



Eye On it

Nov 30-Dec 3

[Online Scholastic Book Fair](#)

Dec 2

Ledo Pizza & FroYo fundraiser

Dec 9

[PTA Meeting 6:30pm via Zoom](#)

Dec 18

Interims to be issued

Dec 24-Jan 1

Christmas/
Winter Break

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 **CONNECT**xp

BOBCAT Bulletin

SEVERNA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hello, SPES families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! I know this holiday may have been celebrated in many different formats, but it does remind us how grateful we are for the opportunity to share time with others.

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to work with the students, staff, parents, and PTA at SPES while Mrs. Barnes is on maternity leave! I have enjoyed the opportunity to see the students making connections, persevering through obstacles, and appreciating their teachers. Relationships are important for all students but especially important for elementary students. It is magical to see how everyone has adapted to the virtual world. It is an ongoing journey, but I am very proud of our SPES community and their dedication to excellence!

I look forward to working with you in December!

Sharon H. Hansen, Acting Principal
Severna Park Elementary School



This Month's Counselor's Corner



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

The character trait for December is Compassion. In November we focused on empathy and the capacity to take another's perspective and understand their feeling. This month we delve into the action that comes from that empathy. Compassion is action and being moved to help someone, especially someone who is sad or in pain to help alleviate or prevent their suffering. Acts of compassion can be simple acts of kindness like opening the door, helping someone carry something, showing gratitude, giving coats, food, and gifts to those in need or more involved acts like, adopting or fostering a pet, fostering a child, starting a charity to help others, and caring for the sick or elderly. There truly are no boundaries.

While the action of compassion is defined by its helpfulness, the qualities of compassion include kindness, patience, warmth, and perseverance. I have seen SPES students show empathy and compassion to fellow students who are having technical difficulties or are getting frustrated and upset during online learning. They quickly tell them it's happened to them and don't worry, it'll be okay, you can finish later, etc.

This month, we have an opportunity for parents to encourage your children to share in compassionate thinking with the coat drive and the Gift Bag collection by Good Neighbors Group. Have them consider the people who will be cold this winter without a warm coat as well as the students from Annapolis Elementary who may not be as fortunate as they are and would be over the moon to get a small gift bag.

Harvest for the Hungry – Kids Helping Kids: I'm so proud to be part of such a generous school population. We raised more than \$1,000 for AAC Food Bank.

Coat, Belt, Suspender Drive: Look through your closets and drop off winter coats, belts and suspenders at the drop box on the porch of the SP Chambers of Commerce at 1 Holly Avenue. The coats will be distributed by the Orphan Grain Train charity to homeless people in Baltimore city.

Holiday Sharing Gift Bag Drive: Good Neighbor's Group has kindly taken on the Giving Tree activity SPES usually does this time of the year. There are 85 students at Annapolis Elementary School who are on the list to be chosen to get a holiday bag right before the holidays. Students love to help pick out items to include in the bags. Details and sign-ups are at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aada82aabfa7-spes>

December Counseling Lessons: Every grade will have a discussion about compassion this month. In addition, Kindergarten lessons will be about Bucket Filling, Feelings and expressing feelings, 1st grade lessons are about Tattling and expressing feelings, 2nd grade lessons are about Teasing and expressing feelings, 3rd grade lessons are about Substance Abuse and Decision Making, and 4th/5th grade lessons are about Substance Abuse and Conflict Resolution.

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 and we can plan a time to meet.

Social Emotional Growth PBIS/Second Step/Character Traits

PBIS: All of our classes earned at least one big PAW for their positive ("PAWSitive") behaviors. Mrs. Langhirt's class was the first to get their 3rd big PAW.

Second Step: We are continuing with 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: Compassion – the sympathetic awareness of another's distress and a desire to take

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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 Cheshire.

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



...Mindset Moment

“Compassion is an action word with no boundaries.”

~Prince



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



Congratulations to all of the Bobcat Book Club readers who read four books this marking period!!
Keep up the great work.

BBC Questions

Chessie readers: do not forget to checkout the Virtual Chessie Trail to see your paw moving along the path.

Chessie Trail

TODAY A
Reader
TOMORROW
A *Leader*



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, DEC 2nd
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)

CARRYOUT • DINE IN • ONLINE

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 the proceeds will be donated to the organization. **20%**

Ledo Pizza ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM



Severna Park Elementary Fundraiser
at
Froyo House
Wednesday, December 2nd

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!!





HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

TO BENEFIT STUDENTS
EXPERIENCING POVERTY IN OUR AREA

Click below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADA82AABFA7-spes>

COATS



**WINTER
COAT
DRIVE**

BELTS



SUSPENDERS



SPES Coat, Belt and Suspender Collection

*All sizes! Drop them in the
box on the porch of the
Severna Park Chamber of
Commerce at 1 Holly Avenue
November 30th - December 13th*



SEVERNA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PTA

December 2020

Don't Delay, Buy a Book Today.

Last day to participate in the Scholastic Book Fair is Thursday, **December 3rd**.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/severnaparkelementaryschool1>



Next PTA Meeting is Dec 9th @ 6:30pm

Click on the Zoom link below to attend

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89442833501?pwd=bkRjVjZMMU1vNFNyd3FjYUwwMjFTUT09>

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 5th 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. In the January Bobcat Bulletin, the committee will give instructions for submitting photos. Stay tuned & keep taking pictures. ☺

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.

PTA honors SPES teachers who retired in Spring 2020

It's our PTA tradition to honor the retirement of SPES teachers with the purchase and planting of trees. On November 3rd, SPES parents and students worked together and planted trees next to the playground. Two trees were to honor Ms. Kathi Foley and Ms. Lisa Jacobs who retired in Spring 2020. Ms. Foley retired after teaching for over 28 years with AACPS. Her final 16 years of teaching were devoted to the students of SPES. Ms. Jacobs completed over 33 years of teaching with AACPS. She was a member of the SPES faculty from 1998-2020. The SPES families also planted two additional Tribute Trees which replaced previously planted trees that unfortunately didn't thrive after being planted.

One of the newly planted trees is an Eastern Red Cedar. This Maryland native tree has the potential to live up to 500 years and will provide much needed shade for the playground in just a few years. Thank you to Mr. Gross for his help in coordinating with AACPS. We all look forward to celebrating the service of these teachers in person at some point soon!



Ms. Kathi Foley



Ms. Lisa Jacobs



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>