

LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY

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Upcoming Events

October 4

PTA Meeting in the Gym
6:30 - 7:30 PM

October 9

Interims Grades 1-5

October 18

Chipotle Night: Foundry Row
4:00 - 8:00 PM

October 20

BCPS Professional Development
Schools Closed

October 24

Reading Night: Literacy Land
6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 27

PTA Trunk or Treat
6:00 - 8:00 PM

October 30 & October 31

Our Schools Assembly – All Grades

November 3

End of Quarter 1
School Closes at 12:15 PM

November 4

STEM Expo

November 11

VEX Robotics Tournament

November 16

Environmental Family Fun Night
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Dear Lyons Mill Families,

It is hard to believe that we have completed our first month of school. Thank you to the 410 families for attending our Back to School Nights in September. We are focused on providing an exceptional instructional program for our 764 students.

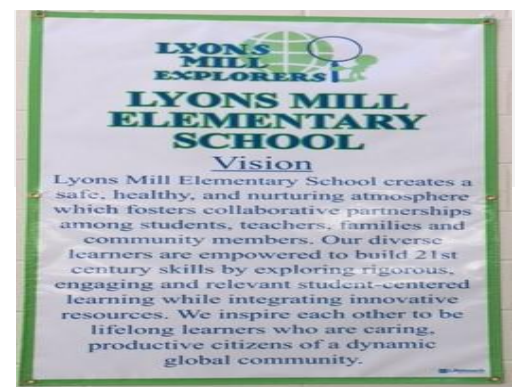
Our student clubs are in full swing with many activities and events scheduled in October! Read-A-Thon, NFL Play 60, Chipotle Night, Family Reading Night: Literacy Land and our LMES Girls Running Club Race are highlighted in our newsletter. As a benefit of partnering with HotSpots Extended Care Program, we are hosting an environmental assembly presented by Our Schools along with their business partners MOMS Organic Market and Savers on October 30th and 31st.

Interim reports will be sent home on Monday, October 9th. Our first marking period ends on Friday, November 3, 2017. Lyons Mill will close at 12:15 p.m. on November 3rd so please make sure your child's teacher knows dismissal arrangements for our first half-day dismissal. We hope to see you at our Family Reading Night on Tuesday, October 24th and PTA's Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maralee Clark
Principal

Explorers Believe, Explorers Achieve!



Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the Counselors' Corner
for the month of October!

For the month of September, our School Counselors Ms. Mongold and Mr. Menikheim, worked hard to ensure that all 764 students received classroom lessons introducing the role of the School Counselor, strategies to handle teasing, excluding others and problem solving. They will teach classroom lessons each month from now until May on a variety of topics ranging from Personal Safety to Relationship Building! We look forward to this time because it allows our counselors to work with and build genuine relationships with all of our boys and girls. If you ever need to speak with a counselor, please call 443-809-1719 and specify which counselor you need. Ms. Mongold works with kindergarten, second, and fourth grades. Mr. Menikheim works with first, third, and fifth grades.

Bullying Prevention Week: October 2 – 6



Since October is National Bullying Prevention month, Baltimore County Public Schools have designed this week's theme as *Kindness Matters!* Students are encouraged to wear the colors indicated in the chart. Classroom lessons will focus on ways to recognize bullying, handle bullying when it is occurring and preventing bullying. Classroom teachers will complete activities including our weekly Do Something Good Journals that correlate with October's Kindness theme so all of our Explorers can do their part in making Lyons Mill a happy and healthy school!

Virtue Moment: Unity

In September, we highlighted the virtue of Unity. Our students did an amazing job showing unity on a daily basis. They ensured everyone was included in class assignments, on the playground and in the cafeteria. Hundreds of virtue vouchers were given out to students. On Friday, September 29th, classes with 25 or more Class Vouchers won a dance party in their pod! You can follow us on twitter @LyonsMill or go onto our Facebook page to see some of the photos taken during the dance parties!

This month, our virtue focus is Kindness. Please talk with your students about how they have shown kindness to others, how they have witnessed acts of kindness around the school building and how kindness impacts their lives on a daily basis.

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School Hours

- School hours 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:30 a.m.
- Arrival 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
- There is no supervision for any child dropped off before 8:30 a.m. Unsupervised students are not permitted on school grounds prior to 8:30 a.m. Students must arrive in their classrooms before the 8:45 a.m. bell.
- Homeroom begins at 8:45 a.m.
- Dismissal 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

- Office hours 8:15 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
- If your child arrives to school late or leaves school early for any reason, please report to the main office to meet him/her and not to the classroom. Parents are required to sign students in/out in the main office.
- If your child forgets materials necessary for the school day, these should be dropped off in the office. Please make sure items are clearly marked with your child's name.



Attendance Announcements



We are doing a great job with attendance! Thank you to our amazing parents and guardians. As a school, we are currently at 97.5% average daily attendance for grades K-5. The grade with the best attendance is 2nd grade with 98.3%. Way to go! Keep up the great work Lyons Mill!

Volunteer Information

If you were not able to complete the volunteer training at either the Open House or Back to School Night, please feel free to complete the online training using this link:

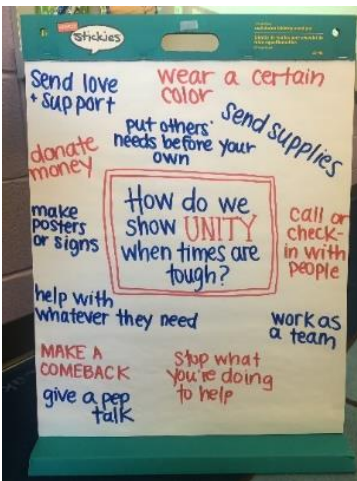
http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/. Once you complete your application and the SafeSchools Training, send your application and your certificate to bmenikheim@bcps.org or tmongold@bcps.org!

Magnet School Information

At the beginning of September, all 5th grade students received their magnet brochure. Inside that brochure was vital information pertaining to the 2018-2019 School Year Application Cycle. Applications will be made available, via the BCPS Office of Magnet Programs website, on October 4, 2017 at 12:00 pm. You can access the application by utilizing the following link:

www.bcps.org/offices/omp. All applications must be submitted online or mailed by November 17, 2017. Online applications are accepted until 1pm. Mailed applications must be postmarked by November 17, 2017. Applications submitted after the deadline date will not be considered.

The majority of Middle School Magnet Showcase Events are occurring throughout the month of October. Please refer to the back of the magnet brochure for specific dates and times for the schools that your child may be interested in. If you need another magnet brochure or have specific questions about the magnet process, please contact Mr. Menikheim 443-809-1719.



In September, Mrs. Sager's class highlights how to show UNITY when times are tough.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Walkers

Thank you for your flexibility as we streamlined the process for walkers!

Carpool

When dropping off and picking up your students, please pull to the end of the car loop to allow the LMES staff to load and unload as many students as possible at a time. If you arrive after the 8:45 am bell, please drive to the main office entrance.

Bus Riders

We are working diligently with the BCPS Office of Transportation to ensure all busses arrive on time daily. You may contact Baltimore County Public School's Office of Transportation by calling 410-887-4321.

Please Note

When visiting LMES, please park in our staff and visitor parking lot. Please be mindful of the families that live in the Ballard Green neighborhood by not blocking their driveways when visiting our school.

Our Partnership with Towson University

LMES welcomes our Professional Development School interns from Towson University:

Kindergarten: Ms. Pearson in Mrs. Carringer's class

First Grade: Ms. Garfinkle in Mrs. Davis' class
Ms. Tajalli in Mrs. Diener's class
Ms. Franklin in Mrs. Stakem's class

Second Grade: Ms. Levine in Mrs. Conyers' class
Ms. Martin in Mr. Gifford's class
Mrs. Studer in Mrs. Sanner's class

Third Grade: Mr. Kollosch in Mrs. Leonard/Mrs. Roth's class

Special Education: Ms. Sauter in Mrs. Grimm's classes



The PDS program is a huge benefit to Lyons Mill. Our Towson interns will be with us until December!



Dara Feldman's Parent Workshop

A big thank you to Towson University for co-sponsoring last month's parent workshop **The Power of Positive Language for Strengthening our Families & Growing Great Kids** presented by internationally renowned public speaker Dara Feldman. Ms. Feldman is a Virtues Project Master Facilitator, Maryland's Mother of the Year - 2015, Disney Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year - 2005 and the author of [The Heart of Education](#). Ms. Feldman focused on Five Strategies of The Virtues Project that inspire individuals and families to live more authentic, joyful lives, and to raise children of compassion and integrity.

Dara Feldman's website <http://www.darafeldman.com> has many free resources for parents and educators. As part of our commitment to Restorative Practices, morning meetings are part of our culture at Lyons Mill. We use morning meetings to celebrate individual and class successes, address classroom issues, set goals, and problem-solve as a classroom community. Students are empowered to voice their ideas, to lead, and to hold each other accountable. During this time, students learn about the school-wide virtue of the month.

Are You Moving?

If you have moved, please make sure you notify us immediately. **If you do not notify us within 15 days of moving then you are considered to be fraudulently enrolled.**

It is important for the school to have the most up-to-date information concerning your children in the event of an emergency. Even if you switch apartments in the same development, you must re-register. Any changes to email addresses or phone numbers need to be reported to the main office. Please contact our Lyons Mill main office at 443-809-1719 with any questions.

Replacement of Student ID Badges

During the school day, as long as it is safe, student identification (ID) badges need to be worn visibly by lanyard or clip.

If a student identification badge is lost or stolen, there is a replacement fee. Fees for replacement badges are \$5.00 per badge.

Please submit \$5.00 in cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your child's name addressed to Ms. Stacey Enty, Assistant Principal. The new badge will be printed and given to your child's teacher.

Nurse's News – Welcome Back!



Allergy & Asthma season is predicted to hit us HARD this year. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider's advice. Medical care plans, rescue inhalers, and Epi-Pens are a necessity, and may save a life! If your child needs an inhaler, Epi-Pen or daily medications in school, please contact the school nurse to obtain the appropriate paperwork needed.



If your student has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Individual health care plans help keep your students safe and healthy.



If you have not done so, please complete and return the discretionary medication form sent home with each student. If you need another discretionary medication form, please let the school nurse know.



Annual school health screenings for vision and hearing will be held during the **month of January, for all new students to Baltimore County Public Schools and students in grades First and Fourth.**



The health suite is in need of gently used clothing in all sizes. Sometimes children have accidents and the school nurse would like to provide the students a change of clothes as needed. If you have any clothes that you can donate, please feel free to drop them off at the health suite. It is greatly appreciated.

A Note from our Nurse Robynn Segall

I am so happy to be back as the school nurse at Lyons Mill. If at any time you would like to discuss your child's health needs, please feel free to contact me at 443-809-6758 or by email rsegall@bcps.org.

Maryland State Department of Education Visit

Mr. Stew Eidel from Maryland State Department of Education's Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs visited our cafeteria on Monday, September 25th through lunch time to chat to our students and staff about the red and green pepper strips from Godfrey's Farm on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Eidel's visit was part of Baltimore County Public School's Farm to Table Program and Maryland's Homegrown Lunch Week.



Maryland was the first state in the nation to have every public school system participate in the Maryland Homegrown School Lunch. Our students really enjoyed making good choices by trying the red and green peppers.

New Wellness Policy for Schools

Policy 5470: Wellness

This new policy establishes standards for all foods and beverages such as those provided at classroom parties, school celebrations and as rewards and incentives. For example, all foods and beverages used in classroom celebrations will meet the same nutrition standards that are used for sale in the school meals program (competitive foods and beverages).

Please use this link to learn more information

http://www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/policies/5000Series/POL5470.pdf



No Birthday Celebrations

Due to food allergies and the new wellness policy, students are not permitted to bring in snacks to share with other students. We thank you for your understanding that birthday celebrations are not allowed at school.

Lifetouch Portrait Retake Day Tuesday, November 7, 2017



Picture retakes are scheduled during the afternoon of Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Every child's photograph will be taken for our Lyons Mill Elementary School yearbook. The photographers will be in Room 108. All students that were absent on our original picture day - September 27, 2017 or enrolled after September 27th will receive a picture retake form and envelope. Any students who would like to have their pictures retaken may also do so on November 7, 2017. There are extra retake picture forms and envelopes located in our main office. Students will need to return their original package on Picture Retake Day in order to sit for a new photograph. Parents may contact Lifetouch directly at Lifetouch.com or call Lifetouch's customer service phone number: 410-644-7700 with any questions regarding their portrait package.

Spanish Passport Program

¡Hola! Señora Chupnick and Señora Luque are so excited to be able to continue the Spanish Passport program in 4th and 5th grade at Lyons Mill Elementary! The 4th graders have already learned so much in this first month of school. They can already greet people, express how they feel and ask how someone feels; say their names and ask students what their names are; say the date; count to 10 (or higher); and say their ages as well as ask students their ages. Expressing the date of our birthdays is next on the agenda. In the Middlebury Interactive online program, the fourth graders are starting to name family members. The 5th graders have reviewed all of this plus how to describe ourselves using physical and personality adjectives. Describing family members is next on the agenda. WOW! This is going to be an exciting year!

Did you know that starting on September 15th, it is Hispanic Heritage Month? From September 15th to October 15th, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15th because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

**If you have not signed and returned the parent letter with your contact information, please do so ASAP. ¡Gracias!

We are looking forward to a fabulous year (un año fabuloso) at Lyons Mill Elementary School this year!



¡Hasta luego!

Spanish Program Middlebury Log-In Information

Attention 4th and 5th grade parents! The Spanish online Middlebury Interactive program, which is a supplement to the in-person teaching, can be accessed at home 24/7. You need GOOGLE CHROME installed on your device. Then access BCPS One. Your child will use his/her BCPS One username and password to access the program. Ask your child to show you how he/she logs on in school and to show you the assignments and speaking tests/quizzes that have been completed.

NFL Play 60 Information



Monday, September 25th was the first day of our NFL Play 60 Challenge. We are partnering with the Baltimore Ravens to increase the physical activity minutes of our students at Lyons Mill Elementary School. All students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade have a Play 60 Student Planner where they should be documenting their daily physical activity data. This activity includes walking, raking leaves, playing catch, riding a bike, running, or any type of physical activity that increases their heart rate. Students should turn in their planners signed by a parent or guardian each Monday to be eligible for weekly prizes.

The last day of the challenge is Friday, October 20th. The top student participant at Lyons Mill Elementary School will be invited to a spring luncheon at the Ravens Training Facility. Many schools around the county are also participating in this challenge. We are competing to earn a school visit from the Baltimore Ravens! To earn this reward, we must have the highest percent of student participation. Let's get those planners signed and submitted to show BCPS how awesome our Lyons Mill students are when it comes to physical fitness!

The best way to help your child become physically active is to use this program as a family event. If you have any questions, call or email Mr. Crouthamel at ecrouthamel@bcps.org or 443-809-1719.

Read-A-Thon - October 2 - October 27

We are excited to share information with you about our 2017 Read-A-Thon Event. All Lyons Mill students will participate in the Read-A-Thon by reading for 600 minutes in their classrooms over four weeks starting on October 2, 2017.



Read·A·Thon®

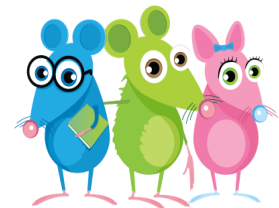
Raising money is easy to do! Parents will receive an email from the Read-A-Thon website inviting you to easily create a private page for donations. Once the page is created, you can send emails to friends and family members for donations. You will not need to collect any money as all donations are completed online. All of the money raised by your child will go directly to purchasing supplemental classroom materials, books to support novel units, small-group instruction and classroom libraries. As students raise money for reading, they will have opportunities to earn exciting prizes. The more money they raise, the more prizes they can select online through the Read-A-Thon site.

All information for your child is private and pages are only shared by you. If you do not want to participate in raising money during the Read-A-Thon, you can choose to unsubscribe from the Read-A-Thon email you receive.

We hope you will consider supporting the teaching and learning environment at Lyons Mill and help us encourage our students' love of reading.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Sara Wink at swink@bcps.org or Mrs. Ashley Tiburzi atiburzi@bcps.org or call 443-809-1719.

How many RAT Bucks are you going to earn this year?!




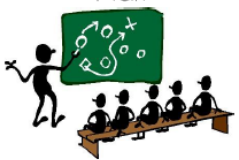


Math Minutes

Problem Solving Made Easy

Grades (3-5)

We are practicing these steps with your child daily in math instruction. Please use these phrases with your child when practicing math problems at home.

LMES Problem Solving Process

| | K | 1-2 | 3-5 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Read  | Listen to the Story | Visualize Retell | Visualize Retell |
| Plan  | Tell the story in own words | Think | Represent |
| Do  | Solve the problem | Solve | Solve |
| Look Back  | Show the solution | Share strategies | Check and Justify |

Use Bar Diagrams to Represent Math Problems

<http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>

Check out this website to practice with your children how to use bar diagrams to visualize and represent their work.

MASHUP MATH CHALLENGE!

Challenge #1 of 101

$$\text{Panda} + \text{Panda} + \text{Panda} = 21$$

$$\text{Snake} + \text{Panda} = \text{Raccoon}$$

$$\text{Panda} + \text{Snake} = 11$$

$$\text{Panda} + \text{Raccoon} + \text{Snake} = ?$$

MASHUP MATH | Denver, CO | © 2017, get free stuff at www.MashupMath.com

Read, Read, Read!

Bringing Literacy Home

Tips to Help Your Child with Reading at Home


How to Read with a Beginning Reader:

- Let your child choose books they love
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat
- Play rhyming games (What rhymes with bat? Cat!)
- Talk about the story during reading (What do you think will happen next? How do you think the characters feel?)
- Don't be afraid to let your child read the same book over and over (Repeated readings help with fluency!)
- Encourage your child to read aloud to you
- Visit your local library
- Prompt your child to track with their fingers to encourage fluency and accuracy
- Read for at least 15-20 minutes per night

How to Support your Independent Reader:

- Let your child choose books at BOTH his or her reading and interest level
- Have your child read each night for at least 20 minutes independently
- Discuss overall theme (What are the main ideas in the story? What can you learn from the characters in this book?)
- Have your child write about the characters, problem and resolution in a story
- Encourage them to read aloud for fluency and expression from time to time
- Designate a time (or a spot at home) for reading each night
- Stay connected with what they are reading!

Literacy Land
October 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM.



Come join Lyons Mill for a fun night celebrating **READING!** Activities will include exploring books, literacy maker activities, and discovering lands through physical activity - even marching in a character parade!

Go home with new information for tips and tricks about creating a fun literacy environment in your home. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Want to dress up? Students may wear the costume of their favorite book character on the night of the event. The permission slip **MUST** be completed and approved in order to participate.

Student Name: _____
Character: _____
Book Title: _____
Home room Teacher: _____

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|--|
| To be completed by teacher: ____ Approved ____ Not Approved Initials: _____ |
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I understand that the costume must be school appropriate and approved by the home room teacher. It can only be worn during the night of the event.

Parent Signature: _____



Lyons Mill Elementary
hosts

2017 BCPS STEM Expo
November 4th

&

2nd Annual Vex IQ Fall Classic
Robotics Tournament
November 11th

Student Government Association

We are excited to bring the Student Government Association (SGA) back to LMES! The first few weeks back to school have been exciting. Our 5th grade students have participated in our Primary Election and we now have candidates running for all five of our Executive Board positions. These students will deliver speeches to their classmates in hopes of winning their vote in our SGA Election. Classroom teachers will each nominate one student from their room to be their SGA representative.

We will begin holding meetings for all SGA members once a month starting Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30 am. SGA Executive Board members will be meeting once a week on Wednesdays at 7:30 am in order to develop and plan several fundraising, charity and school spirit activities. We envision SGA fostering a sense of leadership and pride in both LMES and the activities we sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Askew at caskew@bcps.org or Ms. Hammersla at khammersla@bcps.org.

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF



Please join



The LMES GIRLS RUNNING CLUB at



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

After a season of hard work and training we will be participating in this 5k event to help support

Athletes Serving Athletes

An organization which empowers athletes living with disabilities to cross the finish line in mainstream running and triathlon events throughout Maryland

Enter the following link to get to our team page and join our team. If you can't join us and would like to make a donation directly to Athletes Serving Athletes, you may do so on our team page as well.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/lyonsmillesgirlsrunningclub/fundraiser/hopefribush>

If you have any questions please contact Hope Fribush at Lyons Mill Elementary at 443-809-1719 or hfribush@bcps.org. Thank you for your support!!!

100% of all proceeds will be donated directly to Athletes Serving Athletes

Join the
Girls Running Club
at a 5K Race!

Saturday, October 28th

Athletes Serving Athletes

If you have any questions, please contact Hope Fribush at Lyons Mill Elementary at 443-809-1719 or hfribush@bcps.org. Thank you for your support!!!



Join the LMES Girls Running Club at Chipotle in Foundry Row on Wednesday, October 18th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM.

This fundraiser benefits Athletes Serving Athletes and funds to purchase shirts for our LMES Girls Running Club.

JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISER

TO BENEFIT



&
LMES Girls Running Club

BRING THIS FLYER
(or show on your mobile device)
Wednesday October 18th

&
50% of your purchase from 4pm- 8pm
will be given back!

40% will go to Athletes Serving Athletes + 10% will go to LMES girls running club to purchase team shirts for the 5k race!

Foundry Row ♦ 10150 Reistertown Road



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Join the PTA at the Monthly PTA Meeting and for Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat

Join us for our
Annual Event on
Friday, October 27th 6pm-8pm
Lyons Mill Elementary School



*Trunk or Treat is an opportunity to dress up and safely visit decorated cars in the school parking lot for candies and treats.

*If you would like to decorate your trunk and or volunteer for this event, please send an email by October 20th to lyonsmillpta@gmail.com

*This event is sponsored by the Lyons Mill Elementary School PTA.

Some Key Times:
5:00- Car check-in and decoration
6:00- Open to Public/Trunk or Treat begins
7:00- Costume Parade



NORTHWEST AREA EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OPERATING AND CAPITAL PRE-BUDGET HEARING **WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!**



Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
At: New Town High School
4931 New Town Blvd.
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Northwest Area residents are invited to our public hearing to present testimony on capital budget requests such as building renovations, equipment purchases/repairs and operating budget requests such as books, staff, and technology that they want included in the BCPS FY 2019 Operating and FY 2020 Capital Budgets. Each person will be given three minutes to present testimony. Anyone who wants to testify must sign-up beginning at 6:30 pm.

Contact Clifford Collins, Chair,
Northwest Area Education Advisory Council
410-887-0766x247 or ccollins3@bcps.org

Lyons Mill Elementary PTA

Mark Your Calendars

10/04
2017

General PTA Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Where: Gym

10/24
2017

Special PTA Meeting

Time: 06:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Where: Library

10/27
2017

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Vehicles participating may arrive at 5:00 PM and begin set-up

11/01
2017

General PTA Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Where: Library

12/06
2017

General PTA Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Where: Library

