



East Silver Spring
PTA | Parent-Teacher
Association

Parent Teacher Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 PM

631 Silver Spring Avenue

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AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks by PTA President, Rick Bacon

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to a great year. First official order of business is election of new secretary, Michelle Bowen-Ziechek (vote passes).

II. Remarks from the ESS Principal, Mr. Burd, & myMCPS presentation

*Mr. Burd presented the **MCPS Parent Portal**. The parent portal allows parents to check grades, progress reports, MAP scores, attendance reports, and the curriculum itself. Parents can also update their contact information and emergency contacts online. Parents can access the slideshow used by Mr. Burd here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jVtnrX_o5TxSGTOgMeHDAj2nuJOsOpqto-Tb-yaGAVw/edit*

*Mr. Burd will also be re-introducing the **Principal's Coffee** on the first Thursday of every month at 9:30. The timing of these events could shift depending on a vote at the first meeting.*

III. Updates from the PTA

a. **Volunteer Opportunities** - Summer Smith

There is a role for everyone who wants to volunteer. Please get in touch with Summer at volunteer@esspta.org if you want to get involved. We are specifically looking for volunteers for Girls on the Run, the Wellness Committee, spirit wear sales at school events, fundraising, and the book fair.

b. **Panda Clubs** - Steve Campese

Panda Clubs are open for registration! Scholarships are available, and sign-up is available online (https://www.thrively.com/boards/2018/?frm_url=/parent/board/2018) or via paper form available in the front office.

c. **Membership** - Rick Bacon

Become a member of the PTA! Membership is \$15 and helps fund all the amazing things we do as a PTA, including Panda Club scholarships, field trip support, and cultural arts assemblies!

d. Wellness Committee Update

Wellness committee needs a co-chair. The committee does a lot of good work at the school to build a culture of physical and mental health. If you want to get involved, email volunteer@esspta.org

e. Spanish Aftercare at Kids Village - Katie Sheketoff

A nearby childcare center has offered to host Spanish language aftercare. Students will walk over after dismissal at ESS (less than a block) and care will run to 6:00 with trained and bilingual educators. There will be an open house on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 pm.

Design Thinking Presentation by Katie Sheketoff

- *What does the PTA exist to do?*
- *What are the overall changes/impact we're hoping to accomplish?*
- *What do we want to accomplish this school year?*

Upcoming events

- **Back to School Night:** Wednesday, September 12th
- **No School:** Wednesday, September 19th
- **Night with Mr. Burd:** Thursday, September 20th
- **Panda Club Scholarship Forms Due (available in office):** Thursday, September 27th
- **Panda Club Registration Closes:** Thursday, October 4th
- **October PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9th
- **Unity Day:** Wednesday, October 24th

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