



Dolphin's Splash

The Monthly Travilah Elementary School PTA Newsletter
PTA President: Bryan Greenwald

November 30, 2018

President's Message

Season's Greetings!

During this season when we offer thanks and share what we have with family and friends, remember the people who share their days with our kids.

During this holiday season when we give to those in our hearts to show how much we care, remember the people who give their days to our kids.

While you celebrate with family and friends, remember to share a thought, and give space in your heart, for our teachers, our staff, and our school!

Seasons Greetings



Calendar of Events

December

4	7 pm	PTA Meeting
10	7 pm	Winter Concert
21	-	School Spirit Day
24 – 1	-	Winter Break

January

9	7 pm	World Culture Night Rehearsal
11	7 pm	World Culture Night
11-25	-	Read-a-thon
16	7 pm – 8:30 pm	Read-A-thon PJ Party
21	-	Holiday, No School
25	-	School Spirit Day Early Release
28	-	Professional Day, No School
30	7 pm	Winter Concert

PTA Reflections in Travilah This Year: Calling All Artists

COMMITTEE CHAIR: RAMYA KUMAR

Dates Extended for submitting your artworks!

You now have until Dec 1st to show your artistic talents. The PTA Reflections contest is an arts recognition and achievement program for students sponsored by the National PTA. Students of all grades are encouraged to produce an original, artistic entry in the categories of literature, photography, movie, music and visual arts. Each art piece must interpret the theme "HEROES AROUND ME".

Entries are due to the front office by December 1st.

For more details contact: TravilahPtaReflections@gmail.com.



Travilah Beautification/Landscape Project

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MAURA PRATT

Have you noticed the leaves and branches that fall down on school property after a storm? Or, the piles of Fall leaves needing to be raked up?

Have a Scout troop or other youth service group that would like to earn SSL hours, weeding or picking up trash on school grounds?

Email me with questions or comments at maurapratt2013@gmail.com, or just put on your gardening gloves and head on over to the school!

Autumn is a second Spring, when every leaf is a flower. – Albert Camus



Wootton High School Play - Peter and The Starcatcher

You are cordially invited to the Wootton High School fall play, Peter and the Starcatcher. Peter and the Starcatcher is a prequel to Peter Pan told in a "storybook" style with plenty of laughs. Peter is aimed at middle school and elementary school age students. Students have worked hard to prepare this show and they would be thrilled to have you and your family join for their three shows this week.

The following are the dates for the show:

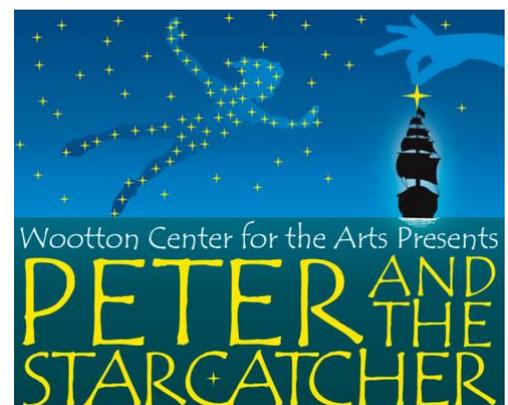
- This Thursday, November 29 at 7pm
- This Friday, November 30 at 7pm
- This Saturday, December 1 at 7pm

Tickets for all shows and more information can be found at <http://www.woottonarts.com>. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

For regular updates about show and behind-the-scenes content, please check out their Facebook page: TSWHS Theatre Publicity, Instagram: @woottontheatre and Twitter: @woottontheatre.

Wootton Theatre Marketing Team

Sean White, Marisa Silverman, and Avana Wang



Enchanted Forest Book Fair

The PTA sponsored Scholastic Enchanted Forest Book Fair was a great success!

Almost \$16,000 in books were sold, \$700 in books were donated to the media center and about \$4,400 was raised for the PTA. The Enchanted Book Fair was a huge success thanks to the support of all our students and their families, as well as the teachers and staff!



A special thanks to our wonderful volunteers that included: Lynn Grainger, Carolyn Briskman, Willie Johnson, Janine Hackett, Nilou Mohazzabi, Jocelyn Tejerina, Debbie Brancho, Becky Zief, Meskerem Gurmu, Crystal Kwon, Lauri Noble, Karina Woo, Eunkyung Han, Jodi Rosenman, Jennifer Meyers, Maria Iano, Katie Basilio, Jing Zhang, Michael Wu, Jackie Oberst, Meskerem Gurmu, Nicole Lockhart, Ting Wang, Sakshi Aggarwal, Natalya Dvorson, Jing Zhang, and Yoonie Min who provided a fabulous breakfast for our Teacher Preview. And of course, our amazing decorations committee: Elena Christopher and Golda Jeffries.

Happy reading and see you next year at the Book Fair!

PTA Fundraising - Holiday Gifts

CONTACT: HOLLY AKLI

How is your holiday shopping going? Looking for great gifts without leaving home? Yankee Candle has wonderful holiday gifts and holiday gear including candles, wrapping paper, popcorn and more. Use the link below through January 9th to make purchases that will support our PTA. Items ship directly to your home.

Contact Holly Akli at mooserdva@yahoo.com with any questions.

*Please note: The Multi-Holiday Countdown Blocks are on back-order. If you purchased this item, you will be notified when it arrives.



Wootton High School, Girls Basketball, Community Day

This year's Wootton High School, Girls Basketball, Community Day is December 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 11:00am. As always it will be in the main gym at Wootton High School. This is a FREE basketball clinic put on by the head coach of the Lady Patriots, Maggie Dyer.

Come out and meet the coaches and players of Wootton. This event is for girls, grades K through 8th. All skill levels are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything, just yourself!

Make this your team practice for the day, there will be a ton of great drills and skills competitions.

We hope to see you there!



Staff Cookie Exchange

Show your appreciation for the wonderful staff and teachers at Travilah by participating in the staff cookie exchange. This year the cookie exchange will be held on Thursday, December 20.

Please sign up to bring at least 2 to 4 dozen cookies each, preferably homemade. They will be distributed to the staff and teachers in bags so they have a nice assortment to take home.

Please watch for a Sign-up Genius link to be sent out by email.



Comment Sought on Four Board of Education Policies - MCPS

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking comment on four policies—Policy BBB, Ethics; Policy BFA, Policysetting; Policy IGK, Career and Technology Education; and Policy KEA, Political Campaigns and Political Materials.

Visit this webpage to read the draft policies and to offer comment:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/policy-for-public-comment.aspx>

Public comments on Policy KEA, Political Campaigns and Political Materials are due by Sunday, Dec. 16. Comments on Policy BBB, Ethics; Policy BFA, Policysetting; and Policy IGK, Career and Technology Education must be submitted by January 13, 2019.

Join the PTA!

So far for the 2018-2019 school year, we have 226 individuals from 154 families that have become members. This represents less than 60% of our school. If you haven't, yet, joined the PTA for this school year please do so! All of the money we bring in goes back to the school, to the teachers, to cultural assemblies, and to various community events. Encourage your neighbors to join as well! The directory booklets from AtoZ were distributed to students on November 16th. We still have a few left over so join today!

Thank you to Angela Hall for the great effort and time she spent collecting payments and distributing the booklets, and thanks to Mrs. Foecking and Mrs. Hairston for verifying the school/staff info and printing the labels, also I would like to thank Yun Zhang for coordinating with the Montgomery County PTA on the membership cards.

Thankfulness

Be thankful this sharing day with a happy, thankful, giving heart. Be thankful for what we have because others have nothing. Though you may be one thousand miles apart, and in your heart is the only place where you are near. Be thankful on every day of every month of every year.

By: Sophia G



Thanks!

The board would like to thank:

- Crystal Carpenter Kwon for organizing the Treats for Troops candy collection
- Travilah donated 200 pounds of candy for Soldier's Angels Treats for Troops!
- Angela Hall and Yun Zhang for their efforts on PTA membership activities
- Andrea Goren for organizing and running Halloween Happenings, and to Todd Goren, Allie Shakarji, Norma Jeffers, and Bryan Greenwald for their help with the party for future Travilah Kindergarteners!
- Lynn Grainger and all the room parents for planning the Halloween parties for the students
- Robyn Bender and Debbie Rothbard for all the hard work they put into the amazingly wonderful book fair
- All our Cub and Girl Scouts for their participation in the Veterans Day celebration



Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can help our PTA while shopping this holiday season, at absolutely no cost to you?

When you shop at www.smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Travilah ES PTA to help support your child's school activities.

What to do:

1. Sign in to your Amazon account at www.smile.amazon.com
2. Search and select Travilah Elementary School PTA as your charitable organization
3. Next time you shop, be sure to go to www.smile.amazon.com and NOT www.amazon.com

Bookmark www.smile.amazon.com to help remember to start your shopping there. Remember there is absolutely **no cost** to you!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Learn Coding with Panda Programmer



Instead of just PLAYING video games, have your kids DESIGN and PROGRAM them!

After school at Travilah ES Tuesdays 3:50 pm to 5:50 pm
Summer Coding Camps
Weekend classes in the Kentlands

- Coding classes for students in K to grade 5
- No computer experience necessary
- We supply the computers (one per student)
- Students learn structured programming, how to make games, animations, etc.

• Kids love it!

Details and Pricing

- \$209 per 6-week session.
- We have 2 curricula: K - grade 2, and grades 3 +
- [Register, learn more on-line at www.PandaProgrammer.com](http://www.PandaProgrammer.com)
- Makeup classes will be held the following week in the event of bad weather, or school closure
- See the web-site for when the next session begins!

Contact us at info@PandaProgrammer.com
or (443) 26-PANDA
Learn more at www.PandaProgrammer.com

GIRLS BASKETBALL COMMUNITY DAY



with the Wootton High School
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

All Wootton Cluster K - 8th grade girls
are invited to a basketball clinic
with the Lady Patriots!

Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:30 a.m. - 11:00
Wootton Main Gym*

*Park in the lower lot and follow signs to the gym.

- Practice dribbling, shooting & rebounding with the Wootton players and coaches - a great opportunity for all girls!
- FUN for everyone & all skill levels are welcome!
- There is no charge for this event ~ just bring your enthusiasm and come dressed to play!

Questions? Please contact Head Coach Maggie Dyer at Maggie_M_Dyer@mcpsmd.org.

CLUSTER FAMILIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT WOOTTON GAMES! For more information about the basketball program, and to check out the team's schedule, please go to <http://leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wootton>. Thank you & GO PATRIOTS!

TRAVILAH E.SCHOOL

WORLD CULTURAL NIGHT

FRIDAY JANUARY 11TH
FROM 7 TO 9

TRAVILAH ALL PURPOSE ROOM
FOOD / MUSIC / DANCE / ART

Consider participating in this wonderful event to experience and celebrate the colorful cultural diversity our school has to offer.

Interested?
Please fill in the form below

Return it by **December 7, 2018**

Questions? Email Kathy at kathypamir@yahoo.com or Nilo at travilah.pta.vp@gmail.com

My Info –	I would like to – (Check all that apply)
Child's Name _____	Name of country for exhibit _____
Teacher & Grade _____	Bring food _____
Parent's Name _____	Share a craft/game _____
Phone Number _____	Culture Performance (max. 2 minutes) _____
Email _____	_____