



# The LuxLetter

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## *Letter from the PTA President*

Dear Luxmanor Families,

As we closed 2020 and entered the world of 2021 so much has changed and been thrust upon us in many ways that are new to us regardless of where we come from. Let us remember that we hope for a prosperous, generous, and beneficial future for all of us to thrive moving forward, and that we are all neighbors in this community. The start of the new year simultaneously brings about much exciting activity for the Luxmanor PTA. There has been a lot of planning to work with our community businesses and partners to have our tried and true events! Back are the restaurant dine outs, the New Book Fair, Family Fun night, and International night! Let's keep in mind our 5th graders will be celebrating their commencement. Six years of incredible physical, emotional, and academic growth deserves a good celebration. Please see the flyer in this Luxletter for how to donate to the 5th grade promotion.

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PTA Townhall  
(Reopening plans and what  
reopening may look like)

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President's day  
(No school)

### February (TBD)

Dine-Out @ Nandos

We are having another PTA Townhall where Principal Forkert will speak about school reopening plans and what reopening may look like. This will be held via Zoom on February 11th at 7p.m.

As always, stay tuned in by joining our Facebook page and new groups.io listserv for PTA ongoing:

Listserv: <https://groups.io/g/luxmanorpta>

FB Group: [facebook.com/groups/LuxmanorPTAGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LuxmanorPTAGroup)

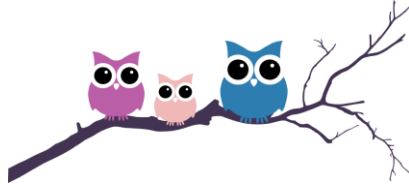
Private Luxmanor PTA FB Group:

[facebook.com/groups/LuxmanorPTAGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LuxmanorPTAGroup)

The Board wishes you a happy 2021! We hope to see you soon at one of our events and at the upcoming town hall.

Mickie Chandra  
Luxmanor ES PTA President '20-'21  
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# Join us for our 2nd Virtual Town Hall!

## Topics Include...

- School reopening plans presented by our Principal, Mr. Ryan Forkert
- PTA announcements and updates

Topic: Luxmanor PTA Town Hall


Time: Feb 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731615128...>

Meeting ID: 817 3161 5128

Passcode: 831809



**LUXMANOR PTA  
INVITES YOU TO  
BECOME A MEMBER**

Your participation makes a difference now more  
than ever

The Luxmanor PTA is a membership-based organization that brings together parents, teachers and staff to coordinate parent volunteers, special programs, and teacher support to enhance our children's education. There are many opportunities to get involved, but the first step is to join and pay your annual dues.

We need you!

To join, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/LuxMember20-21>





## Notes from Your Counselor.....Gloria Silverberg

For the last few weeks in class counseling, we have been talking about how to recognize and express big feelings. Challenging behaviors occur most often when children cannot figure out how to express their feelings. We can help them by recognizing those feelings and helping to teach them in a positive way.



- **Books** can be a great way to help children learn about emotions. When reading together, point out the different feelings the characters are expressing,
- Remind children to **use their words to express themselves**, rather than an action or a misbehavior. Labeling a feeling is a step toward greater maturity and **self-control**. An example is: "I'm frustrated, can you please help me?"
- **Provide empathy**. Often all that is needed to soothe a child, is to know they are being **heard and understood**. It is also a great way to model using words instead of actions to express big emotions.
- After the strongest feelings are gone, **help children move on**. Take a few deep **mindful breaths** together and do a big whole **body stretch**. Then suggest a new activity or even a little **humor**. Being able to move on is teaching children **resilience**.

- **Communication Skills** are another skill area we are learning about. Using “I statements”, such as **“I feel \_\_\_\_\_, when you \_\_\_\_\_. I would like you to \_\_\_\_\_.”**

### **Student Government News:**

We are proud to be kicking off our **2021 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Pennies for Patients Fundraiser on Feb 1-Feb 21**. Please look for your child’s teacher’s page to make an online donation to help us find a cure for cancer. We appreciate anything you can donate. Our school has teamed up with [HeroSquad.org](https://www.hero-squad.org) to teach our students about kindness, bravery and how working together for one common goal will help both children and adults in their fight against cancer. Sign up to get started raising money online and your student will be recognized as a Hero Squad member. ***The Student Government has some fun Spirit Week activities coming up for the week of Feb 1-5 to kick off our campaign!***

#### ***Hero Squad Spirit Week:***

***Monday, Feb 1: Dress as your Favorite Character from a Book or Movie. Tuesday, Feb 2: Pajama Day***

***Wednesday, Feb 3: Crazy Hair or Hat Day***

***Thursday, Feb 6: Throwback Thursday-Dress in your Favorite Decade***

***Clothes FridaY, Feb 5: Dress as your Favorite Hero***

Thank you for your kindness!

***Gloria\_A\_Silverberg@mcpsmd.org***

***Zoom Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 12-1. ID: 769 037 2815. Pass: silverberg***



# WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

## Cluster Rep News

*Hello!*

*Are you interested in learning more about what is going on with our Cluster? Do you want to help advocate for Luxmanor Elementary? Please contact me if you would like more information and you are interested in taking on a leadership role.*

*I look forward to hearing from you!*

*Thank you.*

*Karen Foxman*

*Cluster Coordinator*

[karenfoxman@gmail.com](mailto:karenfoxman@gmail.com)





## Stay updated on Luxmanor news and events!

Hello Luxmanor!

1) We have moved our email listserv from Yahoo to Groups.io, a newer email list provider. The reasons are many, but Yahoo no longer offers support for any groups. Groups.io offers better features and is easier to use.

To access the new site, please go to:

<https://groups.io/g/luxmanorpta>

Please select **+Join This Group** and enter your email to be used for the listserv."

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)

If you have any questions, or want to make any suggestions, contact us at [LuxmanorPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LuxmanorPTA@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Luxmanor PTA Board

[LuxmanorPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LuxmanorPTA@gmail.com)

*Save the Date...*

*...Luxmanor Owls for a night of Fun  
via Zoom!*

*Mark your calendar for March  
14th, time TBD*

*More information to follow!*

## 2021 International Night Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8.30 p.m.

Whether you just arrived in the United States, are a third generation American, or just have a favorite country- you can help us make this event a success by participating in the event to

### REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY!



### WE NEED FAMILIES TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRIES!!

We will meet on zoom. Families /groups can dress up, perform a traditional dance, or share a story.

In addition, we are asking all families to share recipes of their ethnic foods.

All recipes collected will be gathered in the  
**Luxmanor 2020-2021 cookbook.**

### THE BEST PRESENTED RECIPE WILL WIN LUXMANOR SWAG!!!

If you are interested in participating/performing, sending a recipe or otherwise representing your family heritage, please contact Sarra by email at:

[ptaluxletter@gmail.com](mailto:ptaluxletter@gmail.com) by March 31<sup>st</sup>.



Future Girl Scout Families!

We are exploring the possibility of forming Girl Scout Troops at Luxmanor ES, and we would like to invite you to explore the "Girl Scout Experience"! The mention of Girl Scouts may conjure up fond memories of Thin Mints, Samoas, and Tagalogs sold at cookie booths or by neighborhood scouts. In addition to the iconic cookie fundraisers, there's much more to the experience...from outdoor adventures and STEM activities, to volunteering in their communities through service projects. Girls will learn valuable life skills that will support them in realizing their potential.

If you are interested, please take a moment to visit the Girls Scouts program webpage where you and your family will learn about the organization and its positive impact on girls and their community. See how the girl in your life can grow through Girl Scouts and how family members can volunteer. <https://www.gscnc.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program.html>

Feel free to reach out to me to discuss this opportunity for our school, or directly to a Girl Scouts membership specialist for more information. Contact info is available below.

Mickie Chandra, 2020-2021 Luxmanor ES PTA President  
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**Michael Fowle**

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Girl Scouts invites you to join us as we explore **"Government Gals!"**

Join us on a Civic Journey! Where we will learn about the history and function of the US Capitol Building, the White House, and more!

Our series consists of 3 highly interactive virtual meetings specifically designed for your girl's grade level (4-5).

We hope you will join us for this amazing Girl Scout journey!

Please click on following link for more information and to register your girl:

<https://bit.ly/GovGalsGS>

***"We are hosting this event for 4th through 5th grade girls who are not currently enrolled in Girl Scouts so they are able to enjoy a GS experience while we form new troops"***

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Fowle [mfowle@gscnc.org](mailto:mfowle@gscnc.org) (301) 978-3877

Warm Regards,

**Michael Fowle**

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Before long, 5th grade graduation will be upon us! As tradition goes at our school, a celebration for this milestone is in order. Please consider volunteering your ideas and your time to show our graduates just how proud of them we all are!



**Volunteers are needed to help plan the year end party for our 5th graders.**

Contact: Anita Chan at [achan26@gmail.com](mailto:achan26@gmail.com)



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) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Return this form to:

Luxmanor Elementary School - PTA  
6201 Tilden Lane  
Rockville, MD 20852

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.

Cash    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Luxmanor PTA.*

Date form received

\_\_\_\_\_

# Fun Things to Do with the Family!



Virtual, socially distant experience :

## 1. Create a concert in Your Living Room:

Create your own opera inspired song with Blob Opera - no music skills required ! A machine learning experiment by David Li in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture

Link : <https://artsandculture.google.com/experiment/AAHWrq360NcGbw?hl=en>

## 2. Visual Crosswords

Discover more art through unexpected pairings.

Link : <https://artsandculture.google.com/experiment/visual-crosswords/JwGOLSD8LODzyQ?hl=en>

Virtual Visits to sites: February Picks

## 1. Meet the Royal Academy

London's Royal Academy of Arts has been championing artists and architects for more than 250 years, and doesn't intend to stop now. Explore their collection, stories and spaces.

Link: <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/meet-the-royal-academy?hl=en>

## 2. Tomb of Menna in 3D

Step into the ancient Egyptian underworld

Link: <https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/tomb-of-menna-in-3d-luke-hollis-mohamed-abdelaziz-ayman-damarany/AwEhCS-2Bb8w6w?hl=en>