

# MWMS PTA Newsletter

Friday, May 3, 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

## Stay Connected with MWMS PTA

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PTA Website: <http://www.mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com>

PTA Website Questions/Comments: [mwmsptaweb@gmail.com](mailto:mwmsptaweb@gmail.com)

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PTA Facebook Page: [MWMS PTA Facebook Page](#)

PTA Twitter Account: [Mayfield Woods MS PTA](#)

MWMS Music Boosters Email: [mwmsmusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:mwmsmusicboosters@gmail.com)

## Save the Dates

05/08: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

05/18: Mayfest

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](mailto:mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com) or 410-799-0242.

### **MAYFEST – MUSIC BOOSTERS**

MayFest is the music department's only major fundraiser of the year. It is a chance for the entire community to hear the wonderful music created right here in our little corner of Howard County. This year's program will include Deep Run ES, Long Reach HS and of course our own award-winning Mayfield Woods MS Chorus, Orchestra and Bands. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun!

**SATURDAY MAY 18, 12:00-4:00 PM, MWMS Cafeteria/Gym, Rain or Shine**

- Performances
- Raffle Items/Raffle Baskets
- Rita's Italian Ice, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Popcorn, Chips, Cookies, Candy, Water, Sodas

We need any help our Mayfield Woods families can provide. Please see the links below and consider donating or volunteering. **We appreciate any help you can provide. Thank you for your help!!!**

#### **Donation Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EACAD2BA0FC1-2019>

#### **Volunteer Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EACAD2BA0FC1-20191>

Additionally, we are still looking for donations for our raffle baskets. Themed baskets are raffled off during the event. In the past, basket themes have included art supplies, chocolate, the beach, paintball, cooking... Basket values range from \$25 to over \$100. If your family would like to donate a basket for the raffle that would be wonderful. Additionally, if your workplace would be able to donate a gift card or item to be included in the basket that would also be wonderful. No alcohol please. Baskets must be turned in by May 10th. If you have questions about MayFest, please contact Kobey DeVale at [kdevale@acm.org](mailto:kdevale@acm.org)

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, May 8, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- **Teen Advisory Council Meeting:** HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) will meet on Monday, May 13 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at The Barn/Teen Center in the Oakland Mills Village Center. TAC meets one Monday evening a month and is open to all Howard County high school students. Community service hours are available for all meetings and events. To register, please visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and go to the Teen

Advisory Council page. Refreshments provided at meetings, so must RSVP to [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or call 443-325-0040.

- **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/>

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