



Eye On it

May

On-line [Kindergarten](#)

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May 3-7

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-16

Book Fair—see flyer

May 5

Ledo Pizza

(Code 306-159-855)

and

Froyo Fundraiser

May 12

Zoom PTA Meeting 6:30pm

May 18

Chipotle Fundraiser

May 25

Brian Boru 3-8:30

May 27

Kindergarten Conferences

May 31

Memorial Day

All Schools closed

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 CONNECTxp

BOBCAT Bulletin

SEVERNA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Severna Park Families,

This first week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week! I am full of complete gratitude to our teachers. While riding the wave this year, teachers have transformed their classrooms several times and have been incredibly dedicated to providing the best education for our students. Please join me in thanking our SPES teachers!

Many families recently completed the Return To School survey. We know that many, many students and families want children back in the building for four days a week. We want you here full time, too! Keep in mind that this change may amount to about 10 extra days in the building, and we are on track for a full return to five days a week in the fall.

Unfortunately, with nearly 80% of our students back in the building for hybrid learning, we have limited seats and will only be able to accommodate a small number of students for the four-day model. Remember that the survey form was a **request**, not a guarantee.

There are several factors that will impact how many students are able to return to the building. There continues to be a limit on how many students in each class, even with the new CDC guidelines of 3 feet of social distancing. We must still plan for 6 feet of distancing because of the unmasked lunch breaks. In addition, there are staffing limitations, such as a lack of midday monitors and teaching staff availability due to accommodations (the nature of which is confidential).

Families will be notified of the status of their request as soon as we have information available. Any child who is coming back for the four-day model or any child moving from virtual to hybrid instruction will be invited to begin on or around May 13th. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the building in the fall!

A final kudos to the PTA who hosted a spectacular Disney Trivia Night and organized opportunities for our families to purchase SPES spirit wear. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Principal Barnes



This Month's Counselor's Corner



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

It's hard to believe we are in the home stretch of this very unusual year. Families, students, and teachers have been so flexible and learned a lot of new skills, not to mention new ways to juggle life's happenings. It's a wonderful time to focus on the positives of this challenging year. Brainstorm with your kids some of the positives as the school year winds down.

The character trait for May and June is Integrity. I think we all want to raise children to have strong morals and integrity. Fortunately, children have an innate ability to empathize and care for others. Kids pick up on incongruencies, especially with their parents, so try and lead by example. Model actions of honesty, respect, and accountability (especially admitting when you make a mistake). Point out real-life and story examples of kindness and integrity. Thoughtfully chosen movies can spark conversation about integrity. Opening conversations about positive and negative character traits at a young age can plant the seeds for good communication through teenage and young adulthood as well.

May is also Career Month! Thank you to parents and extended family members who have shared their career videos with me so I can share them with students. May Lessons for all grades will include Career Interests and Awareness, Integrity, and Responsibility.

May 7th is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. The American Psychological Association (APA) seeks to raise awareness and show that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development. This year they are focusing on supporting mental health conversations between parents/guardians and their children. SPES will have some positive mental health tips on the announcements every week. More information, resources and webinars can be found at this site: <https://www.apa.org/pi/families/children-awareness-day>.



Career Day



...Mindset Moment

"The time is always right to do what is right."

~Martin Luther King

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SPES Kindergarten

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**TIMES TO REMEMBER
FOR IN-PERSON
DAYS**

Doors Open: 8:45 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.

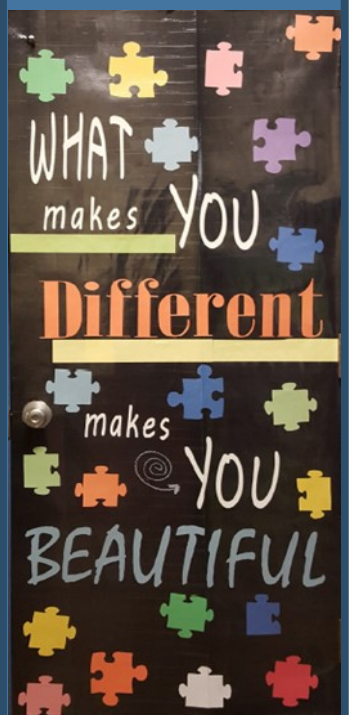
Students must be in their seat or they will be marked tardy and sent to the office for a late pass.

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 10:45 am and there will be no Cheshire.

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



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



Registration Information

** * * Kindergarten Registration
Opened April 7, 2021 on-line* * **





















The registration page can be found [here](#) and contains a complete listing of all required documentation. For any registration questions, please call Lisa Sykes at 410-222-6577 or send an email to LMSykes@aacps.org with specific questions.

You will find a short video on the Enrollment Site in both English and Spanish to help you along.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

May Spring Spirit Wear

<p>May 3 Move it Monday</p> 	<p>May 4 Wear your favorite Star Wars or Movie T-Shirt</p> 	<p>May 5 Wear Orange for Unity</p> 	<p>May 6 Show your SPES Pride Wear your SPS gear</p> 	<p>May 7 College Day wear your favorite college team shirt</p> 
<p>May 10 Move it Monday</p> 	<p>May 11</p> 	<p>May 12 Wear Orange for Unity</p> 	<p>May 13 Show your SPES Pride Wear your SPES gear</p> 	<p>May 14 College Day wear your favorite college team shirt</p> 
<p>May 17 SuperHero Mania Monday</p>  <p>Wear your favorite superhero T Shirt NO COSTUMES</p>	<p>May 18</p> 	<p>May 19 Virtual Wear Orange for Unity</p> 	<p>May 20 SuperHero Mania</p>  <p>Wear your favorite superhero T Shirt NO COSTUMES</p>	<p>May 21 College Day wear your favorite college team shirt</p> 
<p>May 24 Move it Monday</p> 	<p>May 25</p> 	<p>May 26 Virtual Wear Orange for Unity</p> 	<p>May 27 Show your SPES Pride Wear your SPES gear</p> 	<p>May 28 College Day wear your favorite college team shirt</p> 

Hybrid and virtual student donations:

Hybrid students can bring in cash or checks made out to AAC SPCA.

Virtual and Hybrid families can donate directly to the website in the links box.

SPCA

What can you donate?

Items to donate (most can be used items): **Pet food, pet grooming supplies, dog and cat toys, leashes, towels and blankets** can be brought to school with students or dropped off to the bins in the front foyer.

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Links:

To donate directly to the AACSPCA click here
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/AACSPCA>

Email Mrs McCord
kmccord@aacps.org to let her know how much you donated, so we can track SPES donations.

The SPCA is an amazing organization that embraces any animal in need with shelter and care until they are adopted.

Don't forget, Please donate! You can help animals in need today! You can bring money and pet supplies in personally, or donate online!
Thanks SPES!

When should we donate? May 10th - May 14th - SPES Fund and Item Drive to Support the Anne Arundel County SPCA.



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General PTA Meeting – May 12th @ 6:30pm

To attend the meeting, please click on the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89976901654?pwd=aG5BU1dRZkRuSIRkTVZQWG41azlXUT09>

May
2021

From the SPES PTA Executive Committee:



Thanks to the amazing work of the Nominating Committee, the SPES PTA is happy to announce the 2021-2022 Executive Officer Slate:

President – DJ Gile

Vice President – Claire Vetter

Treasurer – Carrie Chojnowski

Secretary – Beth Gillespie

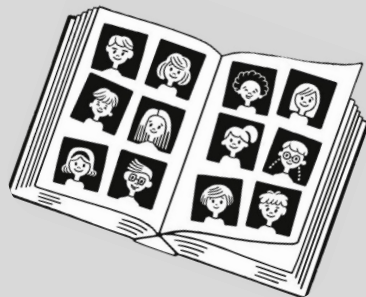
Communication Liaison – Robyn Scott

At the May General meeting, we will be voting these volunteers into office. Many thanks to the members of the nominating committee, Nora Shettel, Moira Buttner-Schnirer & Nicolette Behm. We truly appreciate you volunteering your time and talents.

Message From the Yearbook Committee: Mark Your Calendars:

June 1 – 15, 2021

- Place online order for your 2020-2021 SPES yearbook



August 2021

- Receive your 2020-2021 yearbook

If you missed the Autism Parent Workshop last month, a recording of the presentation, as well as other resources, are posted on the PTA website www.spespta.org





On Tuesday April 27th over 20 SPES teams put their Disney knowledge to the test. There were easy questions (the color of Alice's dress) and questions that were downright impossible (the name of Merida's 3 brothers). After an hour of friendly competition, the points were tallied, and the winners were revealed.

Congratulations to the trivia winners:

- 1) Team Mickey Bars
- 2) Chip & Dale Rescue Rangers
- 3) Three Blond Mice

In addition, raffle prizes were awarded:

- 1) Great Scott - Sullivan's Cove gift certificate
- 2) Foolish Mortals - FroYo Gift card
- 3) Persimmon Court Posse - Franklin Toys gift card

Many thanks to our sponsors, Walsh Trivia Events & Entertainment, Jessica Hermanstorfer, and Dawn Gile for putting together a super fun night for the whole family.





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May 3rd - May 7th



Teacher **Appreciation**
WEEK

PART 1:

Our SPES teachers have gone above and beyond this year - they are fantastic, and we are SO lucky to have them! As with everything else, our “normal” teacher appreciation event (a catered meal) isn’t allowed this year and we had to think outside the box (and rethink our timeline). Since the “return to the building” teacher gift bags were so successful back in March, the PTA decided to use the same approach for teacher appreciation. We will be putting together “thank-you” bags for the teachers. If you would like to donate to the bags, please use the sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4DA9AA29A5FE3-spes>. Let’s work together to celebrate our teachers!

Please drop off items at Moira Buttner-Schnirer’s home, 90 Avondale Circle no later than Monday, May 10th. Gift bags will be delivered to teachers no later than Friday, May 14th. Thank you for helping us to thank our AMAZING teachers this week!

PART 2:

Show our teachers how awesome they are by providing small acts of kindness to them during Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday 5/4 - Tell your teacher one thing that you think is special about them. Brighten your teacher’s day by wearing their favorite color!

Wednesday 5/5 - Our teachers are superheroes! Dress like a superhero during virtual learning for today.

Thursday 5/6 - Write a homemade thank you card to your teacher.

Friday 5/7 - Bring your teacher a flower (or, if you’re virtual today, draw them a picture of one!)



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What time is it...

It's time for our
**ONLINE
BOOK FAIR!**



Do you remember back in 2019 there was a thing called Birthday Books? It was an initiative where the PTA donated books to the SPES library in honor of students' birthdays? Over the course of a typical school year, the PTA would donate at least 400 books, 1 for every child.

In the fall of 2021, the PTA hopes to bring back this awesome program, but they need your help. They need you to place a book fair order. For every \$4.00 you spend at the book fair, the PTA will receive 1 scholastic dollar. These scholastic dollars will be used to purchase Birthday Books. Please help the PTA stock our library shelves.

To place an order, go to: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/spes>

**May 3rd
to
May 16th**



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**RAISING
FUNDS
TASTES GREAT!**

**Join us at Ledo Pizza for a
FUNDRAISER to support
Severna Park Elementary**

Ledo Pizza: LEDO PIZZA SEVERNA PARK
552 RITCHIE HWY
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

When: Wednesday, May 5th
11am to 8pm

Online Code: 306-159-855

(Please enter the code into the Promotion Code area at Checkout
for the organization to receive Credit)

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,
enter the code for online orders, or just mention
you are here to support this fundraiser and 20% of
the proceeds will be donated to the organization.
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*Ledo
Pizza.*

ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM



**Severna Park Elementary Fundraiser
at
Froyo House**

Wednesday, May 5th

Grab a sweet treat
at Froyo House
and support our
school.



Be sure to
mention SPES at
checkout.

A percentage of sales for the day will benefit the SPES PTA!!





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DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Severna Park Elementary. Just come in to the Chipotle at **575 Ritchie Hwy** in Severna Park on **Tuesday, May 18th** from **4:00pm** to **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Severna Park Elementary.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code M4NKM3C before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



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All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



Severna Park Elementary School Night at Brian Boru!!

Tuesday, May 25th from 3-8:30pm

Choose a 3-course meal from our Special Menu below for \$25
and \$10 from each meal will go back to the SPES PTA!

- Carryout Available with Curbside Contactless pick-up
- Order online brianborupub.com starting at 12:00pm on May 25th.
- FREE Live music outside by Park Life 6-9pm! (SPES Dads)
- Inside Dining and Outdoor Seating
- Masks are required when not seated
- Seating first come, first serve. No reservations.

Welcome to Brian Boru
Benefits SP Elementary PTA

Enjoy your choice of the following...

Starter

A cup of our traditional Potato & Leek Soup *or* Tomato Whiskey *or* beginner's Caesar or Garden Salad
**** Gluten free option**

Main Course

Whiskey Leek Chicken
Grilled chicken topped with Irish whiskey, leek, and cream sauces. Served with green onion mash and mixed vegetables.

Fish & Chips
Fillets of Atlantic Cod are dipped in our homemade beer batter, deep-fried to a golden brown, served with Irish chips and tartar sauce


Beef Stew **
Tender chunks of beef stewed with carrots, onions and celery topped with mashed potato

Shepherd's Pie **
Ground beef sirloin with onions, peas, carrots, in a rich gravy topped with mashed potatoes, baked

Irish Vegetarian Boxy
Potato Pancake filled with grilled peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheese and topped with marinara

Dessert

Irish Bread Pudding or Bailey's Mousse



\$25.00 per person plus tax and gratuity.
\$10.00 from each menu chosen will be donated.

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