**MWMS PTA Newsletter**

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

**From the PTA**

We hope everyone has had an amazing start to the new school year. 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!

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>

Warmly,

YOUR MWMS PTA

1. **PURCHASE A PTA MEMBERSHIP!!!** It’s so easy to do. Your one-time donation of at least $10-$15 ($10 for one PTA membership, $15 for two) goes straight into the MWMS PTA account to benefit our MWMS Community, Staff and Students. Plus, with the new PayPal link on our website it is even easier to join. Please help us achieve 100% participation!
2. **PURCHASE SPIRIT GEAR.** Show your Bulldog pride and help support the PTA by purchasing apparel.
3. **COLLECT COUPONS for CA$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](http://www.boxtops4education.com/?dclid=CIrNqs_ExM8CFdcMNwod-OIIUA)

[Giant A+ School Rewards](http://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/) (MWMS is School #02707)

[Labels for Education](http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About-the-Program)

[My Coke Rewards](https://www.mycokerewards.com/content/how-it-works.html)

[Target RedCard](http://www.target.com/c/redcard/-/N-4tfyn)

1. **ATTEND RESTAURANT NIGHTS.** Enjoy the night off from cooking while supporting the MWMS PTA.
2. **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.
3. **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!
4. **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!
5. **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.

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**Stay Connected with MWMS PTA**

PTA Email: [mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com)

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

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

PTA Newsletter Submissions: [mwmsptaweb@gmail.com](mailto:mwmsptaweb@gmail.com)

PTA Facebook Page: [MWMS PTA Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=mwms%20pta)

PTA Twitter Account: [Mayfield Woods MS PTA](https://twitter.com/search?q=mayfield%20woods%20ms%20pta&src=typd)

MWMS Music Boosters Email: [mwmsmusicboosters@gmail.com](https://twitter.com/search?q=mayfield%20woods%20ms%20pta&src=typd)

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**Save the Dates**

9/4 - 10/3: Yankee Candle Fundraiser

10/1: Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Night, 5:00 - 9:00 PM, (Dobbin)

10/10: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

10/19: Schools Closed

11/2: Fall Dance, 7:00 PM

11/14: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

11/29 School Play (Annie), Cafeteria 7:00 PM

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12/12: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

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**PTA News**

**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***](http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com)

**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

You should have already received information about the MWMS PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Please consider purchasing merchandise (great for Holiday Gifts and Teacher Appreciation Gifts) or donate directly to the PTA.

**SPIRIT WEAR**

Order forms for spirit wear should be coming home soon. But for a sneak peek take a look at the attached order form.

**CHICK-FIL-A RESTAURANT NIGHT**

Join fellow MWMS families for PTA Restaurant Night at Chick-Fil-A. Twenty percent of all supporter sales will go towards staff and student incentives and help MWMS PTA sponsor the MWMS fall drama production. Add the date to your calendar today and take the night off from cooking to ***directly benefit MWMS students***!

A printed flyer must be shown to qualify all orders. Don’t forget to spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Please see attached flyer.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1: CHICK-FIL- A, 5:00 – 9:00 PM**

* DINE-IN & CARRY-OUT orders are eligible.
* Supporters must show printed flyer *before* paying.
* Questions? Contact: Karen Brower [*karen\_brower@hcpss.org*](mailto:karen_brower@hcpss.org)
* Chick-Fil-A at Dobbin Center
* 6375 Dobbin Road, Columbia, MD

**MS. KUPERMAN’s “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 @ [**annette\_kuperman@hcpss.org**](http://www.pta.org/benefits)

**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, Oct. 10, 2018, 7:00 PM: *MWMS Media Center*

**MWMS PTA PRESENTS: Annie**

Congratulations to everyone who received a part in the Cast/Crew of the MWMS Fall Production: Annie!

    •Performance Dates: Thursday, Nov. 29 and Friday, Nov. 30 – 7:00 PM

**PTA POSITIONS OPEN for 2018-19 SCHOOLYEAR**

Interested in becoming part of the **MWMS PTA**? Make your voice heard. Have your ideas considered. Support MWMS Teachers and Staff. Help make MWMS the best it can be for our students. Enjoy being a part of the MWMS community.

Positions Needed:

**CAC Rep (1 person)**

**Cultural Arts (2 people)**

**Hispanic Liaison (2 people)**

**Reflections (1 person)**

**Scholastic Book Fair (2 people)**

**School Store (2 people)**

**Social Media (1 person)**

We look forward to welcoming you!

*Check out additional benefits of being a PTA member:* [**http://www.pta.org/benefits**](http://www.pta.org/benefits)

**Community Events**

* HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police will host another convenient drive-thru medication Take Back Day on Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.  At these events, we collect unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications and “sharps” (needles, syringes and EpiPens).
* The Howard County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee will be holding a two-part information session on reading and dyslexia. The first session will be on September 24th at 7:00 PM at Ellicott Mills Middle School and will feature Karleen Spitulnik from Decoding Dyslexia Maryland. The second session will be on October 29th at 7:00 PM at Clarksville Middle School and will feature Fran Bowman, Author and Dyslexia Advocate.

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