

## PAWS ONLINE

Monday, January 14, 2019

**Happy Snow Day! Also, a big thank you to Christine Leung and Aby Filomeno for setting up another amazing International Night!**

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

- January 22- Kindness Campaign posters due
- February 4 - Wildcat Dads night at Lucky Strike

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

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - Wildcat Dads Night - February 4, 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike
  - Variety Show - March 15
- **General:**
  - 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
  - KindH wrapping thank you and pictures
  - 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)
  - Hearing and Vision Screening, volunteers needed 1/17
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
  - **(New Item)** Churchill Winter Basketball Community Night, 2/1
  - **(New Item)** Churchill Booster Club Sports Gala, 2/1

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### **THE DETAILS...**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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. Registration forms went home yesterday and the deadline to turn them in is January 11. Parent Volunteers are needed-- for more information, please see below under Volunteer Needs. The dates of the bee 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.** 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>

**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:**

**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=d9QoK8L1YWo>

**KindH Wrapping Thank you and Pictures:** We would like to thank all of the SLES parents and students who kindly donated and volunteered their time for the KINDH gift wrapping. We were able to raise \$1300.00 in gift cards and serve 16 families in need with gifts for the holidays. You can find photos of the volunteers [here](#).

**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>

**Hearing and Vision Screening:** Information about our upcoming Hearing and Vision Screening was sent to all parents via email on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are in need of two volunteers to help get students to and from the Hearing and Vision Screening on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We need one volunteer to work from 9:30-11:30 and one volunteer to work from 2:00-3:30. If you are interested, please contact Linda Kurinsky at [Linda\\_N\\_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Linda_N_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org). If you have any questions about the Hearing and Vision Screening, please contact our school nurse, Brienne Merritt and [Brienne\\_B\\_Merritt@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brienne_B_Merritt@mcpsmd.org).

**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/>