

## PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, January 17, 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- January 22- Kindness Campaign posters due
- January 31 - SLES Academic Fair Family Learning Night
- February 4 - Wildcat Dads night at Lucky Strike
- February 8 - Movie Night
- February 21 - Science Fair

### SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - Academic Fair/ Family Learning Night - January 31, 6:45 to 8:15
  - Wildcat Dads Night - February 4, 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike
  - **(New Item)** Movie Night - February 8, 6:30 pm
  - **(New Item)** Science Fair - February 21, 6:00 pm
  - Variety Show - March 15
- **General:**
  - **(New Item)** Girls on the Run Spring season
  - Kindness Campaign Poster Contest (entries due 1/22)
  - Community Service - Kids and parents prepare care bags for youth in foster care with Comfort Cases, January 19
  - Kindergarten Orientation
  - Lost and Found
- **Volunteer Needs:**
  - Spelling Bee Parent Helpers Needed
  - Variety Show Helpers Needed (parents and SSL volunteers are both needed)
  - Lunch and recess volunteers needed (link to January and February SignUp)
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
  - Churchill Winter Basketball Community Night, 2/1
  - Churchill Booster Club Sports Gala, 2/1

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### THE DETAILS...

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Academic Fair/ Family Learning Night:** Join us with your family on January 31 from 6:45 to 8:15 and rotate through k-2 and 3-5 age-appropriate, teacher-led math, reading and technology activities. The fun will include hands-on activities, learning games, coding introduction, a news studio production tutorial and a book swap (bring a children's book to swap if you would like to participate in the swap).

**Spelling Bee:** Seven Locks will have a spelling bee in 2019. The winner of our school's bee will have the opportunity to compete in the regional spelling bee. This program is voluntary and is offered to students in grades 2-5. We hope this program will be an enriching opportunity for all students involved. Parent Volunteers are needed-- for more information, please see below under Volunteer Needs. The dates of the bee are as follows:

First Elimination Round - January 22 during recess/ lunch

Second Elimination Round - February 5 during recess/ lunch

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

**Lucky Strike Bowling Night** Seven Locks Kids, Wildcat Dads, and Moms are invited to a BOWLING NIGHT! Join us at Lucky Strike in the Montgomery Mall on **February 4 at 5:30 pm**. We can grab dinner too. If you have questions, please contact Vivek Patil at [vivekpatil@gmail.com](mailto:vivekpatil@gmail.com) **and sign-up** so we can make reservations at the bowling alley: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA8AD2FABFA7-lucky>

**Movie Night** - The PTA will be hosting a family movie night on Friday, 2/8 beginning at 6:30 pm. More details will be announced next week, but make sure to put it on your calendar!

**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 in mid-February. 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).

#### **GENERAL:**

**Girls on the Run:** GOTR is returning to Seven Locks Elementary School this Spring! GOTR is a physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-5th grade. It teaches life skills through dynamic interactive lessons and running games. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. Starting the week of March 11 and concluding with the 5K run on May 19, the team will meet at SLES every Tuesday morning from 8:00-9:15am and every Friday afternoon from 4:00-5:15 pm and girls are expected to attend both practices. Registration for the Seven Locks team begins on February 7 at <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/Register-Now> Please contact Lara Hines at [lhines@lynxinvestment.com](mailto:lhines@lynxinvestment.com) with any questions.

**Kindness Campaign Poster Contest:** Use your creativity to create a poster with the theme of kindness. All students at SLES are invited to participate and two winners will be chosen per grade. Posters (poster size or smaller, please) will be displayed throughout the school. Place submissions in the bin in the front hallway by January 22. Winners will be announced on January

30. Please contact Laurie Steinberg, School Counselor, with any questions [Laurie M. Steinberg@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_M_Steinberg@mcpsmd.org) 240-740-0947.

**Community Service - Comfort Cases:** Please join us for an opportunity to volunteer with your child at the Comfort Cases office on January 19. We will help prepare care bags for youth in foster care. There are morning and afternoon slots available for a maximum of 30 volunteers. Please sign up through this link for the upcoming Comfort Cases

volunteering: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caeac2fa7f49-comfort>

1. For families who volunteer, please go the PTA page on Seven Locks to download and fill out the Comfort Cases volunteer sheet, as well as read the info sheet for volunteering and parking info at the Comfort Case office site..

2. Each individual participating will need to be signed up on sign up genius because the Comfort Cases' facility is small and can only accommodate 15 people at most. Each child will need to be accompanied by an adult or two siblings by one parent.

Here are two links to youtube videos that talk more about Comfort Cases as well as the founder Rob Scheer. He makes a very compelling case for why he started the organization and gives us a good sense of the scope of the organization.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyJzo8K8jQY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9QoK8LIYWo>

**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.

**Lost and Found:** Our Lost and Found rack is overflowing! Please check the rack, located in the hallway across from the gym, next time you are at school. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of January.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Spelling Bee volunteers are needed:** We are in need of parent helpers for the Spelling Bee. Please contact Kunjal Bandukwalla at [kunj77@hotmail.com](mailto:kunj77@hotmail.com) for more information.

**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:**

**Churchill Winter - Basketball community night!** February 1. A great night for all of our Churchill cluster families. Kids get in free and there are games and prizes. Tipoff 5:30 Girls, 7:15 Boys.

**Churchill Booster Club Sports Gala** February 2. A parents only event that celebrates our student-athletes and is one of the largest fundraising efforts for Churchill Athletics. As you may know, our

high school athletics program is funded only about 25% by the county. The rest is raised through the school athletic events and through Boosters. This is a fun and totally casual night. It's at Bar Louie from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. See here for more details and for reservation information: <https://churchillboosterclub.org/>

**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/>