



# The Swan

PTA Newsletter

November 2016

## Important Date

November 14-18 American Education Week  
November 16 5pm-10pm- Jason's Deli Fundraiser  
November 21 2pm-6pm- 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  
December 13- Corner Bakery Fundraiser  
January 24 6:30pm- PTA Meeting

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## From the President



It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to start the second grading period of this year and the second phase of construction is underway. I want to thank all of our hard-working chair heads and all the volunteers who have made all the great events and programs happen so far this year. Please plan on joining us on January 24<sup>th</sup> for our general PTA meeting where we will start planning for next fall. Please check out our website [swansfieldpta.org](http://swansfieldpta.org) for more information and for up-to-the minute information go to our Facebook site.

## 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.

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

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

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](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>

### Staff Appreciation

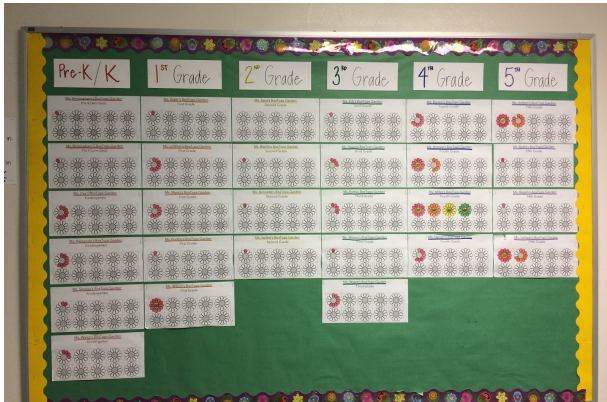
Parent-teacher conferences are coming up, and the PTA is providing dinner for our hard-working teachers on the first night of conferences, November 21. We need your help! Please sign up to bring a dish at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084badab2ba5f85-november>

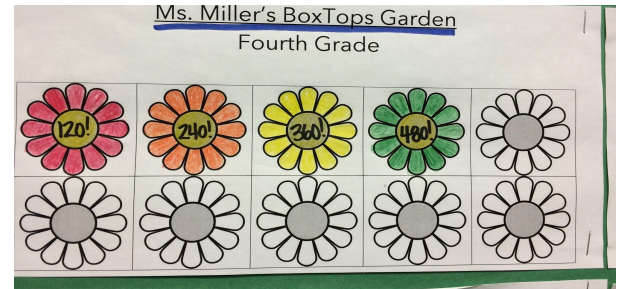
This year we're only providing meals to teachers during the conferences (November and February), so let's make this one count!

## Fundraisers

As of October 30, Swansfield has collected **4,146** 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 each week will receive "Smencils!!" The winning class each quarter will receive the Golden Box Tops Trophy and a popsicle party! This quarter's winner is Ms Miller's 4th grade class. 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
- December 13th at the Corner Bakery near Columbia Mall at 10000 Town Center Ave A

Thanks to Panera Bread for hosting our second restaurant night. The PTA raised \$190.00. Thanks to those of you who participated in this event.

### Shoparoo

We've reached \$50 earned with Shoparoo! Amazing! Keep snapping receipts and if you haven't yet, download the app - the more people we have snapping, the more money our school gets!

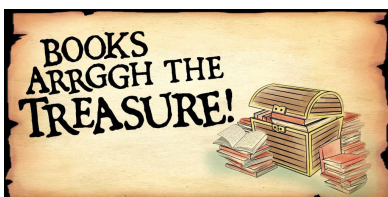
### Joe Corbi's Pick Up

Joe Corbi's pick-up will be November 21st. Orders will be ready beginning at 2:00pm and all orders must be picked up no later than 6:00pm.

## Upcoming Events

### American Education Week November 14 - 18th

Swansfield will be celebrating American Education Week with a kick-off Ready to Learn event Monday, November 14th at 9am at Swansfield. The school will have an open house the entire week during which parents, caregivers, and community members are welcome to visit the school. Details have been sent home in Monday folders and are available on the Swansfield website..



### Fall Book Fair November 28 - December 2nd

Book fair dates are November 28 through December 2nd. Students will be visiting the book fair during media time. Parent preview will be on Monday, November 21 during conference hours.

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](mailto:multicultural@swansfieldpta.org)

PTA General Meeting

January 24, 2016 at 6:30pm the second General PTA Meeting will be held at the school. Childcare will be available.

**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!