

BOBCAT BULLETIN

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Dear Severna Park Elementary Families,

We hope that everyone had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable winter break! On January 24, at 7:00 pm, SPES will be having our first concert of the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to have families join us to celebrate the hard work that our students have put in this year to develop their musical talents! Doors open at 6:30 pm!

Now that winter has finally arrived in Maryland, please be sure to send in your student(s) with the appropriate attire to go outside for recess. Whenever the weather cooperates, we want to make sure that our students are getting the outdoor time that they need!

As shared in the September edition of the Bobcat Bulletin and in previous messages, last year we had over 200 items in the Lost and Found at the end of the year. It is impossible for us to appropriately manage that space with so many coats, jackets, and other items. At the end of each marking period, any unclaimed items will be donated to charitable organizations. Since this is the end of the second marking period, all items in the Lost and Found that are not claimed by 1/19/24 will be donated.

The winter months bring the possibility of a synchronous or asynchronous virtual instruction day. Please be sure to remind your student(s) to ensure that their devices are properly functioning and fully charged. Instruction and Google Meet links will be posted on teacher's Brightspace pages if we have a virtual instruction day. Brightspace pages can be accessed through student's Classlink. Additional directions on how to access these pages are below. If you need assistance, please reach out to your student's teacher.

Brightspace Help: <https://www.aacps.org/brightspaceparent>

As always, please know that our doors are always open if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Kyle Butler, Principal (kwbutler@aacps.org)

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Estimadas familias de la Escuela Primaria Severna Park,

¡Esperamos que hayan tenido unas vacaciones de invierno seguras, relajantes y agradables!

¡El 24 de enero, a las 7:00 pm, SPES tendrá nuestro primer concierto del año escolar 2023-2024! ¡Estamos emocionados de que las familias se unan a nosotros para celebrar el arduo trabajo que nuestros estudiantes han realizado este año para desarrollar sus talentos musicales! ¡Las puertas se abren a las 6:30 pm!

Ahora que el invierno finalmente ha llegado a Maryland, asegúrese de enviar a su(s) estudiante(s) con la vestimenta adecuada para salir al recreo.

¡Siempre que el clima coopere, queremos asegurarnos de que nuestros estudiantes obtengan el tiempo al aire libre que necesitan!

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Como se compartió en la edición de septiembre del Boletín Bobcat y en mensajes anteriores, el año pasado tuvimos más de 200 artículos abandonados (Lost and Found) al final del año. Es imposible para nosotros administrar adecuadamente ese espacio con tantos abrigos, chaquetas y otros artículos. Al final de cada período de calificaciones, los artículos no reclamados se donarán a organizaciones caritativas. Dado que este es el final del segundo período de calificaciones, todos los artículos abandonados en "Lost and Found" que no se reclamen antes del 19 de enero, 24 serán donados.

Los meses de invierno traen consigo la posibilidad de una jornada de instrucción virtual sincrónica o asincrónica. Asegúrese de recordarle a su(s) estudiante(s) que se asegure de que sus dispositivos funcionen correctamente y estén completamente cargados. La instrucción y los enlaces de Google Meet se publicarán en las páginas de Brightspace de los maestros si tenemos un día de instrucción virtual. Se puede acceder a las páginas de Brightspace a través de Classlink para estudiantes. A continuación, encontrará instrucciones adicionales sobre cómo acceder a estas páginas. Si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con el maestro de su estudiante.

Ayuda con Brightspace: <https://www.aacps.org/brightspaceparent>

Como siempre, sepa que nuestras puertas siempre están abiertas si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.

Sinceramente

Kyle Butler, Director (kwbutler@aacps.org)

¿Necesita ayuda en español? Por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Jacobo al 410-562-1308 o sjacobo@aacps.org. ¡Muchas gracias!

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Katie McCord



Happy New Year! Optimism is the January character trait, and a new year is a wonderful time for optimism. We will be highlighting optimism in guidance lessons, morning announcements, and in morning meetings in January. SPES is positive!

When your kids believe good things will happen, often their perspective is to notice and look for the good things that do happen, even when some not so good things happen. Having optimistic parents and people around your kids helps them to be resilient and hopeful. A positive attitude can help you relax, stay calm, and stay on top of difficult situations. It can also help you manage stress and cope with challenges more easily. When your children are faced with a difficult time, try to believe, and relay that you believe in a positive future with good outcomes. One practice for a child who's having a negative mindset is to have them start the day thinking of the "best case scenario." Considering what they are grateful for also helps them focus on the positive.

SPES will be collecting used sports equipment the week of January 22nd-January 26th. The equipment will be given to the school we are partnering with to support, Belle Grove Elementary, so they can give the equipment to students to enable them to participate in sports. If we get items beyond what they need, they will provide the items to a group called Leveling the Playing Field who provide donated unused sporting equipment to help local kids in need in the Baltimore area. An email notice and/or flier will be sent soon.

January Class Counseling Lesson Topics: Kindergarten: Optimism, Feelings Management, and Xello Career Program, 1st -4th: Optimism, Positive Thinking, and Careers with Xello, 5th: Optimism, Goal Check-in, and Planning for Middle School.

On a closing note, if it hasn't been a productive day, consider Henry Moore's quote: "I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years." There's always a new day for you (and your kids) to start over on your goals and make them become a reality.

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1. Log in to your Harris Teeter profile at the top of harristeeter.com
2. Click on My Account once logged in
3. In the Together in Education section, type the school name in the School Search toolbar
4. Once the school name generates, click on the school name and then Add a School
(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,

Get Extra Credit and Plus Up Your Earnings!

From 1/1/24 to 5/31/24, link and sign up for a free or paid Harris Teeter Plus membership! Severna Park Elementary will earn \$10.00 for every Harris Teeter Plus Membership sign-up by an already linked customer or a newly linked customer. Severna Park Elementary will not earn funds on in-store purchases during Part II of this school year.

We Know You're Busy!

Harris Teeter Plus saves you time by delivering valuable savings and groceries to your front door.

Try free your first 30 days! Earn when you sign up 1/1/24 to 5/31/24.

Want to Become a Member?

Simply give the cashier **our school code, 4433**, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the rest of the 2023-24 school year. **You may link your card here: [Harris Teeter VIC Link](#)**. That's it! **You only must link your VIC card once each school year.**

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! Don't forget to link your VIC card to **our account code #4433** the next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.

Thank you for your support!

Severna Park Elementary Staff



SPES PTO NEWS

January 2024



A quick note:

Happy New Year, Bobcats! After a nice winter break, all things PTO are now back up and running! January brings us several sales including our new **2024 Spirit Wear & annual Yearbook**, as well as many events such as our **club enrollment**, our **Boys & Girls Events**, and more! If one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more involved, then **we have a spot for you!** Many of our committees are in need of support, with volunteer opportunities available for everyone. Please consider donating your time towards enriching your child's school experience and volunteer with us! **No effort is too small!** Come to Tuesday's meeting or reach out to us to find the best fit for you! **We hope to see you there!**



, Your SPES PTO

Save the Dates:

- ☐ 5-22 Jan: Spirit Wear Order
- ★ ☐ 9 Jan: PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ☐ 9 Jan: Yearbook Sales Open
- ☐ 19-26 Jan: PTO Clubs Enrollment
- ☐ 27 Jan: Boys Event @ USNA
- ★ ☐ 6 Feb: PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ☐ 6 Feb: Ledo & Froyo Spirit Night
- ☐ 9 Feb: Girls Event
- ☐ 23 Feb: Indoor Movie Night

*All dates subject to change.
Confirm final dates on website.

Jumping into 2024:

EEPS & CLUBS	Sign up for PTO sponsored after school clubs from Jan 19th-26th! More information coming soon!
YEARBOOK	Yearbook Cover Contest submissions are due in the front atrium by Jan 12th . Buy your advance sales only yearbook now!
SPIRIT WEAR	Grab some New Gear for the New Year! Spirit Wear Sales are open NOW through Jan 22nd online & via the sales form.
BOYS EVENT	Join us on Jan 27th at the US Naval Academy's "Kids Day" Basketball Game for this fun event! Get your tickets TODAY!
WEBSITE	More information on all of our events and programs can be found on our website. Visit us today to see what's next!

Requests:

Leads Needed: Looking for additional ways to support the Bobcat Community? The SPES PTO is seeking a **Treasurer** and a **Movie Night Lead!** Email us or come to our meeting to find out more!

Lost & Found: 'Tis the season for lost items! Please label **all** outerwear and lunch accessories with your student's name. Any currently **unclaimed items will be donated on January 18th**.

I missed a fundraiser! How may I directly donate?
We wish we could be everywhere at once, but that's not possible. Visit www.spespto.org/form/m/262615 for instructions on how to support your Bobcats anytime!



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"Severna Park Elementary School PTO"

SPES PTO BOYS EVENT

NAVY VS LOYOLA

27th JANUARY | 1:00 PM
US Naval Academy

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SPES BOYS EVENT AS
WE HEAD TO ANNAPOLIS FOR THE MIDSHIPMEN VS
GREYHOUNDS MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME.

Come and enjoy special USNA "Kids Day" entertainment like postgame
autographs, face painting, balloon art, meeting Bill the Goat & more!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW THROUGH JANUARY 8TH FOR JUST
\$5 FOR PTO MEMBERS. (\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS.)

VISIT WWW.SPESPTO.ORG/BOYS_EVENT FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP TODAY!

CALLING ALL SPES STUDENTS!



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

SUBMISSIONS DUE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH!

DESIGN & SUBMISSION
REQUIREMENTS:

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL SPESPTOYEARBOOK@GMAIL.COM

Use 8.5"x11" white paper in a vertical orientation (see above for examples).

☐ Include the words: "Building Bright Futures"

☐ Include school name and year: "SPES" or "Severna Park Elementary" AND "2023-2024."

☐ Student's Name and Grade MUST be noted on the BACK.

☐ Submit entries into the box in the SPES Atrium by 2:25pm on 1/12/24.

NEW YEAR, NEW GEAR!



Scan
here!



PRE-SALES LIVE
NOW - JAN 22ND



Order online at www.spespto.org
or look in your student's
backpack for a paper form!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SPELEMENTARYPTO.SPIRITWEAR@GMAIL.COM

THE SPES PTO IS GOING ON A

TREASURER HUNT



POSITION
OPEN NOW!

Are you accountable?
Do you love a good spreadsheet?
Want to be involved in your child's
school and "make change" but don't
have availability during school hours?

If your answers are yes,
this is the perfect spot for you!

Treasurers:

- Collect funds at PTO events & deposit them at the bank.
- Enter transactions into our database.
- Write purchase & reimbursement checks when necessary.
- Provide a funds status at PTO Meetings.
- Attend monthly meetings to the best of their ability.

Come to our meeting on January
9th to find out more or email us
at spelementarypto@gmail.com
to discuss further details.

We hope to welcome you
to the team soon!

JANUARY

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