



# The Swan

PTA Newsletter

March 2017

## Important Dates

March 13th- Chipotle at Columbia Mall  
March 15th- 1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Program  
March 22nd- PTA Meeting  
March 31st- Paint Nite  
April 6th- STEM Night  
April 19th- Ledo's Pizza in Oakland Mills  
April 26th- PTA Meeting  
May 1-5- Staff Appreciation Week/Book Fair  
May 5- Bike-to-School Day  
May 12- Field Day  
May 18- Field Day (Rain Date)  
May 19th- School Dance  
May 24th- Three Brothers Italian Restaurant

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## From the President



I want to thank everyone who came out to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Game Night, Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction. It was a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next PTA meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm to help us start planning for next year and to welcome our new treasurer- a familiar face- 3rd grade teacher Elizabeth Wyant to the board. Please make sure that you keep up with all the news and events on our web site <http://swansfieldpta.org/> and our Facebook page.

## Membership

Make your voice heard! Joining the PTA shows the community that parents are involved and want to make their children's school the best it can be. If you can attend PTA meetings, you will have the opportunity to voice your suggestions for a better school. If you haven't already, please consider joining the PTA. You can either follow this link <http://swansfieldpta.org/about-us/membership/> or return the membership form at the bottom of this newsletter with payment in your child's Monday folder.

Currently, membership is at 176 members with \$1,554 in donations. We thank everyone who has already shown their support by joining and we hope to see membership grow with you! If you have any questions about membership, please contact Julie Hellmer at [vicepresident2@swansfieldpta.org](mailto:vicepresident2@swansfieldpta.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Budget

Planning for next year starts long before the new school year starts. With that being said we are looking for 3 to 5 people to help work with the school, chair heads, and treasurer to make the 2017-2018 budget proposal for the PTA. If you are interested or have questions please e-mail Mariah Tavary at [president@swansfieldptapta.org](mailto:president@swansfieldptapta.org)

### Other PTA Committees

We need your help! The PTA cannot run without people stepping forward and helping us out. Right now we need people to head these programs: Swansfield Swings, Striders (next fall if construction allows), Spirit Wear, Schoolkidz, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chairperson. If any of these sound like something you might be interested in, please e-mail Mariah Tavary at [president@swansfieldpta.org](mailto:president@swansfieldpta.org).

### Carson Reading Room

If you enjoy connecting young readers to good books please consider volunteering for Swansfield's Carson Reading Room. It only takes thirty minutes a week! Founded by the Carson Scholars Fund and organized by our PTA, the CRR encourages leisure reading by bringing small groups of students to an interesting and varied collection of books. Volunteers will escort a group of students from their homeroom to the CRR for a twenty-minute reading period. Depending on the age of the students, volunteers can read books aloud, assist young readers with their books or help older students browse the collection and supervise their independent reading. If you have further questions, please contact Amy Zezula at [carsonreading@swansfieldpta.org](mailto:carsonreading@swansfieldpta.org)

To volunteer with students or in the school you must complete the HCPSS volunteer training packet and sign and turn in the completed form to the front office. Information is available on the school website at <http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

## **Fundraisers**

### Boxtops



As of March 1st, Swansfield has collected more than **6,600** boxtops! We are able to use all the funds from redeemed Boxtops to help keep our Swansfield teachers supplied with valuable classroom materials. This year it is more important than ever that everyone collect as many Boxtops as possible so our teachers don't have to spend their dollars on supplies. To make things fun, we have a class contest to see which homeroom can contribute the most Boxtops. The winning class each week receives "Smencils!!" The winning class each quarter receives the Golden Box Tops Trophy and a popsicle party! Please keep

turning in your Boxtops by placing them in a baggie labeled with both your child's and teacher's name or attach them to the Boxtops Sheets sent home previously and send them back to school in any Monday communication folder. Help your child's class win the competition and help your child's teacher receive the classroom supplies he or she needs!

### Restaurant Nights

Restaurant Nights are events at area restaurants in which a portion of the proceeds from the event are donated to the school PTA. Reminders will be sent home along with additional information in Monday communication folders. The following events have been planned for the rest of the year:

- March 13th- Chipotle at the Mall in Columbia
- April 19th- Ledo's Pizza at 6955 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia, MD 21045
- May 24th- Three Brothers Italian Restaurant at 7090 Deepage Dr, Columbia, MD 21045



Thanks to Uno's for hosting our last restaurant night. The PTA raised over \$300.00. Thanks to those of you who participated in this event- it's great to see faces from school outside of school and the money helps the PTA mission.



### Yankee Candle Fundraiser for 5th Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders need your help! To help with end-of-the-year events, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are selling Yankee Candles. Please follow the link or talk to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on ways that you can order your Yankee Candle today! [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) group # is 999966279



## Shoparoo

We've raised over \$120 with Shoparoo so far this year! Amazing! Keep snapping your receipts and tell your friends and family. The more receipts we snap, the more we earn!



## **Upcoming Events**

### 1,2,3 Magic Parent Program

Swansfield is hosting 1,2,3 Magic Parent Program by Lacey Tsonis on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

### Paint Nite

Inviting all creative spirits! Explore your inner artist while raising money for Swansfield PTA.

We're hosting a Paint Nite, where a local artist will assist and inspire us while we mix and mingle. Paint Nite is March 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be available. Tickets are available now at

<http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/baltimore/1145924>. Tickets must be purchased by **Wednesday, March**

**15**. Get yours now!

### STEM Night

April 6, 2017- S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Night at Swansfield Elementary School. Calls for volunteers have been made in Swansfield News emails. If you have a STEM background please consider contributing your expertise at the STEM Night.

### PTA General Meetings

March 22, 2017 at 6:30pm, a General PTA Meeting will be held at the school to vote on the proposed modification to the budget. Childcare will be available.

April 26, 2017 at 6:30pm, the final General PTA Meeting will be held at the school. Childcare will be available.

### Staff Appreciation Week



May 1-5<sup>th</sup> will be this year's staff appreciation week. During this week we show how much we love our staff here at Swansfield and say Thank you! More information about ideas for classroom teachers and what the PTA will be doing this week will be in the April newsletter.

### Spring Book Fair

This spring's book fair will be May 1-5<sup>th</sup>! It will be a "buy one get one free" event to help stock up for summer reading. This spring the book fair will be open two evenings for parents to come with their kids to select books. More information will be coming out later this month including times and opportunities to volunteer.



### Bike to School Day

Friday, May 5 will be bike-to-school day. More details will be sent home in future newsletters and Monday Folders.

PTA Election

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will hold our yearly elections and vote for officers for the next two years of the PTA. This year the President, VP 1(school relations) and corresponding secretary are up for election. Also at the end of the year we will also need to replace our VP 2 (membership). We need 3 to 5 people to help us find candidates to fill these positions and help answer questions regarding each job. If you are interested or have questions please e-mail Mariah Tavary at [president@swansfieldptapta.org](mailto:president@swansfieldptapta.org).



**Membership/Donation Form**

Parent/Guardian Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$10.00 \$20.00   Annual dues: \$10 per person, paid by cash or check (payable to "Swansfield PTA") Donation

Student(A) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(A) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher(A) \_\_\_\_\_

Student(B) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(B) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher(B) \_\_\_\_\_

Student(C) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(C) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher(C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form with your payment in your child's Monday Folder. Thank you for your support!