The LuxLetter

Letter from the PTA President

Welcome to Luxmanor Elementary School- both old and new families, teachers, and staff- in the land of Covid! What an interesting experience it’s been during the last month of distance learning. Despite the chaos we face daily with getting the kids fed first thing in the morning, making sure they are logging themselves into their Chromebooks, and then conducting a full day of instruction as they would typically do on campus, it’s nice to know that we are mostly facing the same things collectively. It’s inspiring to see how our teachers and staff manage to keep many children in their seats at home while engaging them from across a screen. I’ve seen Luxmanor excel here, truly a Blue Ribbon school. That is something we can all be proud of!

There are many reasons to join the PTA and become a part of our team, first and foremost to benefit our children. There are other important advantages: helping to make positive change, emphasizing an importance on education, becoming part of a shared community, and a great way to exchange ideas through PTA meetings. We also have a wonderful team of dedicated members.

Given the times, the PTA is planning traditional events through untraditional (virtual) mediums, with creativity to make fun and unique experiences. We look forward to your participation! Please stay tuned for an upcoming survey to gather information on how PTA can benefit and better serve you. We will also be having a virtual town hall where we can hear from you. This is all very new and exciting, but hopefully we will get to meet again in person sooner than later.

Hoping that you and those close to you are happy and healthy!

Mickie Chandra
2020-2021 Luxmanor PTA President
mchandra.pta@gmail.com
Welcome Luxmanor Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year from your PTA Board. This year may look different than we hoped or expected, but that does not mean we can’t still support each other in the Luxmanor community!

Like teachers, staff, and families, the PTA is shifting gears to find a whole new way to operate this school year. Our mission to support the community remains the same. We are relying more than ever on online communication – please stay engaged with us there! On Facebook, we have the Luxmanor PTA page (which publishes general information) and the Luxmanor PTA Group, where we privately share details about student and event-specific information. If you are not a member of our listserv, please join that – we share similar announcements and activities there. See the information in this newsletter if you need help finding these.

Luxmanor PTA Contact Survey School Year 2020-2021
As a PTA we are trying to continue to build and support the Luxmanor Elementary Community. It would greatly help us out if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey so we can learn more about how to best serve our community. https://tinyurl.com/LuxmanorPTASurvey2020

Your PTA Board is always available for feedback and ideas (see contact information below). Stay tuned for more information as we announce activities for this year. We may not be able to see each other in person for a while, but we are still here virtually to serve you and our teachers/staff! If you are interested in volunteering for PTA events and activities, please email ptaluxletter@gmail.com.

We are kicking off a virtual fall MEMBERSHIP drive this month – please consider becoming a PTA member this year to have a say in shaping the programs and funding that we provide throughout the year. We can’t do it without your support! Please join online and pay the member fee via PayPal (link in the online form.) If you are unable to join online, please complete the membership form found on page 8 of this newsletter and mail your check to the address on the form.

Membership Registration Form: https://tinyurl.com/LuxMember20-21

Thank you and we look forward to a GREAT school year!
What’s Up This Month

October 2
Early release day

October 20
Welcome back parent town hall

October 26-28
Accepting entries for the Pumpkin decorating contest

October 29
Pumpkin decorating contest winner announced!

PTA Board of Directors 2020-2021

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Luxmanor Back to School (Virtual) Town Hall!

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.

At our town hall we will:
➔ Welcome New Luxmanor Families
➔ Discuss supporting our community during distance learning!
➔ Consider events for SY20-21

**Attention all families:**

As we work to support our community during distance learning, we would appreciate families completing this quick survey:

(You can also RSVP for the town hall on the survey and we will send a zoom link to those who RSVP)

[https://tinyurl.com/LuxmanorPTASurvey2020](https://tinyurl.com/LuxmanorPTASurvey2020)

If you have any questions please email Marcie Sun at marciefsun@hotmail.com
Welcome back to school! I have so enjoyed coming into your children’s’ Zoom classrooms and doing my social-emotional lessons with them. They greeted me so warmly and made me feel so welcome! As I told them when they said they missed me, I’ve also missed them!

I see how hard our educators are working throughout this pandemic to make their classrooms welcoming and as normal as possible. I also see and talk to you parents, who are doing so much to make this very difficult time work for your families. The educators and the families are my superheroes!

Let’s all remember, during this school year, what matters more than your child’s reading level, math test score, or attention span on Zoom, is that your child is feeling seen and supported. Tell your child every day that you see how hard they are working and that they are resilient!

Resiliency and kindness are my themes this year......building it and maintaining it. These are lifelong skills that we will all need in this world and are worth taking the time to make sure we are implementing and modeling these characteristics.

I will be in your children’s classrooms every 2-3 weeks with a social-emotional counseling lesson. On the off weeks, I am creating mindfulness and SEL lessons for the classroom teachers to show the students. In addition, every Monday and Wednesday from 12-1 pm, I have open office hours. The students and/or parents can access using their MCPS student IDs.

Gloria Silverberg Office Hours
Zoom ID#: 769 037 2815  Passcode: 501085

Please check out my counseling website on the Luxmanor webpage for new mindfulness and social emotional lessons and activities, as well as parent and mental health information. I update it frequently.
https://google.com/mcpsmd.net/luxmanorcounselingsite/home

Take good care everyone!
My name is Karen Foxman and I am the Cluster Representative for our school. I have a 4th grader, Ruth Pollak and a 2nd grader, Elliot Pollak at Luxmanor. They would both say that I am embarrassing them right now!

In my role as Cluster Representative, I attend meetings about once a month with the Cluster Representatives from the other schools in our cluster (Walter Johnson cluster). The Cluster Coordinators update us on issues that impact our cluster and community and what steps need to be taken to advocate for our interests.

Please look out for emails from me that could have information on the status of the reopening of Woodward High School to relieve overcrowding at Walter Johnson High School, about letter writing campaigns to the Board of Education and the Montgomery County Council, as well as information on other ways that we can support our school and cluster community.

Please reach out to me at karenfoxman@gmail.com if you have any questions or ideas or want to get more involved in advocacy for our Cluster interests. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Fall!

Karen Foxman
Stay updated on Luxmanor news and events!

1) Join the Yahoo listserv: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/luxmanor. Click “Join” and identify yourself/child in the comment box. You will be approved as a member once you are identified as a current LES family.

2) “Like” & follow the public Luxmanor PTA page on Facebook for general announcements (anyone can see this): facebook.com/LuxmanorPTA

3) Join the private Luxmanor PTA Group on Facebook for detailed school/event information and community discussion. You will be approved as a member once you are identified as a current LES family: facebook.com/groups/LuxmanorPTAGroup (you can also click the link for this page in the “groups” tab of the public page)
LUXMANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Membership & Direct Donation Contribution Form
2020-2021

1 Student Information

Name ____________________________________________
Teacher                             Grade ______

Name ____________________________________________
Teacher                             Grade ______

Name ____________________________________________
Teacher                             Grade ______

2 Member Information

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________

Email ____________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ Home Work Cell

Additional Member Name __________________________
Phone ___________________________ Home Work Cell

3 Membership Options

PTA Membership - $25
Membership includes PTA
Luxmanor directory and directory app.

Additional family member - $10
A spouse, for example.

Additional directory - $5

4 Payment Information

Membership total (Step 3) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $ __________________

Direct Donation Contribution . . . . . . . + __________________
($50 suggested, any amount appreciated)

Total = __________________

Note: If you would like to join the PTA and dues are a hardship, please pay what you can.

Return this form to:
Luxmanor Elementary School - PTA
6201 Tilden Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

Cash     Check # __________________

Please make checks payable to Luxmanor PTA.

Date form received: __________________
Inspiring girls to be joyful, healthy and confident.

Girls on the Run is Coming to Luxmanor Elementary School this Fall!

**WHAT:** Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity based positive youth development program. We teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

**WHO:** The program is open to girls in 3rd-5th grade.

**WHERE:** *Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852*

**WHEN:** The team will meet twice per week for 8 weeks, starting the week of October 4th and ending the week of November 22nd. Our team’s celebratory 5K will be held **November 21, 2020.** Registration will open on August 17th at 9AM.

**COST:** $150 - Standard program registration fee  
$75 - Families that qualify for reduced meals through the MCPS FARMS program  
$15 - Families that qualify for free meals through the MCPS FARMS program and/or have a household income under $40,000  

Full financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship.

Each participant receives a program t-shirt, water bottle, entry to the GOTR 5K, and a finishers medal.

**HOW:** When registration opens, visit [girlsontherunofmoco.org/Register-Now](http://girlsontherunofmoco.org/Register-Now) to sign up. Space is limited.

**QUESTIONS?** Please visit [www.girlsontherunofmoco.org](http://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org) for more information.
Educando y preparando niñas para una vida de autorespeto y vida sana.

Girls on the Run viene a Escuela Primaria Luxmanor este Otoño!

**QUE:** *Girls on the Run* es un programa transformador de desarrollo juvenil positivo basado en la actividad física. Enseñamos destrezas para la vida a través de lecciones interactivas y dinámicas, y juegos que involucran correr. El programa culmina con que las chicas están física y emocionalmente preparadas para completar una carrera celebratoria de 5 km. La meta del programa es desencadenar seguridad a través del logro mientras se establece aprecio para toda la vida por la salud y el buen estado físico.

**QUIEN:** Este programa está abierto para niñas de 3º a 5º grado.

**DONDE:** Centro Acuático Kennedy Shriver, 5900 Blvd Ejecutivo, Rockville, MD 20852

**CUÁNDO:** El equipo se reunirá dos veces por semana durante 8 semanas, a partir de la semana del 4 de octubre hasta la semana del 22 de noviembre. El GOTR 5K se llevará a cabo el 21 de Noviembre.

La inscripción se abrirá el 17 de agosto a las 9AM

**COSTO:** $150 – Costo estándar

$75 – Inscripción reducida para las familias que califican para comidas reducidas a través del programa MCPS FARMS

$15 – Inscripción reducida para las familias que califican para comidas gratuitas a través del programa MCPS FARMS y/o tienen un ingreso familiar menor a $40,000

Asistencia financiera completa está disponible para las familias con dificultades financieras.

Cada participante recibe una camiseta del programa, una botella de agua, entrada al GOTR 5K y una medalla para finalistas.


**PREGUNTAS:** Visite [www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/es/Inicio](http://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/es/Inicio) para obtener más información.
Fun Things to Do with the Family!

Smithsonian Museums Reopening:

   Website: www.nmaahc.si.edu

   Website: www.npg.si.edu

3. Starting Friday, September 18— Renwick Gallery — The Smithsonian's popular modern art gallery will reopen with new social distancing guidelines.
   Website: www.americanart.si.edu

Virtual Visits to Museums: September/October Picks

1. Make a Virtual Tour of the Smithsonian Gardens Tree Collection — Take a virtual tour of the striking collection of trees in the Smithsonian Gardens with this online guide.
   Website: www.gardens.si.edu

2. Make a virtual visit to the Orsay Museum with Google Arts & culture
   Link: https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/musee-dorsay-paris?hl=en

3. 4 Ways to Have a European Holiday Without Leaving Home with Google Arts & culture
   Travel from your sofa with this cultural itinerary through Italy, France, the UK, and Spain
   Link: https://artsandculture.google.com/story/wAUxw4cydQNGgA?hl=en