

MWMS PTA Newsletter

Friday, March 15, 2019

From the PTA

We at the PTA are excited to continue supporting the MWMS community in any way we can, and we'd welcome YOUR HELP and YOUR IDEAS!

Warmly,
YOUR MWMS PTA

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MWMS Music Boosters Email: mwmsmusicboosters@gmail.com

Save the Dates

- 03/15: Spring Dance, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- 04/02: Chipotle Restaurant Night, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- 04/04: School Play – Robin Hood, 7:00 PM
- 04/05: School Play – Robin Hood, 7:00 PM
- 04/10: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 05/08: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 06/12: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

PTA News

VACANT MAYFIELD WOODS PTA POSITIONS 2019-2020. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Planning for the next year begins now. There are many opportunities for new faces to become involved in the PTA. Training is on the job, and the board is always happy to provide support where needed. If chairing an event or committee seems too much to begin with, then agree to work on a committee. Most committees are in charge of one-time events that require very little work if many are involved. **Attached is a list of vacant positions** (along with more details about each position) for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in being considered for PTA position, please contact Carmesha Young at mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com or 410-799-0242.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE PTA!!!

Thank you to everyone who has already joined the PTA this year! We have not yet reached our 2018-19 membership goal, so those of you who haven't joined, please consider doing so. Your fees/donations are needed in order for MWMS PTA to continue providing enriching programs and support for our school and community.

Membership is only \$10 for one household member or \$15 for two household members. (No additional commitment required.)

Don't forget that all donations to the MWMS PTA are tax deductible and that 100% of your donation goes to support the students and staff at Mayfield Woods!

Did you know that last year MWMS PTA used the money it raised to:

- Provide over \$3,000 to 8th grade graduation events
- Provide over \$1000 to instructional teams for academic support
- Donate \$400 to the school store
- Provide \$3000 for Cultural Arts events
- Provide \$800 for Carnival in the Woods
- Sponsor all school dances and drama events
- Organize all school Spirit Wear sales
- Provide hundreds of volunteer hours for school programs/events
- Host and provide many Staff Appreciation events, such as: a luncheon, and multiple other meals during staff appreciation week, a Back to School Breakfast, a Conference Dinner, and snacks on other fun school days

Please consider getting involved and/or putting your donations to work for the MWMS PTA!

We are currently at 99% of our membership goal with 198 parent members for the 2018-19 school year. Please join today to help our PTA become 200 parents strong! (We are also at 45% of our staff goal of 100 members.)

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

CHIPOTLE RESTAURANT NIGHT

Join fellow MWMS families for PTA Restaurant Night at Chipotle. 33% percent of all supporter sales will go towards staff and student incentives. Add the date to your calendar today and take the night off from cooking to ***directly benefit MWMS students!*** The attached printed flyer must be shown to qualify all orders. Don't forget to spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019: CHIPOTLE, 5:00-9:00 PM

- DINE-IN and CARRY-OUT orders are eligible.
- Supporters must show printed flyer when paying.
- Questions? Contact: Karen Brower karen_brower@hcpss.org
- Chipotle, 6181 Old Dobbin Road, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21045

MWMS PTA PRESENTS: ROBIN HOOD

Robin Hood is coming to the Mayfield stage.

- **THURSDAY APR. 4 & FRIDAY APR. 5, 7:00 PM**
- *Please mark your calendars!*
- *Questions? Email Ms. Kuperman: annette_kuperman@hcpss.org*

MWMS MUSIC BOOSTERS ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parents of band, chorus, and orchestra students are encouraged to join fellow MWMS music families to assist with volunteering and fundraising for our PHENOMENAL, AWARD-WINNING MUSIC PROGRAM. Please keep an eye out for Sign-Up Genius emails and consider volunteering your time and/or donating requested items. Our families are an integral part of the success of the MWMS Music Program!

For questions/volunteer opportunities/donations/fundraising ideas, please contact Ruth Robertson at mwmsmusicboosters@gmail.com

MWMS PTA WEBSITE

The website includes:

- On-going access to up-to-date MWMS and MWMS PTA news

- Links for joining the PTA and volunteering in and out of school
- Calendars of MWMS, MWMS PTA and MWMS Music events
- Spirit Gear purchase info
- MWMS Music Boosters Page
- MWMS Teacher/Staff Gift Guide
- And more ...

We hope the new site will be a great resource for MWMS Families. Please take time to explore the site and bookmark us on your computers and smart devices today!

Our address is: <http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com>

“BULLDOG BRAG BOARD”

Has your child achieved a milestone outside of school that you'd like to share? Did their basketball team win a tournament? Did they participate in a play? Did they win an award? Send in a quick note (and optional photo) to Ms. Kuperman and she will share it with the MWMS community. For questions and comments, email Ms. K at annette_kuperman@hcpss.org

MWMS PTA MEETINGS

MWMS PTA typically meets monthly at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Media Center at MWMS.

We'd love to see new faces, especially those parents/guardians of incoming students who want to be part of a wonderful group of dedicated families, teachers and administrators!

- Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM**
MWMS Media Center

GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways YOU can get involved! Check out the list below or visit the “Get Involved” page on our website to see how YOU can help! <http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com/get-involved.html>

1. **PURCHASE A PTA MEMBERSHIP!!!** It's so easy to do. Your one-time donation of at least \$10.00-\$15.00 (\$10.00 for one PTA membership, \$15.00 for two) goes straight into the MWMS PTA account to benefit our MWMS Community, Staff and Students. Plus, with the **new PayPal link** on

our website it is even easier to join. Please help us achieve 100% participation!

2. **PURCHASE SPIRIT WEAR.** Show your Bulldog pride and help support the PTA by purchasing apparel.
3. **COLLECT COUPONS for CA\$H.** Don't forget to join School Donation Programs AND collect education coupons to turn in to the office to earn CA\$H for MWMS. Every penny counts!!!

Box Tops for Education
Giant A+ School Rewards (MWMS is School #02707)
Labels for Education
My Coke Rewards
Target RedCard

4. **ATTEND RESTAURANT NIGHTS.** Enjoy the night off from cooking while supporting the MWMS PTA.
5. **OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEERING & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES.** MWMS PTA will occasionally send out Sign-Up-Genius emails requesting donations and/or volunteers for assistance with specific events during and after school such as refreshments for school dances, chaperoning, event ticket sales, items for staff appreciation events, donations for the end-of-year carnival, etc. These are one-time donations and you may offer as much or as little help as your schedule or budget will allow.
6. **ATTEND SCHOOL PLAYS and ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD to ATTEND PTA-SPONSORED DANCES.** All proceeds from these events go right back into the PTA budget so we may continue to provide these fun, enriching opportunities for our students!
7. **ATTEND PTA MEETINGS.** Meetings are held once monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the MWMS Media Center. Attend occasionally or regularly as your schedule will allow. Attendance does not obligate you to volunteer (even though we probably will ask) and affords you the opportunity to stay well-informed about school and community events!
8. **VOLUNTEER as a PTA BOARD MEMBER or COMMITTEE CHAIR.** Anyone interested in donating a little more time and effort is ***strongly encouraged*** to find a volunteer opportunity that fits their time and talents.

Community Events

Howard County Health Department

Feature film "Heroin Still Kills"

- Thursday, March 28, 2019
- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Howard High School
- Please see the attached flyer for more information

Choose Civility Contest: K-12 students are eligible to enter the 2019 Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest, sponsored in partnership with the Columbia Association Art Center and Howard County Library System. The theme is "We Are All Welcome" here. The deadline for entries is March 17, 2019. Winning students will receive Target gift cards.

Details can be found at <http://choosecivility.org/2484-2/>.

Guiding Good Choices Parenting Classes: Free for Parents of 9-14 Year Olds. HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office will once again provide evidence-based classes for parents to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This 4-week series will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26** in the ElkrIDGE Library. Parents are expected to attend all 4 sessions. Visit HC DrugFree's website calendar at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/events> for more information and to register. Free workbook included. If you have questions, email Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

Drive-thru EpiPen, Medication and More Collection: Howard County's next convenient drive-thru collection for over-the-counter and prescription medication and "sharps" (needles, syringes and EpiPens) will be held on **Saturday, April 27** between 10:00 AM. and 2:00 PM in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center and The UPS Store. HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your medicine cabinets. Teams, clubs, students, PTA/PTSA, families, scouts, etc. are welcome to volunteer at the event and receive community service hours. Please visit HC DrugFree's website at www.hcdrugfree.org and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, or let us know you plan to volunteer by emailing Admin@hcdrugfree.org or calling 443-325-0040.

SECAC Events

March 25, 2019

Next SECAC meeting from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Clarksville fire station.

March 26, 2019

Mark your calendar for March 26th from 7:00-8:00 PM. The board of education (BOE) will host SECAC for a community meeting. All SECAC members are invited

to attend. It will be at the HCPSS Central Office board room. We want the BOE to hear from parents from all walks of life, with varying disabilities and educational concerns. Bring your stories to the folks that make decisions about the education of our students! If you are unable to attend, the BOE always wants to hear from parents. Do so by emailing them at boe@hcpss.org.

If you'd like a response, email your individual cluster representative found here: <https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=84SR LW6E9136>

April 6, 2019

Finally, on April 6th SECAC and HCPSS Department of Education will be hosting a parent forum. Topics will include school system accountability, a day in the life of special education staff, advocate panel, etc... There will be a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. It starts at 8:30 AM and will run until 12:30 PM. The location is still to be determined. Mark your calendar for this event!

May 2019

The SECAC Recognition Night is coming in May. This is a time for parents to recognize staff that have gone above and beyond in the services they provide for special education students. The form to nominate should be coming out soon. Also, Michelle Im, the SECAC Vice Chair, is looking for people to help plan and set up for the event. Email her at ml_im@yahoo.com if you'd like to help.

Mayfield Woods Middle School

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