

BOBCAT BULLETIN

The latest news and updates from Severna Park Elementary School



Dear Severna Park Elementary Families,

Thank you to all the families, staff, and students that made Back-to-School Night a success! If you were not able to attend the event, please be sure to reach out to your student's homeroom teacher for the information that was covered during the session.

Severna Park Elementary has been announced as one of America's Healthiest Schools for the 2022-2023 school year! 781 schools across the country received this prestigious recognition. We would like to give a huge shoutout to Mr. Wiles for leading the nomination process for SPES. Schools are recognized for this through implementing best practices in up to nine topic areas based on criteria in Healthier Generation's Thriving Schools Integrated Assessment. For more information and to see the list of schools that have received this recognition, please [click here](#). We will be hanging our Healthiest School banner for all students, staff, and families to see very soon!

SEPTEMBER "MUST-REMEMBERS"

OCT 3 PTA MEETING

OCT 4 BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

OCT 4 LEDO'S PIZZA/FROYO NIGHT

OCT 9-13 BOOK FAIR

OCT 11 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

6:30 -8:00PM

OCT 17 TWO-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

OCT 30 & 31 TWO-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

NOV 1 SCHOOLS CLOSED

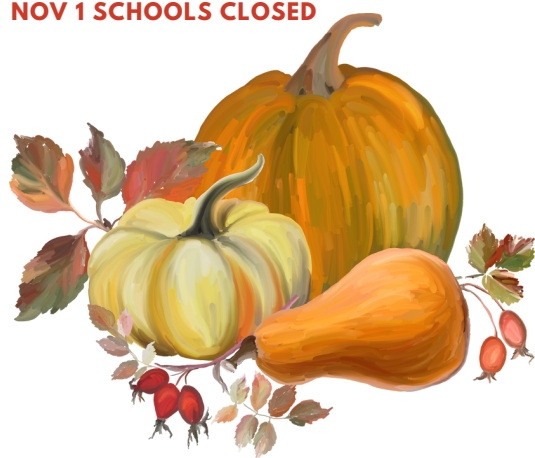
Families that drop off their students via the car line in the morning and afternoon, please be mindful of the entrances and exits for our bus drivers. It is imperative that our buses are able to enter and exit the school at the appropriate times so they can pick up students on time. Our drivers also have high school and middle school routes! In the morning and afternoon, if there is not enough room to pull up in the car line without blocking the exit to the bus loop, please wait for traffic to move. In the afternoon, if the car line forms on Riggs Avenue, please make sure the entrance to the bus loop remains clear for our buses to enter.

On Halloween, we will be hosting our annual SPES Halloween Parade! Fingers crossed that the weather cooperates this year! Information regarding this event will be communicated via email as it approaches. Please remember that Halloween costumes will need to remain in compliance with AACPS dress code. Costumes cannot be gory (i.e. fake blood, etc.), include prop weapons, be overly scary, or include masks. Parents will not be permitted to help the student change in or out of their costume when they arrive at school, so please make sure that their costume is appropriate for them! If you do not wish for your student to participate in these activities, please email your student's homeroom teacher and we can prepare a different activity for them.

Fall Celebration activities within the classroom will be communicated by homeroom teachers.

Sincerely,

Kyle Butler, Principal (kwbutler@aacps.org)



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SEPTEMBER "MUST-REMEMBERS"

SEP 4 LABOR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

SEP 5 ALL GRADES BACK TO CLASS

SEP 5 PTO MEETING

SEP 6 LEDO'S/FROYO NIGHT

SEP 19 CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY

SEP 19 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

OCT 3 PTA MEETING

OCT 4 LEDO'S PIZZA/FROYO NIGHT



Estimadas familias de la Escuela Primaria Severna Park,

¡Gracias a todas las familias, el personal y los estudiantes que hicieron de la "Noche de Regreso a la Escuela" un éxito! Si no pudo asistir al evento, asegúrese de comunicarse con el maestro de aula de su estudiante para obtener la información que se cubrió durante la sesión.

¡Severna Park Elementary ha sido anunciada como una de las escuelas más saludables de los Estados Unidos para el año escolar 2022-2023! 781 escuelas de todo el país recibieron este prestigioso reconocimiento. Nos gustaría dar un gran agradecimiento al Sr. Wiles por liderar el proceso de nominación de SPES. Las escuelas son reconocidas por esto a través de la implementación de las mejores prácticas en hasta las nuevas áreas temáticas basadas en los criterios de la Evaluación Integrada de Escuelas Prósperas de "Healthier Generation" "Generaciones saludables". Para obtener más información y ver la lista de escuelas que han recibido este reconocimiento, haga [clic aquí](#). ¡Saludable para que todos los estudiantes, el personal y las familias la vean muy pronto!

Las familias que dejan a sus estudiantes a través de la línea de automóviles por la mañana y por la tarde, tengan en cuenta que las entradas y salidas para nuestros conductores de autobuses. Es imperativo que nuestros autobuses puedan entrar y salir de la escuela en los momentos apropiados para que puedan recoger a los estudiantes a tiempo. ¡Nuestros conductores también tienen rutas de escuela secundaria e intermedia! Por la mañana y por la tarde, si no hay suficiente espacio para detenerse en la fila de automóviles sin bloquear la salida al circuito del autobús, espere a que el tráfico se mueva. Por la tarde, si la línea de automóviles se forma en Riggs Avenue, asegúrese de que la entrada al circuito de autobuses permanezca despejada para que entren nuestros autobuses.

¡En Halloween, organizaremos nuestro desfile anual de Halloween SPES! ¡Cruzamos los dedos para que el clima coopere este año! La información sobre este evento se comunicará por correo electrónico a medida que se acerque. Recuerde que los disfraces de Halloween deberán cumplir con el código de vestimenta de AACPS. Los disfraces no pueden ser sangrientos (es decir, sangre falsa, etc.), incluir armas de utilería, ser demasiado aterradores o incluir máscaras. A los padres no se les permitirá ayudar al estudiante a cambiarse dentro o fuera de su disfraz cuando llegue a la escuela, ¡así que asegúrese de que su disfraz sea apropiado para ellos! Si no desea que su estudiante participe en estas actividades, envíe un correo electrónico al maestro de su estudiante y podemos preparar una actividad diferente para ellos. Las actividades de celebración de otoño dentro del aula serán comunicadas por los maestros de aula.

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

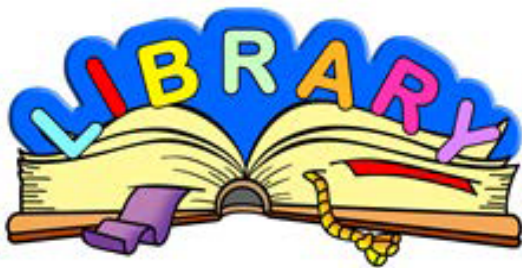


SPES' character traits for October are Effort & Integrity. Counseling lessons will include integrity, goal setting and the joy of learning new things through effort and trying even when it's hard. We will learn the difference between a growth mindset and fixed mindset, so we can choose to grow. I encourage parents to help their child look at something they hope to achieve, develop a plan to get there, and understand that it takes time, patience, practice, and often failure before they can reach the goal. Share your struggles and eventual successes with them as well. We will be emphasizing putting in effort, good character, honesty, and integrity this month in morning announcements, community meetings and in class reflection daily. We hope SPES students will sincerely do the right thing in difficult situations for moral reasons. When students make a moral mistake, it is a chance for them to learn to build character and integrity. We can apply the "growth mindset" model to learning good behavior as well as learning academics.

Parents are kids' most important role models for building integrity. Children are like sponges, soaking up everything around them, both good and bad. Go out of your way to make moral choices and talk about why you do so in front of your children.

I have small lunch bunch groups for relationship building, human relations planning, and follow up on goal setting lessons. I will start some focused groups in October. Please reach out to me if your child might benefit from a friendship, coping skills, or study skills/organization group. Groups meet 6-10 times per topic.

Harvest for the Hungry Drive: Every Fall the schools in Anne Arundel County hold food drives to benefit families and children in our county by giving the food and funds to the AAC Food Bank. One in eight families in Anne Arundel County struggle with food insecurity and the AAC Food Bank serves these families. You could drop off food anytime this month, but we choose to have one big week for collection and spirit days to get the kids excited. This year we will collect food during the week of October 23rd-27th. Please also consider a financial contribution via the www.aacps.org/harvest website anytime from October 1st-31st. Look for a flier and spirit days to excite students to participate.



This week our 1st-3rd graders have been practicing the routines for Chessie and have checked out Chessie books. Chessie will begin on Monday, October 2nd for 1st and 3rd grade and Tuesday, October 3rd for 2nd grade. Please encourage your students to participate in this reading program!


We are excited to have our Kindergarteners join us later in the year!

Happy Reading!




Chessie Reading Club


When: Chessie Begins on Monday, October 2nd
Where: Media Center
Time: 7:45-8:15 a.m.



Monday and Wednesday
1st and 3rd Grade



Tuesday and Thursday
Kindergarten and 2nd Grade



Link.



your VIC card
to our school today!



Connect your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's Together in Education account.

Online

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,

Beginning August 1, 2023, Severna Park Elementary proudly rejoins Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. Last year we earned over \$300.00 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 2023-24 school year **OR You may link your card here: [Harris Teeter VIC Link](#)**. That's it! **All VIC cards were cleared as of June 1, 2023, and current members must be relinked starting August 1, 2023. You only must link your VIC card once each school year.**

Starting Tuesday, August 1, 2023, when customers purchase select Harris Teeter Brand products using their linked VIC card, Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of those purchase dollars to our school. There is no additional charges or cost for customers to participate.

Harris Teeter Brand products include Harris Teeter, Harris Teeter Farmers Market, H.T. Traders, and Harris Teeter Organics. As a bonus program, if you purchase prescription medications from our pharmacy, a percentage of the product purchase also goes back to our school. However randomly weighted or bulk items in produce, meat (except poultry), seafood, deli bakery, prepared foods within these brands are not included in the program.

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



ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Welcome to the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Online School Payments (OSP) portal. This service provides families the opportunity to make secure online payments for school items, fees, and activities using Visa or MasterCard. This solution is provided to a limited number of pilot schools at this time. A non-refundable 4% processing fee is added to the purchase price and paid to the software vendor for credit card fees and site maintenance. This fee is not retained by the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Please be aware that your school continues to accept cash and check payments. You can access the Online School Payments (OSP) portal by clicking on [Online School Payments \(OSP\)](#)

Please click here for instructions on how to use the OSP site:

[English OSP Parent Instructions](#)

[Bilingual OSP Parent Instructions](#)

FEDERAL IMPACT PROGRAM SURVEY



Parents who are active military or who live or work on Federal Property in Maryland are asked to complete this year's [Federal Impact Aid Survey](#) when it becomes available on September 29, 2023.

You will be asked to verify your home address and identify if it is located on federal property. You will also complete sections identifying if a family member is in the military or works on federally owned property in Maryland. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and, be assured, all data collected is kept completely confidential.

Why Complete This Survey

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, like many local school districts across the United States, include within our boundaries parcels of land that are owned by the Federal Government or that have been removed from the local tax rolls by the Federal Government. Federal property is exempt from local property taxes. By submitting an application to the Department of Education each January, AACPS receives approximately \$2 million to assist in educating all our students.



SPEs PTO NEWS

October 2023

Sign Up Today!



At **99%** of the way to our Membership Drive goal, we're excited to be able to fund all these programs and many more this year. Can you help us bridge that **1%** gap so we can stay on track as we look forward to a fantastic school year? We are so close, and it's all thanks to your amazing support! **Go Bobcats!!** Sign up to be a member today at www.spespto.org!

Falling into October



The PTO has another busy month ahead! **Bike & Walk to School Day, Chessie Kickoff, Book Fair, Ice Cream Social, and Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations** are all coming up soon! Visit www.spespto.org/dates for a list of dates and to join our Google Calendar to receive automatic updates.

Meeting

Have you ever been to an informative meeting, had a playdate for your kids, supported your school, and checked dinner off your list all in the same hour? Now you can! Join us on **Tuesday, October 3rd @6:30pm** for the **PTO Meeting** where **childcare is provided** and **stop by Ledo's Spirit Night on the way home!**

Your PTO at Work

During the month of September, the PTO fulfilled 4 classroom grants, completed over 100 volunteer hours, enrolled 91 students into 4 after-school enrichment programs, participated in 2 school-wide events, onboarded 17 Committee Leads and 52 Room Leads, hosted a large-scale community event with over 600 attendees, and attended 2 county-level trainings.

If 200+ students sign in, the whole school could win **extra recess!**



Join kids across the nation for **National Walk and Bike to School Day** on **Wed, October 4th**. There will be music, an appearance by Boone, and a chance to win fun prizes!

GRATEFUL 4 YOU!

October 2nd is **National Custodian Appreciation Day**, and nobody works harder than our terrific team of 3! Please join us in thanking **Mr. Gross, Mrs. Queen & Mrs. Watkins** as we recognize their hard work keeping our school looking beautiful each and every day.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone involved with the **Fall Festival!** Many of our Bobcat community played a vital role in this successful event for our school, from the **coordinators** and **sponsors** to the **volunteers** and **attendees**.



TATTOOS



BOONE!



COTTON CANDY

Prepare for More Fun!

- ✓ **Ice Cream Social:** Oct 11th @ 6:30-8pm
 - ✓ **Book Fair:** October 9th through 13th
 - ✓ **Chessie, Bobcat Book Club, & EEP Clubs:**
- Sign up to help at www.spespto.org/volunteer!

Help Clear The List



Halloween candy is sweet, but **our teachers are sweeter!** Throughout October, help us treat our teachers & staff by clearing their **Amazon Wish Lists!** Visit www.spespto.org/favorites!

Do You Know Your Room Leads? If you have not already done so, please reply to the communication sent home from your Classroom Leads. They will be sharing valuable information throughout the year, and now is the best time to get on their distribution lists so you don't miss out on anything! Email andicognetti@gmail.com with any questions.



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"Severna Park Elementary School PTO"

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Office of School & Family Partnerships invites you to attend a...

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Saturday, October 21, 2023
Crofton High School | 8 am – 1 pm