

PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, November 15, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- November 16 - TOMORROW - Reflections Art entries due
- 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:**
 - **(New Item)** Square One Art-- Order packets going home this week and due 11/26
 - Community Service Thanksgiving Gift Cards
 - Student portraits are now online
 - 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:**
 - Winston Churchill Musical, 11/30 and December 1, 7 and 8

THE DETAILS...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GENERAL:

Square 1 Art order packets are going home this week! 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 in your child(ren)'s folder this week.

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. 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@mcpsmd.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/>