



Shady Side Elementary School February 2020 Newsletter



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Dates to Remember

February Upcoming Events

- 5 - Pre-Kindergarten Application period begins.
- 10 - Progress Report/Report Card distribution for all students.
- 12 - Unity Day – Students Wear Orange **Professional Development. Two Hour early dismissal for all Students.**
- 14 - Valentine’s Day
- 17 - **President’s Day – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 19 - 4th grade Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Field Trip - Cost: \$14.00
- 21 - 3rd grade Baltimore Museum of Industry Field Trip
Students Cost: \$32.50
Chaperones Cost: \$21.00



Principal’s Message: Mrs. Melissa Brown



Happy February! It’s hard to believe Mrs. Williams and I have been here for half a school year already. I can honestly say, “We LOVE Shady Side Elementary”! February seems an appropriate time to share that information. We encourage you to think about all the things you love about Shady Side as you continue to partner with us to help your Seagull Scholars soar! As we reach this midpoint and move into the 3rd marking period, things really ramp up and we really focus on getting your students prepared for the next school year. With students “almost” at the next grade level, we help them to grow academically but also to move toward the level of independence and responsibility expected at the next grade. Our 5th Graders are in the process of registering for classes in Middle School. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students are about to receive their first Progress Reports. Mid-year is an exciting time! We ask that you continue to support your students with daily reading and ensuring the completion of homework. Check Parent Portal regularly to stay attuned to your child’s current progress. Communicate with the teachers when concerns arise. You are important to the success of your students and our school. Many exciting things are on the horizon, so check the dates in this newsletter, as well as the PTO and grade level newsletters.

Wishing you a wonderful February!



Congratulations January Scholar of the Month Students

Ethan Stanley, Kendall Hammett, Nolan Burgoon, Bryce Barnett, Alyssa Bowen, Remy Poland, Sarah Piché, Hudson Greer, Olivia O’Connor, Mollie Haley, Keona White, Gracelynn Jackson, Emma Tang, Ella Watkins, Gabe Hall, Austin Griffin, Lily Dustin, Ryleigh Simpson, Benny Wallis, Kaden Harris, Kelsea Mehl, Olivia Shay

March Upcoming Events

- 2 - Read Across America
- 9 - Interims to be sent home.
- 10 - Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher Conferences.**
- 11 - 1st Grade Maryland Science Center - Cost: \$21.00
- 12 - 4th Grade Arlington Echo Field Trip
- 19 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - MESA Club Field Trip – MESA Regional @ Capitol Tech University
- 24 - Unity Day – Wear Orange
Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**
- 26 - STEM Fair @ 6:30 p.m.



Guidance News

Ms. Blandford



February 3rd through 7th is National School Counselors week. Being a School Counselor at Shady Side is amazing. I still can't believe I have been working at Shady Side for twenty years! I love that I get to meet and work with the entire student population during classroom guidance lessons, individual counseling, group counseling and special leadership groups including Ambassadors, Safety patrols, Bus helpers, Flag raisers, and Human Relations. Working with our AMAZING staff and supportive parents only makes my job more FANTASTIC! Thank you all for making my job as a School Counselor at Shady Side Elementary such a wonderful experience.

Our upcoming spirit day is:

February 21st-CAMO Day

All students are encouraged to participate.

Thank you to everyone for making our Super Dads Day such a wonderful event. It was so awesome to see so many dads here to support their children. Mom's Day has been scheduled for May 5th from 7:45 am to 8:50 am. Moms, mark your calendar!

February Reading News

Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Whalen

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 on-line!**

- 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.
- **Please do not return this log to the teachers.**
- Hours read must be submitted by April 17th to earn your ticket.
- Tickets will be distributed on or about May 1st.

New Bedtime Stories are On-line!



Episode 8: Mrs. Williams reads "My First Chinese New Year" by Karen Katz.

Visit the Archives tab to view past stories

Episode 7: Mrs. True reads "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright

Episode 6: Mrs. Sturgell reads "Snowflakes Fall" by Patricia MacLachlan

Episode 5: Mrs. Bacon reads "The Most Perfect Snowman" by Chris Britt

Watch the stories and vote for your next episode

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/shadysidebedtimestories/home>

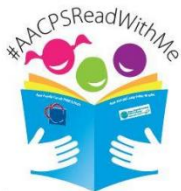
Reading & Writing Raffle

Students with perfect attendance during the 2nd marking period were entered in a raffle to win a backpack full of books and writing supplies. Congratulations to the winners!



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Primary – Caleb Tomlinson & Emma Rathell
Intermediate: Ryan Youmans & Abigail Gould



Thank you to the many families and teachers who submitted photos of students reading and tweeted for the #AACPSReadWithMe challenge. The official date for submitting photos has ended but we encourage families to keep enjoying reading!

Arts & Humanities /Triple E February 2020

Dear Families,



21st Century Skills form the foundation upon which Triple E/Arts & Humanities units are based. Critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity are the four performance areas identified as being crucial in today's world – not only in our schools with our young and growing learners, but in the adult working world as well. In today's world, knowing where to find reliable information, being able to work with others in productive ways, thinking innovatively and creatively, solving complex problems, and effectively communicating our ideas in multiple forums are the pillars of success and contribution. As such, our units in Arts & Humanities class focus on these success skills through our units of inquiry.

Our units of inquiry flow from our Driving Questions. As we embark on our 3rd marking period, the following Driving Questions will steer our learning in each of the grade levels.

- Pre-K: How can I develop research skills and help others to create jellyfish artwork?
- Kindergarten: What new approaches can I try in my artwork that will lead to innovation and invention?
- 1st grade: How will my self-portrait change through time?
- 2nd Grade: How can I use my imagination, body, and focus to tell a story through puppetry?
- 3rd Grade: How can I apply the art elements of 20th century abstract artists (Miro and Kandinsky) to create my own typeface?
- 4th Grade: How can I apply understanding of color meaning and personality traits to a rock mandala?
- 5th Grade: How can I create a digital version of a hand-drawn logo?

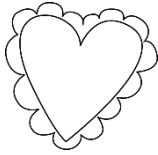
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Cultural Arts News



Media- Mrs. Guy

This month students will be introduced to the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Program. This is the Children's Choice Award for the state of Maryland. Children may choose to read nominated books and vote for their favorite. I will be reading some of the books with classes and encourage all students to participate! Look for more information about the program to come home with your child this month.

Additionally, we will continue to collaborate with classroom teachers on research projects and begin exploring the various Online Databases and resources provided by Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Music- Mrs. Witmer

The third grade will begin recorder study this month. If your child already has a recorder at home, please write his or her name on the case and send it in. The classroom teachers will collect them until we need them in the music classroom. Students who do not have a recorder may purchase one at the school store for \$4.50. It is important that each child has a recorder, as we have just a few extras in the music room to lend.

On Wednesday, February 19th, the 4th Grade students will attend a field trip to hear the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra perform. The program is entitled "Classical Mash-Up" and includes performances by a beatboxer as well as an electric cellist! We will explore the instruments of the orchestra this month in music class in preparation for this exciting trip. Look for a detailed permission slip to be sent home this week!

P.E. - Mrs. Bacon

February is American Heart Month and a perfect time to start encouraging your children to PLAY! Send your children to school with a healthy snack and talk about the importance of keeping your heart healthy. We will be wrapping up our Basketball unit during February and then going straight into the Fitness unit. 4th and 5th grade will complete the 2nd round of Fitness Testing, working on setting goals on February 10th. The younger grades will learn about how to take care of their body and stay healthy!

Please continue to send your student in sneakers on PE days; they will sit out if they come unprepared.

Band and Strings- Mr. Franklin

Hello! My name is Mr. Peter Franklin, and I am the new Strings and Band teacher at Shady Side Elementary School. The more I get to know your children, the more excited I get to teach their next lesson! I would like to emphasize the importance of students practicing at home. Students will always have a warm-up, exercise, or song to practice before the next class. Often times students really care about practicing and getting better, but it's just not a routine yet. Encouraging and reminding your children at home to open their cases and pull out their instruments will help them establish a routine and help the whole class.

February Art News

All 3-5th grade students will continue using artistic journals.

5th: Students will explore a variety of perspective drawings such as creating a micro to macro scale for their observational drawings.

4th: Students will explore local to global perspective by creating portraits, sculptures and alebrije styled metal working.

3rd: Students will develop their critical thinking skills while completing a series of challenges: Color challenge (still life painting), open challenge (weaving Kente Cloth) and habitats and environments (Shields).

2nd: Students will explore the theme, "Through the eyes of others" while: creating blankets for an animal shelter, completing an environmental focused project (Coral landscapes), and a Time Travelers themed project (Ancient Greek stories).

1st: Students will explore how to share ideas by completing a project on exploring light (Transparent/opaque), Sending Messages (Animal Pendant Jewelry making), and the art and science of sound (Instrument making).

Kindergarten: Students will explore the theme, "The Power in Our World" by making art related to living in our world (Rain sticks) and patterns in our world (Patterned Pinch Pots).

Pre-K: Students will explore complex shapes by creating drawings of people, making balanced quilt squares using shapes, exploring texture and practicing how to draw complex objects using shapes through journaling exercises.

Exhibition:

*The Many Ways of Seeing:
Multi-Cultural Visions*

Run of Show:

March 3- 15

Reception:

Sunday March 8, 2020
1-3 pm

Exhibition Site:

Walters Art Museum

