

# PAWS ONLINE

Monday, October 1, 2018

**A big thank you to Andi Hedberg who planned a fabulous back-to-school picnic along with much help from Sienna Johnson, Atousa Raissyan and Colleen Hubeny.**

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

- October 2- TOMORROW Wildcat Donuts & Dads
- October 2 - TOMORROW Volunteer Training and PTA Meeting
- October 5 - Early Release Day
- October 10 - Picture Day
- October 25 to November 2 - Book Fair
- October 28 - Fall Festival

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

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
  - Wildcats Donuts & Dads - October 2, 9:30 to 10:15 AM in Room 146
  - Volunteer Training and PTA Meeting - October 2, 6:30 PM in the all-purpose room
  - Start of Book Fair - October 25
  - **(New Item)** Fall Festival - October 28, 12:00 to 4:00
- **General:**
  - Reflections Art Program
  - Community Service-- Help your child earn a Community Service Award
  - Parent Socials-- **Links to SignUps below**
  - Collect Box Tops and Earn Money for our School
- **Volunteer Needs:**
  - Picture Day-- we need three parent volunteers (discounts on pictures will be given to helpers)
  - We need Buddy Families for new SLES Families
  - PTA Volunteers Needed
- **Winston Churchill High School Cluster Related Activities:**
  - Links to several Churchill sports clinic SignUps for elementary school kids, October 13 and 14
  - Link to information on Churchill High School Community Night, October 19

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## **THE DETAILS...**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wildcat Donuts & Dads:** Please join other Wildcat Dads on Tuesday, October 2 for our annual Dad/Donut Breakfast. After dropping off your son/daughter at Seven Locks, dads can visit with Mrs. Murphy, Neal Orringer, and Perham Gorji to share experiences at Seven Locks and learn about upcoming Wildcat Dads events. The event will take place in Room 146 from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. Sign-up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca8ad2fabfa7-wildcat>

**Volunteer Training and PTA Meeting:** Parents who volunteer at our school regularly are encouraged to attend in-person training if they have not already done so. The last training session will be offered at 6:00 PM on October 2, right before the PTA meeting. This session will include information about Board of Education policy, student confidentiality, emergency preparedness and school procedures. Please join us afterward, at 6:30 PM for a schoolwide PTA meeting. Principal Murphy will join us to discuss the assessments each grade takes throughout the year and to share with us how our students performed on last year's assessments.

**Fall Festival** - Fall is here, it's in the air. Come celebrate in your most spooky flair. Early to dark and easy to fright, the Fall Festival is within sight. Please join us for the 2018 SLES Fall Festival! It will take place on Sunday, October 28th from 12 - 4 pm, Rain or Shine. We will have a Haunted House, an amazing Book Fair, ten different Carnival Games, a huge Inflatable, Food/Drinks, a Bake Sale, Mystery Bags, Scary Makeovers, Ghost Yard Photos, Pumpkin Decorating, Creepy Crafts, DJ with Dance Contests, a Prize Raffle AND a Costume Contest!! We need lots of parent and SSL volunteers. Please sign up here to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a8ae2ba20-sles2>

Wristbands are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for children 2-12 (under 2 and over 12 are free). A link to purchase wristbands will be included in Thursday's POL. You can also send a check to school made payable to "SLES PTA" and note that it is for Fall Festival Wristbands. Wristbands will be available for pick up at the entry table on 10/28. We will also be selling tickets for games that award prizes, as well as for a surprise raffle. Please contact Sienna Johnson ([siennafawn@yahoo.com](mailto:siennafawn@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### **GENERAL:**

**Attention All Artists! Reflections Art Program—Entries Due November 10.** 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**. More information regarding due dates and the entry forms will go home with your student soon. All entries will be presented, and SLES winners will be announced at the SLES PTA meeting on December 4. Please contact [Rebecca Adler Miserendino](#) if your child is interested or has questions.

**Community Service:** Your child attended an in-school presentation on September 20 about the Wildcats Service Award program. Please see our Community Service page on the PTA web site (<http://www.sevenlockspta.org/community-service.html>) to see the presentation, download the Service Award Form and to see a list of other community service opportunities at Seven Locks. Serving our community is one of the Wildcat Ways so let's encourage our kids to help in any way they can.

**Parent Socials:** All grades now have dates for their parties! Room parents or teachers will send out more information to your class as well as the the SignUp Genius for your RSVP. Dates: October 6 - Third Grade Social; October 13 - Fourth Grade Social; October 27 - First Grade Social; November 3 - Fifth Grade Social; November 10 - Kindergarten Social; November 10 - Second Grade Social

Here are the links to some of the SignUps:

Kindergarten, 11/10: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44afa92ba31-kindergarten>

First Grade, 10/27: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48a8ae2c7-seven1>

Second Grade, 11/10: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A9A923ABFF2-sles>

Third Grade, 10/6: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945a8a92ca46-seven>

Fourth Grade, 10/13: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4baaaa229-4thgrade>

Fifth Grade, 11/3: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AB2CA4FF2-2018>

**Box Tops for Education:** Fun Fact: Every single box top that we submit earns our school 10 cents! Just think of how much we could raise if everyone at the school submitted all the box tops that usually get thrown in the recycling bin! It's easy to help. Just grab a bag, label it "Box Tops" and keep it in your kitchen. Every time you see a box top, tear it off and throw it in the bag. We will cut them down to size, so you can literally send in a chunk of the box if you can't find your kitchen shears! The student who brings in the most box tops will get to treat his or her classmates to popsicles during lunch! Please submit your bag, with your student & teacher name included, to the front office no later than 10/25, c/o Box Tops. Please contact Sienna Johnson, [siennafawn@yahoo.com](mailto:siennafawn@yahoo.com) with questions.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Parent Volunteers Needed for Picture Day:** Freed Photography will be at Seven Locks on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to take student portraits. We are looking for three parent volunteers to help get students lined up, make sure their clothing is neat and that their hair is combed. Each volunteer will receive a coupon code to be used when ordering portraits. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Linda Kurinsky at 240-740-0940 or at [Linda\\_N\\_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Linda_N_Kurinsky@mcpsmd.org).

**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](mailto:narayan.arun@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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!

**WINSTON CHURCHILL HS CLUSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

Girls Varsity Soccer Clinic on Sunday October 14 from 10am to noon  
<https://churchillboosterclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/GirlsVarsitySoccerClinic2018.pdf>

Volleyball Clinic boys & girls on Saturday October 13 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acab28a1f49-fall2>

WCHS Booster Club Community Night on October 19 for Varsity Football game  
<https://churchillboosterclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Fall-2018-Community-Night.pdf>

**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/>