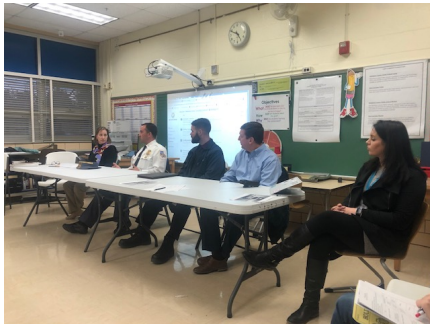


A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving! We appreciate all you are doing to support the PTA in any way that you are able to do so!

If you have not been receiving emails from the PTA about school events and would like to, please fill out your email release and send it back to school or email us at fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com and ask us to add you!

URGENT: A volunteer for PTA treasurer is needed! Our current treasurer has decided he is no longer able to continue in this role so we have a vacancy on our board that must be filled at our January meeting. He has offered to help transition the new treasurer into the role. We will be voting on a new treasurer at that time. If you are interested, please contact us at fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com We would like to thank Jeff Zoller for all the work he has done for us over the past two and half years. He has certainly done a lot to keep us going. We will miss you!



At our last meeting, we addressed frustrations with the white bus and the parking situation. Thank you Dr. Baier, Mr. Jess Grimm, Director of Transportation, Mr. Mike Hockensmith, BCPS Grounds, and Capt. Rogers from the Baltimore County Police Department for attending our meeting, discussing and clarifying some of the long-standing issues, and listening to our concerns.

Upcoming:

- **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.** We will again show parents how they can check their child's grades online. Hotspots will be speaking at this meeting to share more information about what they offer! They also will be providing free childcare during the time of the meeting.
- **Our third restaurant night at Koopers is on Wednesday, January 15th!** A percentage of the sales that mention FGES will be donated to the PTA to support our students!
- **Holiday Shop Volunteers are needed!** Holiday shop is December 12th and 13th! The sign up genius for parent volunteers will be sent this week!
- **We would like to remind parents to complete the volunteer training so they can help out at school or chaperone a field trip! We hope to have parents help out in the cafeteria again this year starting in January!** Applications and training can be done online.
https://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/

Reminders:

- **Volunteers are still needed!** We need people willing to co-chair and help out with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (Spring), Plant Sale (May) Kindergarten Meetups (Summer)
- **Please continue to collect and submit Box Tops and download the new Box Top App.** We are still collecting the traditional box tops clips but, please sign up for and use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. A list of all participating products can be found at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page>
- **PTA membership and Spiritwear orders are accepted all year!** Membership forms are available in the office and online at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/eac34a_60623fec5c4f4de8bb310d197415ddd3.pdf
- **Spiritwear Orders** can be placed at <https://shop.wgmprinting.com/fortgarrisonelementaryschool/shop/home>

Thank you!

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