

Shady Side Elementary JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Parents be on the Lookout!

Information about end-of-year procedures coming soon!



Principal's Message...

Happy June, Shady Side Families!

It's hard to believe the school year is almost at an end. As we started our journey together in September, none of us could have predicted what the last three months would look like. I want to take an opportunity to thank families for the efforts you have taken to help your students be successful in the eLearning platform. Additionally, I send huge kudos out to our teachers and staff who have worked very hard to create meaningful learning experiences for students online and keep the business of school functioning. I encourage our scholars to work hard right up to June 18th. While there are still many unknowns about the final days of this school year, and even more unknowns about what the summer and fall will bring, please know that we continue to remain committed to the success of the Shady Side Elementary community. Smiles, hugs, and laughter are not filling the halls of the Shady Side Elementary building, but teachers value those smiles and moments of laughter in their Google Meets. As the school year comes to a close and preparations fall into place for the 2020/2021 school year, look for information to be sent out from AACPS and our school. We won't have the traditional moments to say farewell at the end of this school year, so I say thank you also for the welcome given to Mrs. Williams and me upon our joining the Shady Side Elementary family this year.

A Fond Farewell - This is the time of year when we often prepare to say goodbye to staff, and this year is no different. We wish a warm farewell to Ms. Amelia Dotson, Kindergarten, who will be moving to Rippling Woods Elementary next school year. We also send well-wishes with Mrs. Jillian Downes, Art, as she embarks on a new journey as an illustrator. We are in the process of interviewing and hiring for these positions as well as an additional Kindergarten allocation. In other staffing news, the following teachers will be joining new teams next year: Mr. Witmer – Grade 1, Ms. Langford – Grade 4, and Mrs. Howell – Grade 5. We will miss Ms. Dotson and Mrs. Downes, but we are also excited about the possibilities next year will bring.

