



Eye On it

Jan 18

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Commemoration

All Schools Closed

Jan 8

Jan 28/29

End of Second Marking
Period

Feb 10

PTA Meeting
6:30pm via Zoom

Chromebook Login protocol:

User ID: 123456@aacps.org
User Password: YYYYMMDD

Login instructions:

[Logging into Chrome](#)

Chromebook Help:

[Chromebook Resources](#)

Persevere through
challenges

Act responsibly

Work together

Show respect for
myself and others

Parent **CONNECT**xp

BOBCAT Bulletin

SEVERNA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hello, SPES families!

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It feels wonderful to join you all again after several weeks of maternity leave in addition to our winter break. The new year will undoubtedly be full of hope as we anticipate face-to-face instruction and new learning schedules coming soon. Our team is looking forward to the days ahead and welcoming students into 2021!

To better understand some of the upcoming changes, please visit: <https://www.aacps.org/spring2021>. On this site you will see detailed information about the new schedule, which will start February 2nd as well as Learning Model choices. The deadline to register your child for either “Virtual Only” or “Virtual Plus” is January 8th at 5pm.

January 28th marks the end of the first semester and second marking period. Please remind your child to turn in necessary assignments and take advantage of office hours with teachers. Children continue to work hard during virtual learning and we are proud of their perseverance during a challenging time. For many reasons, bringing in this new year will feel different, but it can still be a great time to set goals with your child. Encouraging children to set goals can help them take ownership as well as feel optimistic about what lies ahead with virtual and hybrid instruction.

As children begin the new year, you may begin to realize that learning supplies from the backpacks are running low. If you need support in

obtaining additional instructional materials that were originally distributed in the backpacks, please email dboring@aacps.org. Thank you.

We hope to see you all soon and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Lorie Barnes



This Month's Counselor's Corner



Hello, I'm Mrs. Katie McCord, SPES School Counselor

I hope the holiday break was refreshing for you and your family. Let's look forward to a positive new year. My first lesson in 2021 will be to guide and inspire students to choose One Word for the year. The idea is that they allow the word to come to them after they reflect on the past year and then think ahead to what matters and what they want to focus on this year. I will ask them to share and live their word. If they make a mini-poster or paint a rock to keep nearby, they can stay focused on their word. I am hopeful some students will paint a rock with their word on it to put in a local rock garden or outdoor area where someone else would see it and be inspired.

The character trait for January is Optimism. Optimists are hopeful and confident in successful outcomes. They believe good things will happen. Optimists are more likely to persevere and studies show they are happier and healthier. Optimism in learning new things can help student's overcome challenges and succeed. We all can benefit from optimism in 2021.

Gift Bag Drive Results: The Good Neighbor's Group and our community provided more than 85 students at Annapolis Elementary School with some joy via gift bags this holiday.

January Counseling Lessons: Lessons in January will be in goal setting, finding their One Word, and optimistic thinking for all students. Kindergarten students will also have a lesson in expressing feelings.

Individual Counseling: Some students have adapted to on-line learning while many still struggle with it. I am here to meet with your child via phone or google meeting to help them plan for success on-line and as we transition to hybrid for some. It can help for them to share their thoughts and feelings. Just send an email to kmccord@aacps.org and we can plan a time to meet.

Social Emotional Growth PBIS/Second Step/Character Traits

PBIS: Most classes have earned two or more big PAWS for their positive ("PAWSitive") behaviors.

Second Step: January through March lessons in 2nd Step are in emotional management which includes noticing and naming feelings in your body and practicing calm down strategies for strong feelings. Look for the home links from your child's teachers to support these important skills.

Character Trait: Optimism – Optimism is an attitude reflecting a belief or hope that the outcome of some specific endeavor, or outcomes in general, will be positive, favorable, and desirable.

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TIMES TO REMEMBER FOR IN-PERSON DAYS

Doors Open: 8:50 am
Attendance: 9:05 am

If a student (s) arrives late, the parent or guardian must bring the student (s) to the office to sign them in and get a late pass.

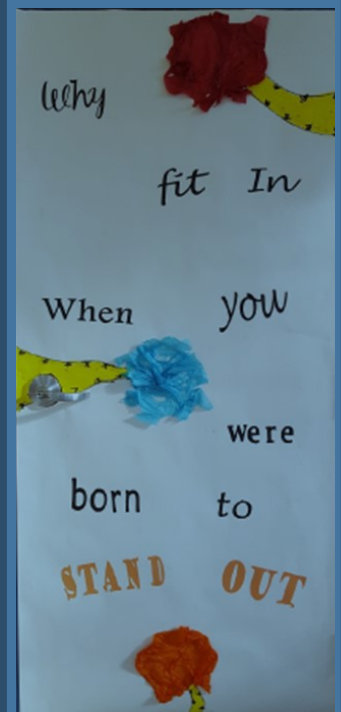
Students must be in their seat or they will be marked tardy and sent to the office for a late pass.

If a student is leaving early, parent/guardian must come to the office and sign the student out.

Dismissal: 3:30pm

If AACPS announces a 2 hour delay, doors will open at 10:50 am and there will be no Chessie.

If there is a 2 Hour Early Dismissal, students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.



...Mindset Moment

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

~Winston Churchill

ABSENCE NOTES

Yes, absence notes, late arrival notices and early dismissal notices are still required. Please make sure all absence notes include:

- Student's Full Legal Name
- Homeroom Teacher's Name
- Date and Reason for Absence

Absence notes must be turned in within 3 days. You may send an email to the homeroom teacher and LMSykes@aacps.org. If your child will be absent more than five days, a note from the doctor is required.

Thank You!!



SECURITY CAMERAS

Severna Park Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations.

During certain events, when safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083

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3. In the Together in Education section, type the school name in the School Search toolbar
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(Note: it is easiest to type the school code listed above into the school search bar)

App

1. Go to "My Account" and click "Together in Education"
2. Type in the school name in the search bar

In-store

Ask your cashier to link your VIC card to our school's TIE code.



Dear Parents and School Supporters,

Beginning August 1, 2020, Severna Park Elementary proudly joins Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. Last year we earned over \$400.00 and we hope to beat that amount this year! It's easy and it's FREE. Simply give the cashier **our school code, 4433**, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire 2020-21 school year. That's it! **All VIC cards are cleared as of June 1, 2020 and current members must be relinked starting August 1, 2020.** You only must link your VIC card once each school year.

Starting on August 1, 2020, Severna Park Elementary will start earning a percentage of every Harris Teeter brand purchased (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) with a linked VIC card credited back to the school's account.

The TIE program proceeds will be used for technology, supplies, equipment, teacher preparation, and student learning materials. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don't forget to link your VIC card to **our account code #4433** next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.

Thank you for your support!

Severna Park Elementary Staff



Message from the Board

We are still looking for volunteers to be part of our 2020-2021 PTA executive board. Vacant positions include 1st VP (Pres-Elect), 2nd VP (Membership), & Secretary. Please email spespta20@gmail.com, if you are interested in serving.

January 2021

NO JANUARY PTA MEETING

Next PTA Meeting is Feb 10th @ 6:30pm

Click on the Zoom link below to attend:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83537430405?pwd=Snc2YllzcWJ5UGRocThSZVBkTnFXZz09>

Parent Workshop: How to Support Your Elementary Child During Virtual Learning Jan 20th @ 6:30

Should I look at my 3rd grader's Google Classroom and check for missing assignments everyday? Do I need to sit next to my 1st grader all day while she is in her Google Meet to make sure she is paying attention to the teacher? How much time in the evening, and over the weekend, should my 5th grader be spending on completing his schoolwork? We all want to support our children so that they are successful at virtual learning, but are we actually helping?

On Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm, the PTA will host a virtual zoom meeting to help parents understand their role in their child's education in the eLearning setting. SPES School Psychologist, Mrs. Nicole Jones and Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Katie McCord, will be leading the discussion.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88901631539?pwd=U1RYWnUxaE1lUFZMMHZxKzgwZjZ5dz09>

2020-2021 Yearbook Update

This year, due to COVID, the creation of the SPES yearbook will be a little bit different. In years past, SPES had a Yearbook Club made up of 10 to 15 fifth graders. Members of the club took candid photos, wrote captions, and designed page layouts.

This year, a PTA Yearbook Committee will tackle the layout portion of the process while ALL SPES students will get the opportunity to be photographers and caption writers. The First Day of School, Spirit Week, Halloween & Cultural Arts are just a few of the categories that will need candid photos.

Candid photo submissions will begin on **Monday, Jan. 11th**. There will be a link posted on the PTA homepage spespta.org.



Please register on the PTA website at: www.spespta.org and/or join the SPES PTA Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/898330056928570>