

MWMS PTA Newsletter

Friday, May 17, 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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Save the Dates

05/18: Mayfest

06/12: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

6/14: 8th grade Dance 6:30 – 9:00 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.

MAYFEST – MUSIC BOOSTERS

Mayfest is tomorrow, May 18! Mayfest is a unique music festival that brings the MWMS community together through music. Come join us for a celebration of music and fun.

Please join us at MWMS from 12:00 – 4:00 PM for a great day of music (schedule below), carnival style foods (hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, nachos, etc...), raffles, and fun! All music events are free and held in the gym. Food and raffles are in the cafeteria and require tickets. Tickets can be purchased in the lobby.

Schedule:

- 12:00 - MWMS Concert Band
- 12:20 - MWMS Strings 6
- 12:40 - LRHS Orchestra
- 1:00 - MWMS Choir 7/8
- 1:20 - MWMS Strings 7/8
- 1:40 - LRHS Madrigals
- 2:10 - LRHS Percussion
- 2:30 - LRHS Jazz Choir
- 2:50 - LRHS Wind Ensemble
- 3:10 - MWMS Choir 6
- 3:30 - MWMS Symphonic Band

We still need volunteers for a successful event. Please consider volunteering some time tomorrow (May 18th) while enjoying the sound of music playing. We have a variety of places and times slots available. We could really use your help to make this event a great success! [Click here](#) if you are able to donate time during MayFest.

If you have questions about MayFest, please contact Kobey DeVale at kdevale@acm.org

8TH GRADE DANCE

Save the date! The 8th grade dance will be Friday, June 14 from 6:30-9:00 PM. Come dressed in black and white clothing, just like old Hollywood, as we roll out the red carpet. Tickets will be \$20 and invites are coming soon. Come celebrate one last time with your friends before heading off to high school.

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 100% of our membership goal with 201 parent members for the 2018-19 school year. (We are also at 45% of our staff goal of 100 members.)

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

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, June 12, 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 CASH.** Don't forget to join School Donation Programs AND collect education coupons to turn in to the office to earn CASH 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

- **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week May 5-18:**
The **Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign** is a collaboration of the **Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD)** and the **Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)** with support from the Maryland Department of Health – Behavioral Health Administration. The Campaign goal, with community and school champions across the state, is to raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health. Each year, we celebrate Children's Mental Health Matters! with over a week of events, workshops, media, outreach and other awareness raising activities. **Your Child's Mental Health.** It's easy to know your child needs help dealing with a fever or a broken bone, but mental health problems can be harder to identify. The tricky part of parenting is knowing the kinds of behaviors and moods that are usual for the stage of development your child is in – and when your child has gone beyond the norm and needs help.

View and download our [Family Resource Kit \(2018\)](#)
Resource site <https://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families/>

- **Free STEM Open House with Code Ninjas:** Here at Code Ninjas we teach kids how to code! With technology increasing at the incredible rate that it is, we really wanted to provide kids with a way to engage with this new technology in both a fun and educational way. In order to do so, we utilize a game-based curriculum and offer a variety of summer camps and drop-in programs for after school hours. Our programs cater to kids within the 7-14 years old age range, which is why we try our best to connect with surrounding elementary/middle schools.

This event will be held at our Ellicott City location (5725 Richards Valley Road) on May 19th from 3-5 PM as a kick-off to our summer camp season. For two hours your kids will have the opportunity to try out activities from ten different tech camps that we are offering this summer! In addition, there will be a raffle where you will get the chance to win a free week of camp, lots of fun activities for kids, snacks, and flash deals for sign-ups.