

## Eye On it

**Nov 2**Teachers return  
to building**Nov 11**PTA Meeting  
6:30pm via Zoom**Nov 16**Grades K-2 return  
to building**Nov 16-20**American Education  
Week**Nov 24**

Report Cards

**Nov 25-27**

Thanksgiving Holiday

**All schools closed****Nov 30**Grades 3-5 return  
to building**Chromebook Login  
protocol:**

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User Password: YYYYMMDD

**Login instructions:**Logging into Chrome**Chromebook Help:**Chromebook Resources

Parent CONNECTxp

# BOBCAT Bulletin

## SEVERNA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear S.P.E.S Families,

First and Foremost, I want to thank you for your support and patience as we continue to adapt the way we teach during a pandemic. Since March, our community has shown genuine care for one another, whether it is student to student, parent to teacher, or teacher to student interaction. These are challenging times and I recognize that each family is facing a uniquely difficult situation.

Recently, each family has made one of three complicated decisions: to have their child return to hybrid learning, remain virtual until January, or remain virtual all year. While much of this plan is still being established, our staff is committed to keeping relationships and high quality instruction as our top priorities. I encourage you to visit <https://www.aacps.org/Oct2020FamilyReopening> for the most updated information and our staff will keep you updated with SPES specific information as best as possible.

Whether children are returning for hybrid learning or remaining virtual, AACPS and SPES will continue to adapt the way we teach and the materials we use for our children. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to provide virtual instruction as well as prepare the building for in-person instruction, which will begin November 16th for students in Kindergarten - second grade and November 30th for students in third - fifth grade. These dates allow for students to begin this new phase of learning early in the second marking period.

Before we close the doors on the first quarter, please help your child check his/her grades and identify if there are missing assignments. Be sure to check cultural arts assignments in addition to literacy, math, social studies, and science. We are proud of the way students have persevered in this first marking period and continue to exhibit PAWS expectations!

**P**ersevere through challenges

**A**ct responsibly

**W**ork together

**S**how respect for myself and others

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Lorie Barnes



# This Month's Counselor's Corner

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



The character trait for November is Empathy. Empathy begins with the capacity to take another perspective and is at the heart of what it means to be human. It's a foundation for acting ethically and for developing good relationships. You can provide opportunities for your children to practice empathy as it helps to nurture empathy throughout their lives. Regularly considering other people's perspectives and circumstances helps make empathy a natural reflex and children then get better at tuning into others' feelings. Four ideas to help nurture empathy include: 1) Hold family meetings when there are family challenges or conflicts and give voice to everyone. Ask each person to listen carefully to others points of view and understand and explain their perspective. 2) Encourage your children to consider the views of their friends and peers at school. 3) Point out to them when you see someone in real life or on a show demonstrate or fail to demonstrate empathy and how it impacts by helping or harming others. 4) Have your child think about the families who are short on food at this time and include them in the decision to donate to the food bank during our SPES Food Funds Drive.

**Harvest for the Hungry – Kids Helping Kids:** Please see the flier in this newsletter and support the local food bank to help local families during the November 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> week.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** AACPS makes the Pledge available to all schools daily with a new one every week. If your child would like to recite the Pledge for distribution to the AACPS schools, you can record a video on a smartphone. At the beginning of the video, they should say their name (just first name is fine) and the name of their school. Send the video to Mr. Edwards at [meedwards1@AACPS.org](mailto:meedwards1@AACPS.org), and he will forward it to their production team and they will add the flag and graphics.

**Counseling Lessons:** In November lessons are about Social Justice, so students can identify what it means and the dimensions of Identity, Diversity, Justice and Action. I am also doing lessons in Empathy for all grades.

**Individual Counseling:** Some students have adapted to on-line learning while many still struggle with it. I'm 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](mailto:kmccord@aacps.org) and we can plan a time to meet.

## Social Emotional Growth PBIS/Second Step/Character Traits

**PBIS:** It's exciting to see how the students are earning classroom PAWS and really understanding the PAWS actions. Ask your children to show you the hand actions for each of the four PAWS behaviors. Students were invited by me and Mrs. Prince to come up with their own PAWS song that they can send to me, Mrs. Prince or their teacher. We promise to watch them all, and ask if we might share them during morning announcements or music community meetings.

**Second Step:** We are stepping into Empathy lessons in 2nd Step which include identifying feelings, recognizing the same and different feelings, and showing compassion for others. Look for the home links from your child's teachers to support these important skills.

**Character Trait:** Empathy – the capacity to take another perspective.

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\*\*\*And NEW\*\*\*  
**SPES**  
**Kindergarten**  
**@SPKindergarten**

## 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

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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



## ...Mindset Moment

Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?

~Henry David Thoreau



# 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](mailto: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



# Looking for a new fall recipe?

## Check out what our student chefs are recommending!



### Fall Muffins

By Gabrielle M.  
(5th Grade)

#### You will need:

1 box cake mix  
1 can pumpkin  
Cinnamon optional  
chocolate chips optional

#### Directions:

- 1) Mix
- 2) Put into muffin forms

Bake 350 for 30 -35 min  
Voila!

### Maple Graham Cracker Chocolate Smoothie

By Clara B. (1st Grade)

*Clara designed this recipe herself to use our extra chocolate milks from school lunch pickup. She added maple syrup and graham crackers for fall flavor. Plain yogurt adds a tang and makes it less sweet. Enjoy!*

#### You will need:

3 honey graham cracker sheets  
1 carton (half pint) fat-free chocolate milk (from school lunch pickup!)  
2T maple syrup  
1 large frozen banana (or 2 small)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plain yogurt (regular or Greek for a thicker texture)

#### Directions:

Put all ingredients in the blender, blend up, and enjoy a delicious afternoon treat!

### Yummy fall baked apples

By Makenzie G. (2nd Grade)

#### You Will Need:

Apples  
Cinnamon  
Whipped Cream/Brown Sugar Optional

#### Directions:

1. Peel 2 apples.
2. Slice the apples and put on a toaster oven tray
3. Sprinkle cinnamon on the apples.
4. Bake the apples at 450° in a toaster oven for 10 minutes.
5. Add toppings, such as whipped cream or brown sugar.
6. Enjoy!



# Thank you to all of our student chefs!



## Dutch Baby (Puffed Pancake) By Avery G. (First Grade)

### You Will Need

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup milk, heated
  - 20 to 30 seconds in the microwave
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- Pinch salt
- Orange food coloring
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

### Directions:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2) Put the butter in a large,  
ovenproof, nonstick saute pan and  
place in the oven.

### Directions Continued...

Meanwhile, in a blender, combine the eggs, flour, warm milk, sugar, vanilla extract and pinch of salt, and blend on medium-high speed until uniform. (If mixing by hand, combine the eggs with the milk until the mixture is light yellow and no longer stringy, about 1 minute. Add the flour, sugar, vanilla, and pinch of salt, orange food coloring and whisk vigorously to remove the lumps, about 30 seconds.)

3) Carefully remove the hot pan from the oven. The butter should be melted. Swirl the butter around the pan to coat completely, and then pour the remaining butter into the batter and pulse to blend. Pour the batter into the hot pan and return the pan to the oven. Cook until the pancake is puffed in the center and golden brown along the edges, 20 to 25 minutes.

4) Using a spatula, remove the entire Dutch baby from the pan and place on a cooling rack for a few minutes to allow the steam to escape without condensing along the bottom and rendering the pancake soggy. Dust with confectioners' sugar when cooled slightly. Slice the pancake into 8 wedges on a serving platter or cutting board.



# SPES Harvest for the Hungry

Focus Week: November 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>



Did you know?

- One in every eight families in Anne Arundel County struggles with food security
- COVID 19 increased the number of needy families in our community
- All funds received will go to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank

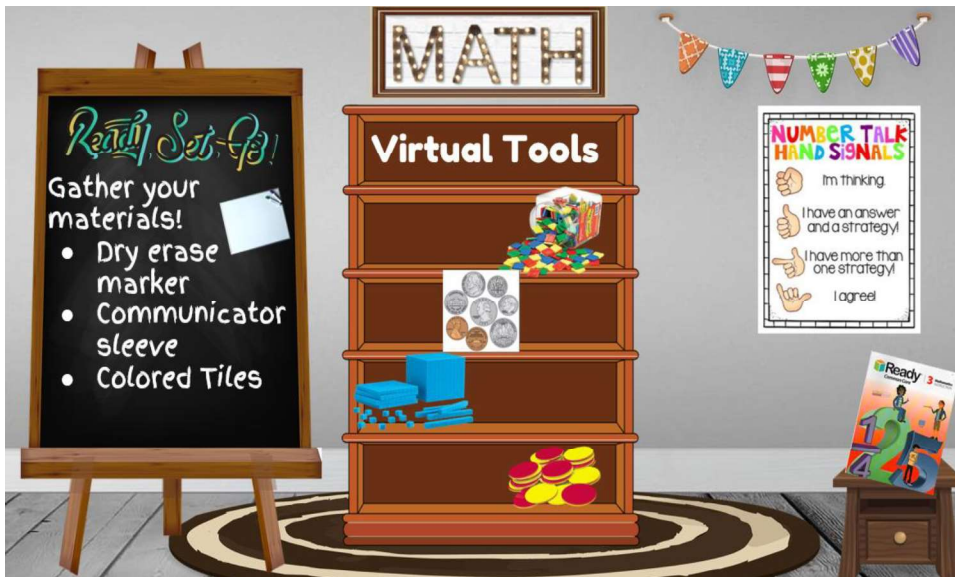
Our students want you to give so that so other people can have food and a better lifestyle.

## Two Ways to Increase AAC Food Bank Funds:

1. **Donate** directly at [www.aacps.org/harvest](http://www.aacps.org/harvest) . The minimum donation is \$10. Make sure you pull down our school name, so we can see how well SPES did in helping the hungry.
2. **Dine in or take-out food** at our community partners on specific days during our focus week and a portion of the sales will go to Harvest for the Hungry Food Fund in our school's name. Make sure to mention you are from SPES!!

Day of the Week	Student Spirit	Community Partnership for the Hungry
Monday, Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Hair Monday	Café Mezzanotte (20% of all SPES sales all day)
Tuesday, Nov 10	Share a Toy Tuesday	Gary's Grill (5% of all sales all day)
Wednesday, Nov 11	Wear PJs Wednesday	Ledo's Pizza (20% of SPES sales all day)
Thursday, Nov 12	Throwback Thursday - share baby pictures	Park Tavern (15% of all SPES sales all day)
Friday, Nov 13	Funny Friday -share a joke	Stay Tuned - To be determined

Students support by participating in the Harvest for the Hungry Spirit Week and encouraging their family members to donate and support our community partners.



# ELEMENTARY MATH

## VIRTUAL FAMILY SUPPORT

AACPS now offers Elementary Math Virtual Family Support to parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn virtually.

**Come with questions** about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem -solving teaching/ technique. If the question cannot be answered on the phone, a Google meet code will be shared where a math teacher tutor can provide a response visually.

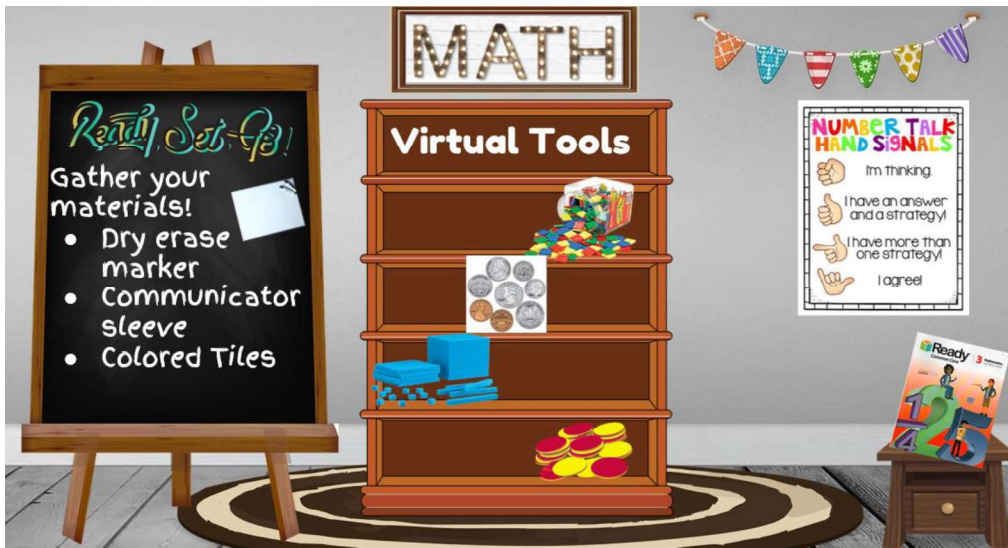
**Primary Link** [HERE](#)

**Intermediate Link** [HERE](#)



Open Tuesday and  
Thursday evenings  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

English and  
Spanish support



# MATEMATICA EN LA PRIMARIA

## APOYO FAMILIAR VIRTUAL

AACPS ofrece apoyo familiar virtual en matemáticas de escuela primaria a los padres, tutores u otros adultos que ayudan a los estudiantes a aprender virtualmente.

**Venga con preguntas** sobre conceptos matemáticos de prekínder a quinto grado o en busca de ayuda para comprender la enseñanza / técnica actual de resolución de problemas. Si la pregunta no se puede responder por teléfono, se compartirá un código de reunión de Google donde un profesor tutor de matemáticas puede proporcionar una respuesta visualmente.

**Enlace Escuela Primaria [HERE](#)**

**Enlace Escuela Intermedia [HERE](#)**



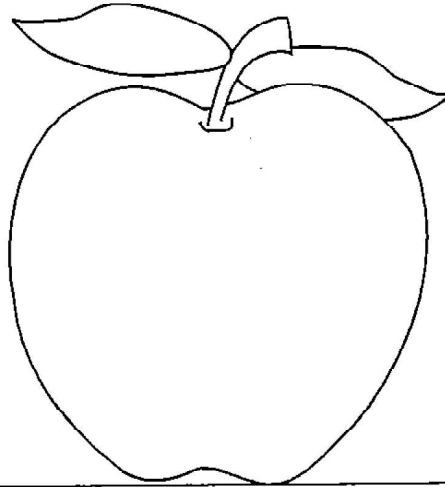
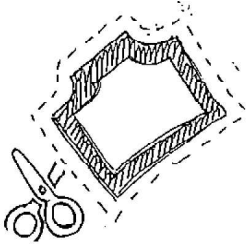
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Abierto martes y  
jueves por la noche  
6 p.m. a 8 p.m.

Apoyo en Inglés y  
Español



# COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION™ FOR YOUR SCHOOL!



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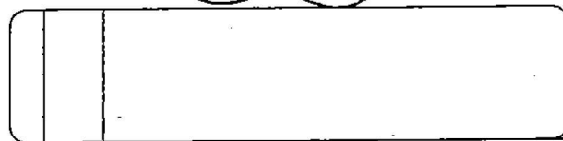
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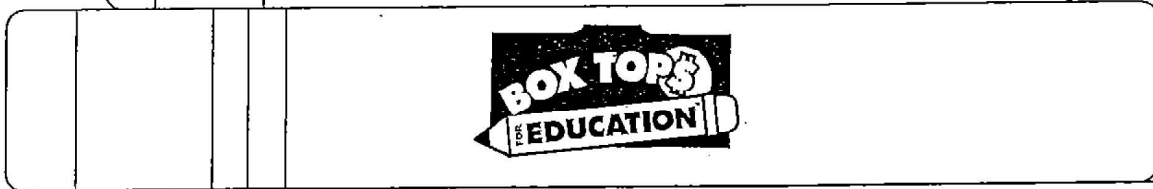
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BACK

TO

SCHOOL



Name: _____
Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

**Collection Deadline: Dec 1st**  
**Drop off location: 203 Holland Road**

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Severna Park Elementary PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **575 Ritchie Hwy** in Severna Park on **Tuesday, November 17th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. 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 PTA.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code GMTDVC8 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.



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.



November 2020

**Next PTA Meeting**  
**Nov 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89020681741?pwd=WldTSiQvS2FmQnRSVzNEcWl1d1hpQT09>

## Change the Date!!

With the “Teachers Return to the Building” date pushed back to Monday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, the due date for teacher “**Welcome Back**” signs has been extended to Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Drop signs off at Moira’s home, 90 Avondale Circle.

## Slated PTA Board

**President:**

Lesley Bigden

**1<sup>st</sup> VP:** Vacant

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** Vacant

**Treasurer:**

Moira Buttner-Schnirer

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Communication Liaison:**

Michele Comer

**Past President:**

Natalie Otto

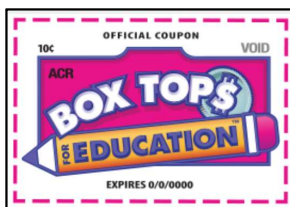
**Webmaster (ex officio):**

Jane Valentino

**Interested in a PTA  
board position?**

Please send an email to  
[spespta20@gmail.com](mailto:spespta20@gmail.com)

## Ways to Support the PTA:

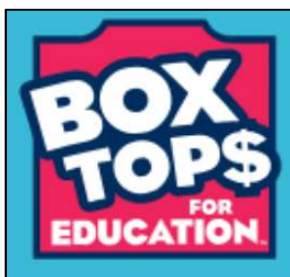


### BOX TOPS CLIPS

Deadline: Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Drop off location:

203 Holland Road



### BOX TOPS LABELS

Download the App

Scan your receipts

[www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com)



### Amazon

[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Pick Severna Park  
Elementary School PTA as  
your charity and shop away.



### SPES Night

1<sup>st</sup> Wed of every month

11am – 8pm

[www.order.ledopizza.com](http://www.order.ledopizza.com)

Online Code:

306-159-855



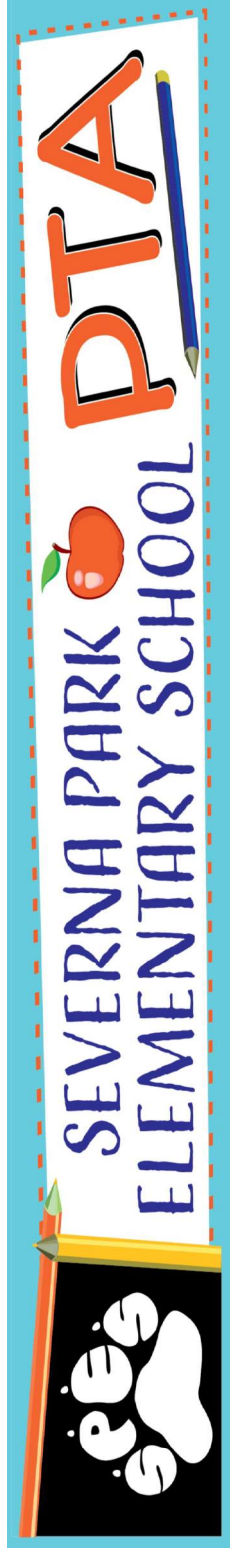
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Mention SPES at checkout

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





## UPDATE: DATE CHANGE

Attention SPES Families:

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, SPES teachers are returning to the building to teach virtually and to prepare for hybrid learning. The PTA would like to show our teachers how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication to our school. Our plan is to decorate the outside of the building with “Welcome Back” signs, but we can’t do it alone. We need your help. If you are able, please consider making a sign and dropping it off at PTA Treasurer Moira Buttner-Schnirer’s home, 90 Avondale Circle, before **4pm on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> November 6<sup>th</sup>**, If you would like to help us hang signs on the evening of November 1<sup>st</sup> **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, please send an email to [lesleybigden@gmail.com](mailto:lesleybigden@gmail.com).

- PTA Executive Board

