

PAWS ONLINE

Thursday, October 4, 2018

A belated thank you to Christine Leung who also was a big help at Back-to-School Night!

IMPORTANT DATES (upcoming):

- October 5 - TOMORROW Early Release Day
- October 10 - Picture Day
- October 12 - Classroom contest for PTA memberships over
- October 18 - Wildcats Dads Thursday Night Football
- October 25 to November 2 - Book Fair
- October 28 - Fall Festival

SUMMARY OF THIS PAWS ONLINE:

- **Upcoming PTA/ School Events:**
 - Wildcats Dads Thursday Night Football - October 18, 7:30 PM, Not Your Average Joe's
 - Start of Book Fair - October 25
 - Fall Festival - October 28, 12:00 to 4:00
- **General:**
 - **(New Info)** Picture Day
 - **(New Info)** PTA Membership and Directory: **Make sure your family's info is included in the school directory before it's too late!**
 - Reflections Art Program
 - **(New Item)** Enrichment-- after first class, only send the office a note if plans change-- see below
 - 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:**
 - **(New Item)** Book Fair Volunteers needed
 - 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

THE DETAILS...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wildcats Dads: Join Wildcat Dads for Thursday Night Football. October 18, 7:30 pm, at Not Your Average Joe's. 10400 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD 20814. For more information, please contact: perhamgorji@gmail.com or neal.orringer@gmail.com.

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 soon. 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) with questions.

GENERAL:

Picture Day: Freed Photography will be coming to Seven Locks on Wednesday, October 10 to take student portraits! Weather permitting, these portraits will be taken outside. **All ordering will be done entirely online. Parents will be notified once the image galleries become available.** The photographer offers the suggestion that solid colors and collared shirts photograph well. They suggest avoiding large logos, busy patterns and neon colors. A flyer will be sent home with students this week.

Parents: Make Sure Your Family is in the School Directory and please Join the SLES PTA! Families must verify their information by October 12 in order to ensure they are listed in the directory. The directory is how other parents can contact you-- by looking in the printed edition or by using the convenient AtoZ app that can be added to phones. 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 Membership Co-Chair, Emily (emilyacevallos@gmail.com) with any questions..

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.

Enrichment: Parents, a note is not needed every week to let the school/ teacher know that your child is taking an after-school enrichment activity through Flex academies. Please send the note on the day of the first class of each session and subsequently only if dismissal instructions are different from normal.

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:

Here are the links to the SignUps for each grade's party:

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, 11/2: <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 with questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Book Fair Volunteers Needed: We are very excited to announce that the Book Fair will be held from October 25th to November 2nd. We are hoping that many of you can Volunteer. Consider bringing some food for the teacher sneak-peek breakfast. For another successful year, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAEA72BA5F49-seven>

Please contact Martine Kiazand mrikia@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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!

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/>