



Southwestern Elementary School

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We are expecting another GREAT year at Southwestern! Our theme this year is P.A.W.S. (Parents and Wonderful Students). In order for us to reach our goals this year, we need your continued support.

Have you ever wondered how you can support our students and school? You can join our PTA. Most parents think that they have to come to school to be a part of the PTA. This is not true. By joining the PTA for \$5.00, you are showing your support. These funds are used to support school programs, scholarships, field trips and other activities. Last year, we had 100% Faculty Membership and we are well on our way for meeting this goal again this year. This year, our focus is on increasing our family membership. We need your help in meeting this goal.

We will be having several activities. One will be our Family Fitness and Parent Information Night next month. This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the PTA and the school while also having the opportunity to participate in fun family fitness activities. Other planned events include a Movie Night to increase PTA membership, a Faculty/Staff Talent Show for our Scholarship Fund, our Holiday Gift Shop, a Bingo Night in April, and a SWE Family Day in June to show our appreciation for our SWE families. Our PTA also provides a school store so that students can purchase school supplies throughout the year.

Our Fall Fundraiser is now in progress. If you choose not to participate in the actual fundraiser, please feel free to send a donation of any amount. The Yankee Candle Fundraiser has an emoji incentive attached to it. That flyer went home separately with your child. Please send in the coupons for the correct number of sold items by your child on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They will be given their emoji.

On October 7th, we will be marching in the WBHS Homecoming Parade. The students are chosen by lottery in order to be fair to everyone. You will be notified if your child was chosen. At 3:30 PM on the 7th, we will meet at the Western Branch Primary School parking lot.

Please be looking out for our Reflections Program entry form. This year's theme is "What's Your Story?"

We are looking for Room Parents and volunteers. Please return the attached form to this letter if you are interested. Again, you can volunteer from home. Please choose the area that best suits you. If you think of something not listed, write it in. If you wish to join the PTA Board please let us know since there are committees that need helpers.

Please don't forget to send in your Box Tops and use your farm fresh key chains. Last year, we received \$800.00 from Box tops and 26,000 points from Farm Fresh. You can swipe multiple Farm Fresh key chains at one time. So, let's keep swiping and collecting those Box Tops.

We are expecting to have another successful and fun year but this can only take place with your help. Come join us to continue to make Southwestern Elementary the BEST school in the Chesapeake. If the PTA can assist in any way, please contact the school's office and leave a message for me. Again, thanks in advance for all of your support this year.

Joan Smith, SWE PTA President