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FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope everyone had a great summer and has enjoyed the first few weeks of school at our new location. It really is starting to feel like the Luxmanor home we know and love.

For those that don't know me, my name is Beth Rivers. This is our 5th year at Luxmanor with our son, Logan, who is in 4th grade. We also have a daughter, Sydney, which is in 6th grade at Tilden Middle School. We have enjoyed our time at Luxmanor and can't wait to see what this year holds for us.

We've had a busy few weeks already at the school with the open house, our first PTA meeting, the back to school picnic, and the back to school nights. If you've missed out on hearing about these events, be sure to sign up for the Listserv or check out our Facebook page and group, Luxmanor PTA. We will be sending out information about all our upcoming events on both of these resources, along with flyers coming home with your child.

Looking on to October, we have several events planned, such as FAB Dads breakfast (10/8), the school's Open House (10/8), the Scholastic Book Fair (10/8-10/12), the Science Fair (10/23), and of course our Halloween Class Parties and Parade (10/31). You don't want to miss seeing your kids and their friends all decked out in their costumes!

As you can see, we have lots of fun things planned for the kids and parents. Of course, none of it would be possible without your support, so please join the PTA and then come and volunteer with us and help make our events even better!

Finally, I want to thank all the PTA board members that have volunteered their time to the PTA and the school this year. It's great to have such a wonderful team and I'm looking forward to working with you and making this a great year for our kids.

Sincerely,
Beth Rivers

What's Up This Month

September 12

Back to School Night,
Grades 1 and 2, 7:00pm

September 14

New Parent Breakfast,
8:45am

September 17

Room Parent Meeting,
9:00am

September 19

No School

September 20

Back to School Night,
Grades 3-5, 7:00pm

September 21

Welcome Back Picnic, 5:30-
7:00pm

September 26

ESOL Back to School Night,
7:00pm

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The Scholastic Book Fair: Oct. 8-12th



JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S AWESOME BOOK FAIR!

Please consider volunteering for 30 mins or more to help make the book fair a success!!

BOOK FAIR HOURS:

- ❖ Fri. 10/05 Book fair set-up midday
- ❖ Mon. 10/08 7:30am - 3:25pm (Opens before FAB Dads Breakfast, open during Open House and students visit the book fair with their classes)
- ❖ Tues. 10/9 9:00am - 3:25pm (students will visit book fair with their classes)
- ❖ Weds. 10/10 9:00am - 3:25pm
3:30pm - 6:30pm (open for students, parents, and families)
- ❖ Thurs. 10/11 8:30am – 4:00pm (Students visit book fair with permission from teacher)
- ❖ Fri. 10/12 8:30am – 2:00pm Students visit book fair with permission from teacher.
Book fair closes after last lunch period (12:45pm) for take-down & cleanup)

We would **greatly appreciate your help** all week and with setup and takedown! Limited SSL hours are available for Friday setup – students, contact us to register!

To volunteer, please contact:

Yelisa Rojas – LuxmanorBookFair@gmail.com

Science Fair!

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers & Staff,

This year the Science Fair is being held **October 23**. All Luxmanor students, Grades K-5, are encouraged to think like young scientists and to submit a project in any STEM-related field. Projects can be as varied as their interests. Sports, music, art, rocketry, psychology, food, computers...whatever *interests* them can become an *interesting* project! Through their projects, students will discover that ideas, innovations, and discoveries can be found all around them.

This year, we are expanding our project types – students are free to submit (1) **an experiment**, (2) **a demonstration of scientific principles**, (3) **a model**, (4) **something you have built**, and/or (5) **an invention**. **You are free to create, discover, learn, and share!**

Remember, ALL grades can participate and every child receives a participant ribbon! For the first time, we will also be having a scavenger hunt, so even if your child is not participating, please join us – your child might be inspired to discover more and win a prize :o)

Please note that due to the current spacing limitation in the holding school, there will unfortunately not be a class walk-through in the afternoon. However, there will be an Open House in the evening so all students and their families can enjoy the Science Fair projects and scavenger hunt. Additional details and guidelines for the Fair will be provided to participants upon registration.

Entry forms are due by October 6th. This year you can register online!

Please use the following link to register: **<http://signup.com/go/pNsYdpY>**

Even if you aren't sure yet what your project will be, you can still sign up – just enter “**Not Sure**” in the Project Idea slot.

If you have any trouble accessing the signup sheet, you can always email us at eshelton@pobox.com (Eric) and lifeisdivine@gmail.com (Aisha) to register. Alternatively, you can fill out the form and drop it off in the Main Office.

Our science fair is successful only with the enthusiasm of our students and teachers and support of our parents – we look forward to seeing you there!

Student Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____
Phone Number: _____
Parent email: _____
Student Email (optional): _____

If you are working with other students, please list their information below. Please remember that you should **submit only one form for your project**. Decide which of you will submit the form so that we do not receive duplicate forms.

Student Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____
Phone Number: _____
Parent Email: _____
Student Email (optional): _____

Student Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____
Phone Number: _____
Parent Email: _____
Student Email (optional): _____

_____ Check here if there are additional students working on your project.

Project Title: _____

Project Description: _____

Please review the Statement of Science Fair Guidelines. Please read the Guidelines carefully. Anyone who fails to abide by the Guidelines will not be permitted to participate in the Science Fair.

Please submit this form to school by Friday, October 6th.

Join Luxmanor Elementary
for our first dine out fundraiser of the school year!

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PIZZERIA®

Monday, September 24, 2018

5:00pm-8:00pm

Located at Pike & Rose

Don't forget to mention
"Luxmanor Rocks" when paying.

If you have any questions,
contact Deborah Berger at
301-793-0711 or realestatewithdeb@gmail.com

PTA invites you to

Welcome Back Picnic

New date: September 21, 5:30-7 P.M at Luxmanor's location at Grosvenor Center



We will be selling pizza, snacks and Italian ices

Bring your family for some fun and friends!



We are selling discount pizzas in advance (checks to Luxmanor PTA or cash)

Child's name _____ Teacher _____

Number of cheese pizzas at \$12 each _____ (\$15 at the event)

You must prepay for your pizza, contact Deborah if you want to cancel previous order

Any questions, please call Deborah Berger (301)793-0711 or Email her at: RealEstatewithDeb@gmail.com.

Luxmanor PTA has "dine outs" each month

Each month we choose a restaurant in the area to meet for dinner. The restaurant gives a portion of its sales to Luxmanor. Our restaurant for September is Stella Barra in Pike & Rose on Monday September 24 from 5-8 PM. It's easy, just say, "Luxmanor Rocks!"

We hope to see you on September 24 at Stella Barra for pizza, salads etc. You can feel good about supporting your school and you don't need to make dinner that night!

Any questions, please call Deborah Berger (301)793-0711 or Email her at: RealEstatewithDeb@gmail.com.

Luxmanor's Box Top Contest

Make a Difference for our school

**It's easy to support our school and help your children win a party for their class!
The class which gets the most box tops from September 14 to December 17 will win!**

Earn cash for our school by clipping the Box Tops from hundreds of products. It's a simple and fun way to help the school!

- 1. Cut the Box Tops and send them to school in a Ziploc bag with your child's name.**
- 2. Your child will empty the bag into the Box Top envelope in the classroom.**
- 3. Your child will be able to help their class earn a party! The contest ends Dec 17.**

Any questions please call Deborah Berger (301) 793-0711 or Email RealEstatewithDeb@gmail.com

Thank you in advance on behalf of our school, we could not do it without your support! Thank you!



Notes From Your Counselor.....gloria silverberg

Welcome back to Luxmanor Elementary School! I am very excited to begin another year at Luxmanor.

For those of you new to Luxmanor, please allow me to introduce myself and my role as School Counselor. A large part of my role is to educate and facilitate student's positive prosocial peer relationships. Peer relations contribute significantly to students' social and cognitive development and to their later functioning as adults. Friendships are a good predictor for healthy adjustment during the early weeks of school and making new friend's changes children's adjustment in positive directions throughout the school year. The single best childhood predictor of adult functioning and psychological health is surprisingly, not school grades or classroom behavior, but rather the quality of childhood peer relationships.

Please allow me to tell you a bit about my professional background. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from The University of Virginia and a Master of Science degree in Applied Behavioral Counseling and a Master of Science degree in School Counseling, both from Johns Hopkins University. I have worked in school settings as well as corporate and private practice settings, doing Career Counseling and Personal Counseling with college students and adults.

As the counselor at Luxmanor, my objective is to support our school's mission. My **counseling mission** is to provide counseling, advocacy, collaboration, and to facilitate individual and system change to ensure that every student has the knowledge and skills to reach their highest potential as caring, responsible, and successful citizens.

The components of **Luxmanor's School Counseling Program** include **class guidance lessons** to all students in grades K-5; **responsive counseling for individual students and small groups, individual student planning, parent and teacher collaboration, and overall school program support**. In addition, I coordinate and implement the 5th grade **Student Mentors and Conflict Managers Programs**. Children who share a common concern, such as friendship making or divorce, are invited to participate in **small group counseling** sessions with me, for a 4 week period. **Permission forms will arrive in October!**

Our school theme this year continues to be "**The School of Respect**", which will highlight our character education program. Our goal is to strengthen the student culture of respect and kindness, engage our children and inspire them to have hope for their futures. You will notice Character Owls around the school when individual students and classes are recognized by their teachers for demonstrating respectful and kind behavior towards others. We will also be working, schoolwide, towards our **100 Days of Peace**, in which students will be learning how to resolve conflicts in a peaceful and positive manner. Mr. Forkert and the whole staff will also be awarding "**Big Owls**" and "**Stars**" for outstanding class behaviors.

I will be inviting parents and community volunteers to speak to individual classes about their **Careers** throughout the year, so please contact me if you are interested in volunteering! The children love to have their parents speak to their classes, and they are a wonderful audience. Please contact me, via email me at Gloria_A_Silverberg@mcpsmd.org if you are interested in being a speaker this year!

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at the Family Picnic and Back to School Night. Please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns or questions. Your input and feedback are very important to me. You can reach me by telephone at 301-230-5914, by email at Gloria_A_Silverberg@mcpsmd.org or by leaving a note in my mailbox in the front office.

Have a wonderful school year!!! Gloria Silverberg

Calendar of Upcoming Events:**September 2018**

3 No school
 4 PTA meeting/volunteer fair at 7 PM
 10 No School
 12 Lux 1-2 Back to School Night
 14 New Parent Breakfast 8:45AM
 17 Room Parent 9 AM
 19 No School
 20 Back to School Night grades 3-5, 7 PM
 21 Picnic 6 PM
 26 ESOL Back to School Night, 7P

October 2018

2 PTA at 7 PM
 5 1/2 day
 8 FAB Dads 8:15-9 AM
 8 Open House 9-11 AM (Columbus Day)
 8-10 Book Fair
 23 Science Fair at 7 PM, 6 PM set up
 31 Halloween parties 2 PM

November 2018

6 No School
 7 1/2 day
 12/13 Parent conferences both 1/2 days
 21 1/2 day
 22/23 Thanksgiving

December 2018

4 PTA
 12 Staff lunch
 22-Jan 1 Break

January

11 Family Fun Night (snow day 2/1)
 21 No school
 25 1/2 day

28 No school

February

5 PTA 7 PM
 8 Red and White Dance 6:30 (snow date 2/22)
 14 Valentine's parties
 18 No school
 ?? Used book fair dates
 ?? Debbie will work on variety show practice dates

March

1 1/2 day
 7 and 8 Geo Bowl
 22 Silent Auction

April

2 PTA meeting
 3 1/2 day
 5 International Night at 7 PM
 10 - 12 BOGO Book Fair
 17-22 Spring break

May

3 Variety Show 7-8:30 PM
 8 Staff lunch
 27 No school

June

4 PTA meeting, Elections
 5 No School
 11 5th grade promotion (? Tilden/WJ)
 13 last day