

# PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, September 6, 2018

## **IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):**

- September 12&13 - Parent Back-to-School Nights, 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 20 - Kindergarten Social

## **SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:**

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - Back to School Night for parents of grades K-2 - September 12, 6:30
  - 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
  - Enrichment - Info about After School Activities
  - Cub Scouts: Learn More at Scouting Night **TONIGHT**
  - Update your emergency contact info in the MyMCPS Parent Portal
  - Shop Amazon Smile Program and SLES gets credit
- **Volunteer Needs:**
  - 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, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade volunteer families.**
  - PTA Volunteers Needed
  - **(New Info)** Room Parents Needed
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**

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## **THE DETAILS...**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Parent Back-to-School Nights will be Sept. 12 (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades) and September 13 (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)-- 6:30 PM.** More information will be coming soon about these nights. Please reserve your calendar.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

**Cub Scouts:** Come to “Join Scouting Night” at Bells Mill ES tonight, Thursday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30pm. See attached flyer for more info. Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best "right now selves" and grow into their very best "future selves." It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life. Our local Pack 54 is made up of families from Seven Locks ES, Bells Mill ES and The Woods Academy.

**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:**

**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, please contact Arun Narayan at [narayan.arun@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 kindergarten party which will be held on October 20. We also have a volunteer family for the fourth grade party 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>