



The Swan

PTA Newsletter

October 2016

Important Dates

October 25 6:30pm-7:30pm- Swansfield Town Hall
November 9- Swansfield Swings Event
November 16 5pm-10pm- Jason's Deli Fundraiser
November 21 1pm-9pm- Joe Corbi's Order Pick Up
November 21- Book Fair Preview
November 21 & 22- Conferences
November 28- December 2- Fall Book Fair
December 9- Multi-Cultural Night
January 24 6:30pm- PTA Meeting

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From the President

As the leaves fall and everyone has settled into their school routines, and the first phase of our school renovation is finished, I want to say thank you to all the families who helped out with our Joe Corbi's fall fundraiser. Don't forget that pick up is November 21st. Our Box Top collections are going great. The kids love watching their flowers grow and being the Box Top hero of the week. Keep clipping- all monies earned go to help the school staff. Please look for any updates and upcoming events on our website and Facebook page.



Membership

We are off to a good start this year for PTA Memberships, but we still need YOU! If you haven't already, please consider joining the PTA. You can either follow this link <http://swansfieldpta.org/about-us/membership/> or return your membership envelope with payment in your child's Monday folder.

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

Swansfield Town Hall

On Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, the administration invites parents to join them for a Town Hall Meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about some of the things going on at Swansfield. See <http://ses.hcpss.org/messages/swansfield-elementary-town-hall> for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

The PTA is always looking for volunteers to assist with PTA-sponsored programs and activities. If you would be interested in helping out or have any questions please contact any PTA board member. Specific opportunities are below.

We are currently seeking someone to oversee the following programs:

- Spring Dance
- Staff Appreciation
- Cash Back Programs
- Silent Auctions – Helping to solicit donations

Volunteer! Here are a few opportunities to help out:

Monday Folders – Compile folders in conjunction with teachers and paraeducators.

Fundraisers – Help the fundraising chair with orders and distribution when orders are delivered.

Multi-Cultural Night – Volunteers are needed to organize a presentation of a country, to help with the parade of nations, and to provide plates, napkins, cutlery and cups for that evening.

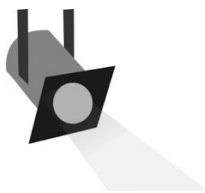
Staff appreciation – Help the chair organize staff appreciation events.

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

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

Staff Spotlight



Doni Rosanova has been a paraeducator at Swansfield for eighteen years. She started as the paraeducator in the Media Center before transitioning to 4th grade. This year marks her second year as the paraeducator for the 2nd grade. Ms Rosanova describes her role as paraeducator as being like an office manager for the 2nd grade. Her responsibilities include managing Monday folders, planning field trips, ensuring that the classroom teachers have materials for their classes, which includes copying and laminating worksheets, preparing science kits, and making art orders. She also helps serve breakfast and has duty at lunch and recess. In addition, Ms Rosanova enjoys listening and talking with the students she works with. Though she loves Swansfield so much that she describes it as her second home, she also has interests outside of school. Those interests include family, relaxing, reading, sewing, music, and especially her grandchildren. We are grateful for all of the thankless tasks that Mrs. Rosanova and all of the school's paraeducators do for our students, teachers, and staff. Thank you.

Fundraisers

As of September 26, Swansfield has collected **2,808** box tops! 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 will have a class contest to see which homeroom can contribute the most Boxtops. The winning class will receive "Smencils!!" Please place your Boxtops 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 so far:

-November 16th 5:00pm - 10:00pm at Jason's Deli located at 8874 McGaw Rd, Columbia, MD 21045

Thanks to Chick-Fil-A for hosting our first restaurant night. The PTA raised over \$200. Thanks to those of you who participated in this event.

Shoparoo

We're one month into our fundraising year with Shoparoo and we've already raised more than \$25.00! Keep snapping and remember, the more people we've got snapping receipts, the more money we'll raise! Tell your family and friends too! Don't forget to check out the Shoparoo facebook page - their contests can get us even more points. If you have questions, contact Emily Steele at recording@swansfieldpta.org.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date for Swansfield Swings

Gather your family and friends and plan to join us for a party on Wednesday evening, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Harper's Choice Middle School when we present our annual music fest SWANSFIELD SWINGS!!!! This year we will be presenting an exhilarating performance that benefits the Swansfield Music Department.



Come and see the "The Messengers with vocals by Monica Schwartz and DeCarlo Raspberry in an evening of Jazz." You can also see some special performances as Swansfield students and teachers sing and dance their hearts out! Information about ordering tickets will be sent home in your child's Monday folder.

We need VOLUNTEERS for the NIGHT OF the event to:

- *Help at the bake sale table
- *Help at the check-in/ticket table
- *Donate bake sale items

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Hellmer at vicepresident2@swansfieldpta.org



Fall Book Fair November 28 - December 2nd

This year the Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 28th through December 2nd. Parents will have an opportunity to help their children create a wish list during the Book Fair preview event that will happen the week of November 21st. More details will be available as we get closer to the event.

Multi-Cultural Night December 9th

Please mark your calendars for Multi-Cultural Night on December 9th! This year's theme will be "Holidays Around the World". If you are interested in participating, please contact Erin Mitchell or Theresa Bobier at multicultural@swansfieldpta.org



Shout Outs

Spirit Wear

Congratulations to 5th Grader Hope Dzuray for her winning t-shirt design. Thanks to more than 40 students who submitted designs that were voted on during the Back to School nights. The shirts that will be made based on this winning design will be for sale in October and the start of November. Order forms will be sent home in Monday folders.



Walk-to-School Day

County Executive Allan Kittleman celebrated Walk-to-School day with Swansfield students, families, and staff. Thanks to everyone who made this a successful and fun event.

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!