

# Phyllis E. Williams

## Spanish Immersion Elementary School

# PTO

## Parent Teacher Organization

# SPRING 2018 Newsletter

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WORKING TOGETHER TO PRODUCE SUCCESSFUL GLOBAL CITIZENS.



**¡HOLA PADRES!** We hope that you had an amazing Spring Break with your PEW scholars. As this school year comes a close, we are so proud of the progress and improvements that were made at PEW and beyond.

### PGCPS Calendar Reminder

Prince George's County Schools will be in session until June 20<sup>th</sup>. The school year extension is in substitution for the inclement weather make-up days originally scheduled during Spring Break. Please plan accordingly.

### Stay Informed. Stay Involved.

Twitter: @PEWPTO

Facebook: facebook.com/PEWPTO

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### 2017-18 PEW PTO Executive Board

**President** Niky Wooding

**Vice President** Stephanie Carpenter

**Corresponding Secretary** Martha Heil

**Recording Secretary** Keenon James

**Treasurer** Chaitra Chambers

**Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs**

Michelle Rose and Camille Jones

### ¿Qué pasó, PEW PTO?



Thank you for sowing a seed into the future of our school and community. Here's a few highlights from the 2017-18 school year:

### Outdoor Living Library (Beautification Project)

This year, the PEW PTO helped fund the Outdoor Living Library. The space will include a butterfly garden, murals, herb and vegetable gardens, musical elements, and more! Also, the indoor library ceiling is being redesigned. More information will be distributed about the reveal ceremony scheduled in May 2018. (See more on page 2.)

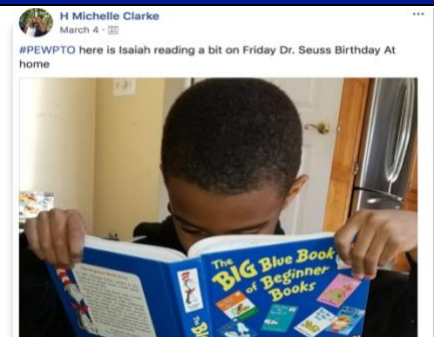
### Puerto Rico and Local Community Assistance

Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, and PEW PTO sent our support. Our families sent several hundred dollars in donations and supplies to the island and families within our community. #pewcares

### U.S. Library of Congress Collaboration

The PTO introduced a collaboration with the U.S. Library of Congress. PEW's Wendi LaMond and Andy Gomez represented PEW on Capitol Hill to kick off the collaboration to expand the PEW library. Check out [@PEWWildcats](https://twitter.com/PEWWildcats) on Twitter for pictures of their adventure.

### #PEWPTO



Even bad weather days are opportunities to learn for PEW scholars!



PEW Inaugural Chess Tournament participants with their trophies and Chess advisors.



Happy Administrative Professionals Day to our wonderful PEW Secretaries, Dawn Claggett and Carolyn Witt!

**PEW PTO PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT****PEW Tiny Chefs**

This year, PEW PTO Parent Kim Hendricks introduced the Tiny Chefs Program to PEW Community. This program stirs our scholar's creativity through the culinary arts. Each session has an academic and health-based theme incorporated into the recipes, so scholars learn while preparing their healthy edible delights.

The PEW PTO appreciates the leadership of Mrs. Hendricks for initiating this collaboration and facilitating this program. Muy delicioso.



What program would you like to see introduced at PEW? Let us know.

Email [pewpto@gmail.com](mailto:pewpto@gmail.com) with your proposal.

**PARENT OF THE QUARTER**

The PEW PTO Parent of the Quarter is **Susanne Johnson**. Susanne is the mother of Lilyana (1st Grade), and selflessly lends her time and efforts toward the advancement of PEW. When she is not fearlessly advocating for the Spanish Immersion Program on the district and State levels, Susanne volunteers her time as a classroom mom, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, and member of the Fundraising Committee.



Gracias Susanne and Lily for your continued support. The PEW PTO salutes and appreciates you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**May 7-11<sup>th</sup>, 2018:**

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

To celebrate our teachers, the PTO is planning fun, themed activities throughout the week for the entire school. We hope you will participate!

- "Lunes del Libro" Gift your teacher a book.
- "Martes del Mensaje" Send messages of appreciation to your teacher.
- "Mmm...Miércoles" Munchies with your teacher.
- "Jueves del Jardín" Gift your teacher a flower.
- "Viernes de Vacaciones" What does your teacher need for summer break?

Look for fliers in your child's folder for more information. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items, go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aa\\_aa92ba3ff2-pewteacher](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aa_aa92ba3ff2-pewteacher)

**STEM Before/After-School Program\***

**NEW PROGRAM:** Interested in a new STEM-based program in Fall 2018? We are! We're looking for STEM volunteers to assist in facilitating this potential program offering. Volunteers are needed before and/or after school, please email [pewpto@gmail.com](mailto:pewpto@gmail.com) for more information.

**Outdoor Living Library 'Sow and Grow' Work Day 2**

Pull out those gardening gloves, shovels, and paint rollers because its Work Day 2 of the Beautification Project. If you are available to volunteer an hour of your time, please email [pewpto@gmail.com](mailto:pewpto@gmail.com) for details.

**May 7-11<sup>th</sup>, 2018: PEW Spring Book Fair**

Expand your home library by shopping at the PEW Spring Book Fair. The school is also seeking parent volunteers to assist students and patrons at the fair. For more volunteer information, visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/phyllisewilliamselemsschool1>

**Tiny Chef Volunteers\***

Tiny Chefs is seeking to expand to provide more opportunities for students to explore their culinary and creativity skills. This volunteer only opportunity requires two hours per week after-school during Fall 2018. Email: [pewpto@gmail.com](mailto:pewpto@gmail.com).

**May 24<sup>th</sup>: PEW Career Day**

Share your career with the students of PEW! Sign up to participate to present or greet our guests. You never know who you may inspire or meet. Email: [michelle2.hall@pgcps.org](mailto:michelle2.hall@pgcps.org)

Look for announcements of more PEW PTO events on our website, social media pages, and in your child's folder!  
\* All volunteers must comply with Prince George's County School District Volunteer Policy outlined online at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

**2018 PEW PTO Annual Meeting  
May 15 at 6:30pm**

**Executive Officer Elections will be conducted at this meeting.**  
Members may nominate a candidate or self-nominate during the meeting.

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BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

Thank you to all of the volunteers, community leaders, PEW staff, faculty, and students who generously donated their time and service to this Groundbreaking Event. (See more pictures online at [www.pewpto.org](http://www.pewpto.org) and on social media).

**SPRING 2018 CALENDAR REMINDERS**

5/2 – Popcorn Fundraiser Orders Due  
5/5 – Cinco de Mayo  
5/7 – 5/11 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
5/7 – 5/11 – Spring Book Fair  
5/9 – Café con Coordinador  
5/13 – Mother's Day  
5/15 – PEW PTO Annual Meeting at 6:30pm (2018-2019 Executive Board Election)  
5/21 – 4th Quarter Progress Reports  
5/22 – Expected Opening of Outdoor Living Library  
5/22 – Band/Chorus Spring Concert  
5/24 – PEW Career Day  
5/28 – Memorial Day Holiday (School Closed)  
5/29 – 6/1 – International Week  
5/31 – Box Tops for Education Deadline  
6/6 – Field Day  
6/12 – PEW PTO General Body Meeting @ 6:30pm  
6/17 – Father's Day  
6/19 – 2-Hour Early Dismissal  
6/20 – Last Day of School (2-Hour Early Dismissal)