

PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, September 13, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- September 13 - TONIGHT - Parent Back-to-School Night (grades 3-5), 6:30 PM
- September 17 - Room Parent Orientation, 9:45 AM
- September 17 - Registration closes for after school activities and yoga classes
- September 28 - Back-to-School Picnic, 6:00 PM
- October 6 - Third Grade Social
- October 13 - Fourth Grade Social
- October 25 to November 2 - Book Fair
- **(New Date)** November 10 - Kindergarten Social

SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
 - Back to School Night for parents of grades 3-5 - September 13, 6:30
 - Back-to-school Picnic - September 28, 6:00 to 8:30
- **General:**
 - PTA Directory Verification and Membership Drive
 - **(New Info)** Enrichment - Info about After School Activities
 - Update your emergency contact info in the MyMCPS Parent Portal
 - Shop Amazon Smile Program and SLES gets credit
- **Volunteer Needs:**
 - **(New Item)** Book Fair - Please help
 - **(New Info)** We need Buddy Families for new SLES Families
 - Please consider hosting a Parent Social for parents in your child's grade. **We still need 1st and 2nd grade volunteer families.**
 - PTA Volunteers Needed
 - Room Parents Needed
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**

THE DETAILS...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Back-to-School Night for grades 3-5 is tonight. This meeting is parents only and starts at 6:30pm. **KidsCo will provide childcare for free to children enrolled at Seven Locks but you must sign up in advance!** Please register at the links below--

If you need KidsCo child care during 9/13 Back to School Night:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca8ad2fabfb6-childcare1>

Back-to-School Picnic: Please put Friday, September 28th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm on your calendar for the SLES back-to-school picnic. This is a GREAT family event with food, music, dancing and more! Contact Andi Hedberg (andihedberg@yahoo.com) with any questions.

GENERAL:

PTA Directory Verification and Membership Drive - IMPORTANT –

Join the SLES PTA by September 30th to get access to our school directory. The class from each grade, K-5, with the most PTA signups will win an ice cream party! Registration forms available in the school office or join online at <http://www.sevenlockspta.org/join-pta.html>

Please email a Membership Co-Chair, Emily (emilyacevallos@gmail.com) with any questions.

Enrichment Class Information (Before and After School Activities) - Fall 2018

Enrichment classes will begin the week of September 24.

Mornings: This Fall, the PTA will be sponsoring yoga and music classes in the mornings before school. Please note that the deadline for registration for yoga will be September 17.

Afternoons: Once again, Seven Locks is teaming up with Flex Academies for a variety of classes offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school. There are classes ranging from coding to dance, art to legos, chess and language. Please note that the deadline for registration for after school classes will be September 17.

The schedules and sign up information is available on the Enrichment page of the PTA website: <http://www.sevenlockspta.org/after-school-activities.html>

Today's featured Enrichment Class: Amusement Park Island

Sign your child up for our new STEAM enrichment class offered through Flex Academies! Challenge Island® is where engineering meets imagination! It's a one of a kind enrichment program on the cutting edge of S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Education and 21st Century Learning. Inspired by a popular reality TV show, each semester of Challenge Island takes place on a unique thematic island where our adventurous tribes tackle high-level thinking and engineering challenges at whimsical weekly destinations. This session's challenges will take place on the action packed Amusement Park Island where You and a tribeful of friends will create thrill rides galore at exciting destinations like Roller Coaster Cliff, Zipline Zone, and Spinning Waters. Class is listed "Amusement Park Island" and all students grades k - 5 are eligible.

Update your Emergency Contact Info in the MyMCPS Parent Portal: It is very important that the school has correct emergency contact information (email addresses, phone numbers) for each student so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency and you can receive school correspondence electronically. Parents are able to log into the MyMCPS Parent Portal to update Emergency Information Cards (including reunification contacts) online. You are encouraged to make edits and updates in the Parent Portal through the end

of September. After that, please contact the school's main office with updates. If you need help with the Portal, please contact the school office at 240-740-0940.

Do All Your Back-to-School Shopping on AmazonSmile and Support Seven

Locks. AmazonSmile gives SLES a portion of all qualifying sales purchased on <https://smile.amazon.com/> as long as you have selected SLES as your charity of choice. It's easy to do and really helps the school!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Book Fair is returning to Seven Locks (October 25- November 2). Are you interested in being part of the Book Fair Committee? We are looking for parents who can spare few hours each day during the Book Fair to help out. If interested, please contact Martine Kiazand mrikia@gmail.com

We need Buddy Families for our new Seven Locks Families - We have several new non-kindergarten families entering Seven Locks this year. Please consider serving as a Buddy Family for one of these new families. Our new families look to our Buddy Families to navigate them through the first several weeks of school. Many new friendships are made through the Buddy Family program, so if you are interested click on this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4da5a92bab9-become1> Or, contact Arun Narayan at narayan.arun@gmail.com with any questions.

Parent Socials: Interested in Getting to Know the Parents In Your Child's Grade a Little Better? Consider hosting a **Parent Social**. These socials are typically held on a Friday or Saturday night in September, October or early November. As a host, you would open up your home to other parents in your child's grade for an evening of fun. It will be a potluck event and the PTA will reimburse you for any paper products you purchase. These are rare opportunities for parents to get together and socialize without kids. Typically we get about 40-50 parents at each of these events (although we'd always love more!!) . Please consider hosting one of these socials in your home. If you are interested, email Sienna Johnson at siennafawn@yahoo.com to let her know what evening you'd like to host and what grade level. We have a volunteer family for the third grade party which will be held on October 6, the fourth grade party which will be held on October 13 and the kindergarten party which will be held November 10. We also have a volunteer family for the fifth grade social but no date yet.

PTA Volunteers Needed: Are you interested in volunteering to help with upcoming activities at SLES? There are many different areas where help is needed - ranging from large events, to tasks that require very little time commitment. Coming up soon is the Fall Festival on 10/28. This is a SUPER fun event that needs 2-3 co-chairs. If interested in helping with the Fall Festival or any other activity, please contact Sienna Johnson, siennafawn@yahoo.com to find out more. The PTA will appreciate your help, other parents will appreciate your help, but best of all - your kids may even appreciate your help!

Room Parents Needed: Want to see your child in action in class? Want to get to know your child's teacher? Interested to know how your child interacts with their friends? Love to party

plan and celebrate all the fun SLES holidays at school? Then you should become a Room Parent! Sign up with Room Parent Coordinator, Margaret Carroll - stargret@yahoo.com - to volunteer for this rewarding and fun position! For more details, join us at Room Parent Orientation in the SLES All Purpose Room on Sept 17th at 9:45 am See you then!

WINSTON CHURCHILL HS CLUSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES:

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/>