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Happy New Year Gators! I hope you all had a happy and healthy winter break. Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th in the media center from 7-8pm, babysitting will be available. Mrs Zimmerman will be discussing Greenwood's recent Maryland state Report Card. You are welcome to join even if you are not yet a member of the PTA, we'd love to see you there and have your input.

Prior to the PTA meeting there will be a variety show meeting for any interested volunteers. We need your help to make this years show a success. The most urgent jobs have been added to this [sign up genius](#), please consider helping out.

Don't miss out on Bingo Night, see below for details! Also in January, on the 26th the 5th Grade is holding a Fundraiser with raffle items at Olney Winery. Money raised will go towards the 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony and other associated costs. You can purchase tickets to this event [here](#).

We are in need of Spring Fair Coordinators! If you are interested in helping to plan this amazing end of the year celebration please let me know (President@Greenwood-PTA.org).

Bingo Night

Greenwood's Annual Bingo Night will be Friday, January 17th from 6-8:00pm in the cafeteria of Rosa Parks Middle School. Advance ticket sales are going on NOW! Orders must be placed before January 10th. ***No tickets will be given, your name will be listed at the door.***If you have any questions, please contact Katie Phillips via email katie.judge@gmail.com. Below are the ticket options:

Advance ticket price: \$7 a slice of pizza, a BINGO packet and a drink.

Advance family ticket price: \$30 for a large cheese or pepperoni pizza, 4 BINGO packets and 4 drinks.

Day of admission price: \$7 for each BINGO packet only.

Additional concessions will be available for sale.

Bingo packet = 9 games (1 adult only round)

Don't miss out on this fun annual event!

We need adult volunteers to help out at the event, you can sign up [here](#). Thanks!

Teacher Appreciation

The 2nd Semester begins the last week of January! We'd like to support our staff by having a 2nd Semester Supply Cart! We will walk this cart through the hallways to allow the teachers to "shop" for any supplies that they may need. We are seeking donations of classroom supplies for the teachers to shop from. Please see the link to the amazon wish list. If you would like, feel free to purchase straight from the wish list. You may also purchase items from the store and arrange a drop off with melissafrye13@gmail.com. If there is something that you think of that is not on the list, feel free to purchase that as well! Thank you for helping to provide a morale boost for our teachers and help provide them with supplies to make their job a little easier

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M6JSP1IQQR46?ref_=wl_share

Variety Show

The 2020 Greenwood Variety Show will take place on May 16 at 2pm @ Sherwood High School. To sign up your 5th grader, [please click here](#) and complete the form. To sign up your child in grades K-4, [please click here](#). The signup deadline is January 5, 2020.

The Variety Show store is now available in Membership Toolkit. You can purchase photos, advertising, shout outs and the DVD. Go to <https://greenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>, select the General Store and then the Variety Show store; you can also use the app. In the store you'll also find the required 5th grade props fee. T-shirts will be sold separately beginning January 1, details to follow.

We're in great need of parent volunteers, please consider helping out.

Culture Night

Culture Night is coming!!!! Mark your calendars for Thursday February 20th for a night of international intrigue and delight! It's a night of fun and learning as we have four main components of the evening.

Tour of Countries: Students and their families create small displays showcasing a country. They create a display board as well as bring trinkets, small activities, and/or food to highlight what they love about the people and culture of that country. Then as students come to experience Culture Night they walk around the Tour of Countries in the APR and mark off in their passports the countries they visited and what they learned about them.

Culture Night Performance: Students and parents share their talents that have origins all over the world. In the past we've had a bagpiper, Dandiya Raas (Traditional Indian dance), Ecuadorian song, and Irish Step dancing. We'd love to have YOU!

Fashion Show: Wearing traditional dress, students walk around the APR and end on stage where their names and country represented are announced.

Language Lab: Visit the tables in the media center to new ways to communicate all over the world. We have had volunteers representing 10 different languages ready to share frequently used phrases. There's always a prize if you are able to share a new word that you learn as you leave the lab!

So, what do we need from you? Consider signing up to share a culture or talent that you love with our community. There will be a signup genius coming soon. Do you speak a language other than English? Consider joining our volunteers in the language lab. We will need volunteers for set up and clean up as well as welcome desk and craft table. We will be taking some SSL volunteers as well. A sign up for SSL will come out soon.

If you have any questions, or want to be an adult volunteer please contact melissafrye13@gmail.com

MCPS Boundary Analysis

The boundary analysis within MCPS is ongoing. All residents of Montgomery County are invited to attend to learn more about the Boundary Analysis process and give feedback on opportunities and challenges with our public schools. The dates and locations of the meetings are as follows:

- January 7 at Walter Johnson High School
- January 11 at Montgomery Blair High School
- January 14 at Northwest High School

Contact the Board of Education and tell them your opinion as a parent/resident of the SHERWOOD CLUSTER at boe@mcpsmd.org or call 240-740-3030.

For community members who are unable to attend a regional public meeting on the districtwide boundary analysis, MCPS has made an online version of the presentation available online. The presentation is organized into video sections. Each section includes specific areas for feedback.

MCCPTA news

The third Annual MCPS-MCCPTA Mental Health and Wellness Forum is Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1:00-5:00 pm at Earle B. Wood Middle School, 14615 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853 Register online at <https://bit.ly/2P0P3iw>

For more information including itinerary visit the Greenwood PTA [website](#).

Youth Mental Health and Wellness is a critical issue in Montgomery County and the nation. This forum allows families, students, and staff to learn more about the challenges we face and find resources within MCPS and in the wider community.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are now on sale. The earlybird price is \$20 and can be ordered online only. For information on how to order please visit the PTA website, <http://greenwood-pta.org/>.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Week of January 7th: Winter Creative Enrichment After School programs begin

January 7th: PTA meeting 7-8pm in the media center

Variety Show Volunteer meeting 6:30-7:00pm

January 7th: 7pm Boundary Analysis Meeting at Walter Johnson High School

January 11th: 10am Boundary Analysis Meeting at Montgomery Blair High School

January 11th: Mental Health & Wellness Forum (1-5pm, Wood MS)

January 13th: BOE Operating Budget Hearing

January 14th: 7pm Boundary Analysis Meeting at Northwest High School

January 15th: BOE Operating Budget Hearing

January 17th: GES Annual Bingo Night

January 20th: School Closed

January 22nd: Dining Night Out at Mamma Lucia's

January 24th: Early Release

January 26th: 5th Grade Fundraiser <https://www.facebook.com/events/594313968038985/>

January 27th: School Closed

February: Winter MAP and COGAT testing

February 20: Culture Night

February 29: Gator Gala

March 2-6: Spring Book Fair and Read Across America Week

March 18th: 6-8pm Math and Reading Night

Please feel free to contact the PTA with any questions or comments. Your insights are invaluable to our school. If you have not done so already Like our Facebook page "Greenwood Elementary School PTA" and be sure to visit <http://greenwood-pta.org/> for up to date information. Hope to see you at our next PTA meeting, Tuesday, January 7th from 7-8pm.

Sincerely,

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