



Shady Side Elementary School

April 2020 Newsletter



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Principal's Message: Mrs. Melissa Brown

Welcome to the world of eLearning! While we miss our Shady Side Elementary scholars, we are excited that our students will have the opportunity to continue to work with our staff through this new format. Last week, teachers began posting practice activities to work within the Google Suite format, engaged with students through Google Meet, and helped to fix technology issues so students are ready to learn. Teacher schedules have been posted, and we hope that your students will engage as much as possible when teachers are having their Learning Time and Office Hours. We understand that families with multiple students sharing a device will have to be creative when scheduling, but we are anxious to see our students' smiling faces. If you are having any technical difficulties, you can email the teacher or contact the Help Desk at 410/222-5135. There are also many online resources for parents at aacps.org.

AACPS has worked hard to identify key learning experiences to provide through the online format, and teachers have been exploring this content and are ready to implement the revised curriculum. School is still in session, and we look forward to seeing the progress students make. Mrs. Williams and I will be monitoring teaching and learning through Google Classroom. Although the process will be different, we will still be looking for active learning by all of our students.

Teachers are currently working on closing out grades for the 3rd Marking Period. Report cards will go out sometime shortly after April 21st. Please be on the lookout for these to come, most likely through the mail. You can continue to monitor your child's progress through the Parent Portal.

As we navigate these interesting and challenging times ahead, please know that we are here for you, and that we wish you and your family all the best in staying safe, healthy and happy.

Please note: Grade-Level Newsletters will not be updated for April.

Six Flags Read to Succeed



Read to Succeed is a free program that allows students to earn a ticket to Six Flags just by reading six hours for fun. **This year parents must register their child and log hours online!**

- In January, each student received a letter/reading log with program information, link to register, and a unique class code to register for the program.
- <https://feedback.sixflags.com/rts/default.aspx?errmsg=You+have+been+successfully+logged+out!Thanks+for+your+participation+in+Read+to+Succeed>
- Reading Logs are on-line and must be completed by April 17th to earn your ticket.
- Six Flags will email tickets to families in May.

Testing Updates and General Information

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Hello Shady Side Families,

The United States Department of Education has approved Maryland's testing waiver request for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This waiver includes all standardized assessments for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. As a result, our fifth graders will not be taking the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) and our students in grades three through five will not be taking the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Please continue reviewing the resources available to families on the AACPS website. The e-learning link is: <https://www.aacps.org/elearning>.

Thank you for the continued support and dedication. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Stay well and I look forward to interacting and engaging with your students in the coming days.

