantastic before and after-school opportunities! This is also a great time to give your PTA feedback on what we can do to exceed the needs of the kids and expand on what we already offer.

#### **GENERAL:**

**Candy Grams** - The 5th-Grade Promotion Committee decided to extend Candy Grams sales during lunch today, so if your children asked for money this morning they were telling the truth! Parents have until 11 am today if they would like to bring in money for their child to buy candy grams. \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Just bring cash or check (made out to Lilliana Casas) to the front desk in an envelope marked "Candy Grams" with your child's name & grade, and we will call their name during lunch to have them fill out their Candy Grams! Candy Grams will be delivered during Valentine's Day Parties. **Happy Valentine's Day!!!!**

**New Community Service Projects:** Our February Community Project is with **Manna Food**. Manna is a local non profit food bank that serves the hungry and food-insecure residents of Montgomery County. We are collecting some food on behalf of the organization from **Feb 15 to March 1** in bins located in the school main hallway. We will soon have links to our PTA web site with more information on the project. Some high-need items they would appreciate are: grains (oatmeal, brown rice, whole grain pasta), proteins (canned tuna or salmon in water, low sodium dry or canned beans, natural nut butters), fruits & veggies (low sodium canned vegetables, canned fruit in juice, fruit or veggie cups) and other healthy items (shelf-stables indiv. milk boxes, cooking oils and spices, infant formula and baby foods). *Please only donate non-perishable food and nothing that needs refrigeration or food that can spill.*

A sneak preview for the rest of the year: we have more hands-on projects coming up! In March we will have a volunteer session at a senior care facility in Bethesda. In April we have back-to-back events with manning booths at a foster care carnival at Greentree Shelter in Bethesda (also known as National Center for Children and Families) on April 6. Later on in April, around Earth Day, we have an outdoor environmental clean up activity. In May, we are giving back to animals.

These will be the last few events for the kids to collect some PAWS activities to put on their service records to get a certificate and surprise prize. As a reminder, kids will have to participate in 5 community service events to fulfill a full PAW. The class with the most "Paws" will get a donut party!

**Defeat DIPG Superhero Spirit & 6K:** Please join the Seven Locks Rocks for Michael team for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Defeat DIPG Superhero Sprint & 6K on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Montgomery Mall. Register and Join Our Team by clicking [this link](#). If you would like to donate to our fundraising page, click here: <https://runsignup.com/sevenlocksrocksformichaelfundraiser> **Early bird prices in effect through February 28.** This race was created in memory of 6-year-old Seven Locks student Michael Mosier, who battled a brain tumor called DIPG during his kindergarten year before passing away in May 2015. Michael's little sister, Lila, is now in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Seven Locks. All proceeds go to childhood brain cancer research through [Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation](#), the nonprofit founded in his name.

If you have any questions about joining the [Seven Locks Rocks for Michael](#) team, please contact Christa Thorpe at 240-401-8292, or [cthorge22@yahoo.com](mailto:cthorge22@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:laurie_m_steinberg@mcpsmd.org)) for information on how to access this program.

**Box Tops** - The next collection date for Box Tops is February 26. Please note that Box Tops do NOT need to be cut perfectly, just send them in and we'll make sure they are submission-ready! Please write your child's and their teacher's name on a Ziplock bag, stuff it full of Box Tops and submit to the front office or their teacher. The child who brings in the most Box Tops will win a popsicle party for their entire 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](mailto:Linda_N_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org). Please share this information with friends and neighbors. Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place later this spring.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**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](mailto: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:**

**OTHER:**

**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/>**