



# Shady Side Elementary School

## March 2020 Newsletter



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## Dates to Remember

### March Upcoming Events

- 6 - Spirit Day – Wear School Colors
- 8 - Daylight Saving Time
- 9 – Interims to be sent home.
- 10 - Schools closed for students.**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- 11 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Md Science Center
- 12 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Arlington Echo Field Trip
- 19 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - Spirit Day – Western Day  
MESA Club Field Trip – MESA  
Regional @ Capitol Tech University
- 24 - Unity Day – Wear Orange  
Professional Development. **Two-  
hour early dismissal for all  
students.**  
STEM Fair Night @ 6:30 p.m.

### **Principal's Message:** Mrs. Melissa Brown



March Madness has begun! How will our scholars be champions this month? As we progress through this month, expectations continue to ramp up as students move toward the next grade. Teachers will continue planning based on student needs while building perseverance and accountability for learning. We have recently conducted a checkpoint on our progress toward School Improvement targets and analyzed ways to support students to increase academic growth. Our families are partners in this journey with us. We encourage you to ensure your children have a quiet place to complete their homework with all the supplies necessary and that you monitor its completion daily. As always, I cannot stress enough the importance of having your child read or be read to DAILY! Perhaps our SSES Bedtime Stories on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/QjG69deExZM>

Many exciting things are happening in March. We have an artist in residence working with our students in Kindergarten. In Arts & Humanities, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will also work with an Artist in Residence. Several exciting field trips are planned, and we will have our fourth and final Project Unity Day, so have your “orange” ready for March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Whether March is a “lion” or a “lamb”, we look forward to it being a positive, productive month for our scholars!

### Congratulations February Scholar of the Month Students

Ava Moulden, Janine Graf, Emma McCamley, Brian Jones, Maren Parnell, Garth Frazier, Makenzie Twigg, Juliette Kunda, Jackson Boquel, Harper Plude, Nathan Dohne, Noah Lee, Mason Purdy, Henry Nurmi, Sophia Yacomeni, Madison Brantner, Madalyn Krug, Reese Mays, Nikki Rodda, Ryan Youmans

## April Upcoming Events

- 1 - Kindergarten Registration begins – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 3 - PTO K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (80's Theme) – 6:00 p.m.
- 6 - Spring Individual/Class/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Pictures
- 7/8 - End of third marking period.  
**Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**
- 9-13 - Easter/Spring Break – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 14 - Beginning of fourth marking period.  
- Kindergarten Field Trip to Down's Park  
Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return: 3:00 p.m.
- 17 - Spirit Day – 80's Day
- 22 - Secretaries' Day
- 23 - Report Card distribution for all students.
- 28 - Primary Elections – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Bowie Baysox Field Trip  
Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return: 3:00 p.m.



## Kindergarten Registration




Countywide Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in elementary schools during the week of April 1, 2020. Please come in to register during the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. To register your child, parents should bring the child's original birth certificate, a copy of the immunization record, and **TWO** proofs of residency (**one must be a mortgage statement or rental agreement**; and a current utility bill). **Immunization requirements must be completed before students attend school.**

Children who live in Maryland and are five years old on or before September 1, 2020 are required to attend kindergarten and must register at their assigned school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office 410-222-1621/410-867-1981.

## Out of Area Information

 Out of Area Applications are accepted March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>. All applications should be submitted to the principal of the requested school. All incomplete applications will be returned. Applications submitted after May 1<sup>st</sup> must include documentation of a bona fide emergency or event unforeseen prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications submitted without documentation of an emergency or unforeseen event will be returned without any action being taken.



## Guidance News

*Ms. Blandford*



The Human Relations Committee met this morning to continue planning events for the remainder of the school year. Our next special spirit day is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It was decided by our students that it will be western day. All are encouraged to participate. We had wonderful participation on Camo Day. Some pictures of this event were posted on the Shady Side PTO Facebook page and others will be placed in the yearbook.

Fifth grade students were asked to complete a survey to help decide the theme of the school dance that will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. After tallying the votes, it was decided that it will be an 80's theme. When announced at school, the students seemed super excited.

During the month of February, we focused on personal and stranger safety in guidance. This month we will discuss internet and computer safety. Please follow up at home to ensure all of our children are safe when using technology.

Several classes participated in our second round of yoga classes on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rest of the students will participate on March 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. Pictures from classes will be shared on the Shady Side PTO Facebook page. Others will be in the yearbook. Ask your child about his/her participation in the yoga class. I was able to observe several of the classes and the students really seemed to be enjoying their participation. We hope to host an evening of yoga so that you can come to school with your child and participate together. More information is forthcoming.

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> to earn your ticket.
- Tickets will be distributed on or about May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## New Bedtime Stories are On-line!



**Episode 09: Mrs. Duval reads "XO, OX" by Adam Rex.**

Watch the stories and vote for your next episode  
<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/shadysidebedtimestories/home>

## Read and Hit a Home Run

Read and Hit a Home Run, Bowie Baysox incentive program, has begun. Participating students, who **read 4 books**, will get a free ticket to the game on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The evening includes a parade and fireworks! Reading logs are included with this newsletter and are due Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Please return the bottom portion by Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Bowie Baysox Reading Log

Student Name:	Teacher:
<b>Book Title</b>	

# Arts & Humanities



**What is Triple-E? Triple-E allows students to work in teams to collaboratively ask questions, creatively solve problems, and enthusiastically learn through hands-on exploration.**

*Education through creativity*

## Arts and Humanities

Through an interdisciplinary approach and curriculum that emphasizes connections and collaboration, the Arts & Humanities theme nurtures the qualities of intelligence and imagination necessary for success in the 21st Century. Rigor and relevance are enhanced for all children through the arts and humanities lines of thought, avenues of exploration, and vehicles for showcasing student understanding.

This theme explores how people process and record the human need to respond to life through the arts and literature. There are four different types of art forms:

*Dance* is kinesthetic – movement of the physical being.

*Music* is aural – singing, listening and/or playing an instrument.

*Theatre* is interdisciplinary – written text, dramatic interpretation and multimedia production.

*Visual Arts* is spatial – images, structures and tactile works.



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# Cultural Arts News- March 2020



## Media- Mrs. Guy

We started the month by celebrating Read Across America to promote a love of reading. Throughout the grade levels we will read books by Dr. Seuss, explore biographies about Dr. Seuss and write our own "Seuss-like" poems.

All grades are reading Black-Eyed Susan Book Award nominees, so we can vote for our favorite book in April. We have been discussing what we look for in a favorite book and characteristics of award-winning books.



## P.E. - Mrs. Bacon

Please encourage your children to go outside and play as the weather gets nicer.

Also, please remind your children to wear sneakers on the days they have P.E.



## Music - Mrs. Witmer

March is "Music in our Schools Month"! Students in all grade levels will be engaged in listening to, creating and performing music vocally and on instruments. We will perform circle dances to Irish music in honor of St. Patrick's Day as well. The third graders began recorder study this past month. They already learned their first song, "Hot Cross Buns," and are doing great. We will continue our study of recorder, playing some new songs this month!



## Band/Strings- Mr. Franklin

Your child recently received a new schedule for when they will meet with me. Please look over your student's schedule and please make sure that they bring their instruments to school that day.

It has been great working with your kids so far and I'm excited to see how much progress they make this month.

# March Art News

Mrs. Downes

## Upcoming Classes

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students will learn about figural perspective and begin creating a series of artworks based on various perspectives. Students will also participate in a collaborative Mosaic Art project thanks to the support of Triple E and artist, Mrs. Vikki Keating.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students will finish exploring value and practicing shading techniques through their "Erase the Face project." They will then begin studies of various animals and texture in order to make a mounted mythological creature using cellu-clay.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Students will explore woven cloth and learn about the warp and weft in order to create their own circular weaving or Kente cloth.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Students will create an ocean floor landscape to visually convey a foreground, middle ground and background!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Students will explore how art can convey meaning. They will then learn about jewelry from around the world and create their own animal pendant. They will also explore the Art and Science of sound and create their very own instrument!

### Kindergarten

Students will create patterned pinch pots while exploring the detailed style of Ukrainian egg decorating as seen in the book, "Rechenka's Eggs." They will then explore painting methods to illustrate outer space through a space painting!

### Pre-K

Students will continue exploring print making through a personal print journal. They will then combine the taught print types to create a print house. Then they will explore complex shapes through a series of projects.



## Artist of the Month contest

Challenge:

Use only secondary colors (green, purple and orange) to create a detailed Artwork of your choice. Submit artwork to Mrs. Downes by Thursday, March 12th.



## Save your Junk- Your trash is Art treasure!

### Treasure list:

- Paper Towel Rolls *\*No longer needed- Thanks!*
- Fake/plastic food
- Foam shapes
- Unwanted Stamps (for clay printing)
- Sponges cut up into squares
- Yogurt containers with lids.

Thank you to all parents and students who collected and brought in art supplies this month!