



# Shady Side Elementary School

## November 2019 Newsletter



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## Dates to Remember

### November Upcoming Events

- 7 & 8 End of first marking period. **Two hour early dismissal**
- 11 Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period  
Veterans Day – Wear Red, White, and Blue
- 13 5<sup>th</sup> gr. Chorus – Southern Sings  
Field Trip – SHS
- 15 Spirit Day – Disney Day
- 18-22 American Education Week
- 18 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mt. Vernon Field Trip  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 19 Fall Picture Retake Day
- 20 Report Card distribution
- 27-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**



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

It's hard to believe that November is here. We have changed our clocks, begun raking leaves, and purchased our pumpkins. Many things are happening here at school as well. November brings us to the end of the first marking period, and teachers will prepare report cards to go home this month. Our musicians are continuing to learn their pieces for the Winter Concert in December, and teachers will be using 1<sup>st</sup> quarter assessment results to guide upcoming instruction. Our PTA will hold their Book Fair this month as well as a Holiday Vendor Craft Fair. We will end the month with our Thanksgiving Break.

At this point in the year, your scholars should already have established routines at home to support their learning at school. As we enter into the start of the holiday season, it can be difficult to maintain routines. Please support your students by encouraging them to continue good habits for homework completion and daily reading. Talk with your students each day about what they learned at school using open-ended questions that engage them. Review agenda books and homework to ensure your scholar is making progress. Check the Wednesday folder each week. Visit the Parent Portal to monitor your child's progress. You, as families, are an important part of the team that leads your child to success.

Continue to discuss expectations with your students. Remind them that Seagull Scholars: Persevere, Show Empathy, Show Pride, be Prepared, and Show Respect. We are working here at Shady Side to instill independence in monitoring behaviors and making appropriate choices. Ask your child to share with you what they are learning in their Guidance lessons with our School Counselor, Ms. Blandford. Also ask them to share the "Habits" they are learning from my visits to guest read to their class. I am currently reading *7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey. All students have been introduced to the first 2 Habits: You are in Charge (of the choices you make) and Have a Plan. We are in the middle of the visits for Habit 3: Work First, Then Play. Your child should be able to tell you how these habits will help them in their lives.

Thanksgiving might still be a few weeks away, but I wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all of our Shady Side Families. Thank you for the welcome Mrs. Williams and I have received as we joined the Shady Side family. Thank you for the support you show our school. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. We are grateful for all that you do.

## Quarterly Award Recognition Changes

Working with the faculty here at Shady Side Elementary, we have made a few changes to our quarterly awards.

Principals' Honor Roll and Honor Roll have been revised to be more aligned with the secondary level.

**Principals' Honor Roll** – All A's and All CD's in content areas (cannot have EM or ND in Expected Student Behaviors)

**Honor Roll** – All A's and B's, can have one C as long as there is at least one A, no EM's or ND's in any area

Attendance awards have been revised to be able to recognize those students who have only missed one day and are so close to perfect. We have added an exceptional attendance category and refined perfect to truly reflect perfect attendance.

**Perfect Attendance** – Perfect is perfect: no absences, no tardies, no early dismissals. Students missed no instruction.

**Exceptional Attendance** – Given to students with no more than 1 absence and no more than 2 tardies/early dismissals.



## Guidance News

*Ms. Blandford*



Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods and monetary donations in to support Harvest for the Hungry. We are currently totaling the items. We will announce our grand total as soon as we know how many items we collected. As far as the monetary donations, we collected \$374.90 and had lots of students come to school in their comfy pjs on Friday! We really appreciate your support.

Our Human Relations Committee met this morning and decided that holiday attire will be our special spirit day on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

We have been having a wonderful time participating in yoga classes over the past few days. Suzy Donohoe and Lisa Danahy from Create Calm have been AMAZING! Ask your child what they learned in class. Students will participate in another class in the Spring. We also hope to have a family night later in the year that will incorporate what students have learned. Thanks so much to the PTO for supporting this event.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. If your child would like to create cards to send to soldiers, please have them bring them in by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Congratulations October Scholar of the Month

Maria Knight, Abigail Owens, Alex Lesicka, Ally DiNenna, Nicholas Guy, Logan Marsters, Annabelle Mutchler, Maizee Schrumm, Damian Francis, Aubree Moulden, Jordan Davis, Rhees Kunda, Dominic DeAngelis, Emma Young, Madelyn Schreffler, Kamdyn Hopkinson, Reese Robles, David Rodas-Castro, Taylor Henkensiefken, Allison Lescallett, Tucker Joseph, Aurn Fincher, Cullen Davis

# Reading News

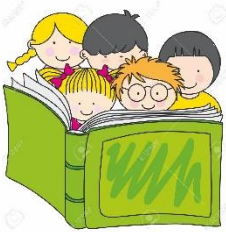
Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Whalen

## Thank You!

Many thanks to parents and staff for helping to make our **Fall Festival** a fun celebration for our students. We appreciate your donations and your time!



## *Read for the Record*



Our **Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade** classes will participate in Read for the Record on November 7th. Adults and children attempt to break the world's record for the largest number of people reading the same book on the same day. This year's book selection is Thank you, Omu! by Oge Mora.

## Young Author's Contest

**Gr. 2-5:** Does your child enjoy writing? Are they imaginative and love to tell a story?

Think about submitting an original poem or short story in the Young Author's Contest. Entries will be submitted electronically and are due to Mrs. Blundell & Mrs. Whalen by Monday, December 2nd. Prizes will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category. The school winners will go on to be judged in the Anne Arundel County Young Author's Contest. Please ask your teacher for a copy of the contest rules!

## Read with a Vet

This year we will have our 2nd Annual Read with a Vet day on Monday, November 11th. We encourage students to wear red, white, and blue on this day.

Veterans are invited to sign up to read a book to one of our classes. We will have a collection of patriotic and armed forces books for you to choose from. Please use this site to sign up for the time and class that you would like to read to. If your student is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade please check with your student about the time they meet with the teacher on the sign up as those teachers rotate classes throughout the day. We are looking forward to celebrating Veteran's Day with you!

The link to sign up is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fabac2aaa8-read1>



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Hello Shady Side Families,

The fall brings new, exciting explorations in each of our grade levels. It is the perfect time to begin thinking about unique artistic perspectives, as well as focusing on collaborations with our classmates to explore big ideas. In keeping with our theme of "the sum is greater than the parts", grade levels will journey through the following ideas:

- Pre-K: How can asking questions help us learn?
- Kindergarten: How can movement bring a story to life?
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: How can my team help me to revise a scientific drawing of a butterfly?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: How can being mindful help me to be my best self?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: How can the design and construction of a mandala represent myself, my team, my class, and the universe?
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: How can I create a rock mandala whose design and color reflects my personality and at the same time is a source of inspiration to others?
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: How can I create a personal logo that represents my interests and aspirations?

Warm regards,

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# Cultural Arts- November 2019

## Media- Mrs. Guy

**All grades:** It's that time of year: Book Fair time! Students in all grades will be viewing a preview of books available to them at the Book Fair. We will try to add many of these titles to our library collection so they can check out what they aren't able to purchase. The Book Fair will run Monday, November 18- Friday, November 22. Students will visit the Book Fair on their Media day.

**Grades K- 2:** These students have been learning about parts of a book, award-winning books and locating books in the media center using call numbers. We are especially enjoying sharing books about autumn, Halloween and Thanksgiving!

**Grades 3-5:** Upper elementary students have been focusing on using books for research- how to find the correct source and the information we need. Also, we have been looking at what criteria we use to choose a book to read for personal enjoyment.

## Music- Mrs. Witmer

Students in all grade levels have been working on various musical skills. Our Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Graders have done activities with singing voice development, steady beat movement, and echoing and improvising tonal or rhythm patterns. 2nd grade will play some singing games and explore "Call and Response" form. 3rd and 4th grade will be singing in harmony and playing melodic instruments such as xylophones and boomwhackers. 5th Graders just finished their second project in which they chose a pop song and created a visual "Listening Map" to illustrate the form and various musical elements. Some of these Listening Maps will adorn the walls outside the music room so others can see their work!

This month, many of our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus students will participate in our annual, "Southern Sings" Feeder System Choral Festival. They are working to prepare three pieces, which they will rehearse and later perform with singers from Lothian, Tracey's, Deale, Southern Middle and Southern High School on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>!

## P.E.- Ms. Pastrana

Thank you so much for sending students in their sneakers for PE days! As the weather cools down, please keep in mind that sneakers are the only appropriate footwear in PE. Your child will sit out and complete a worksheet when they do not have safe shoes on for PE.

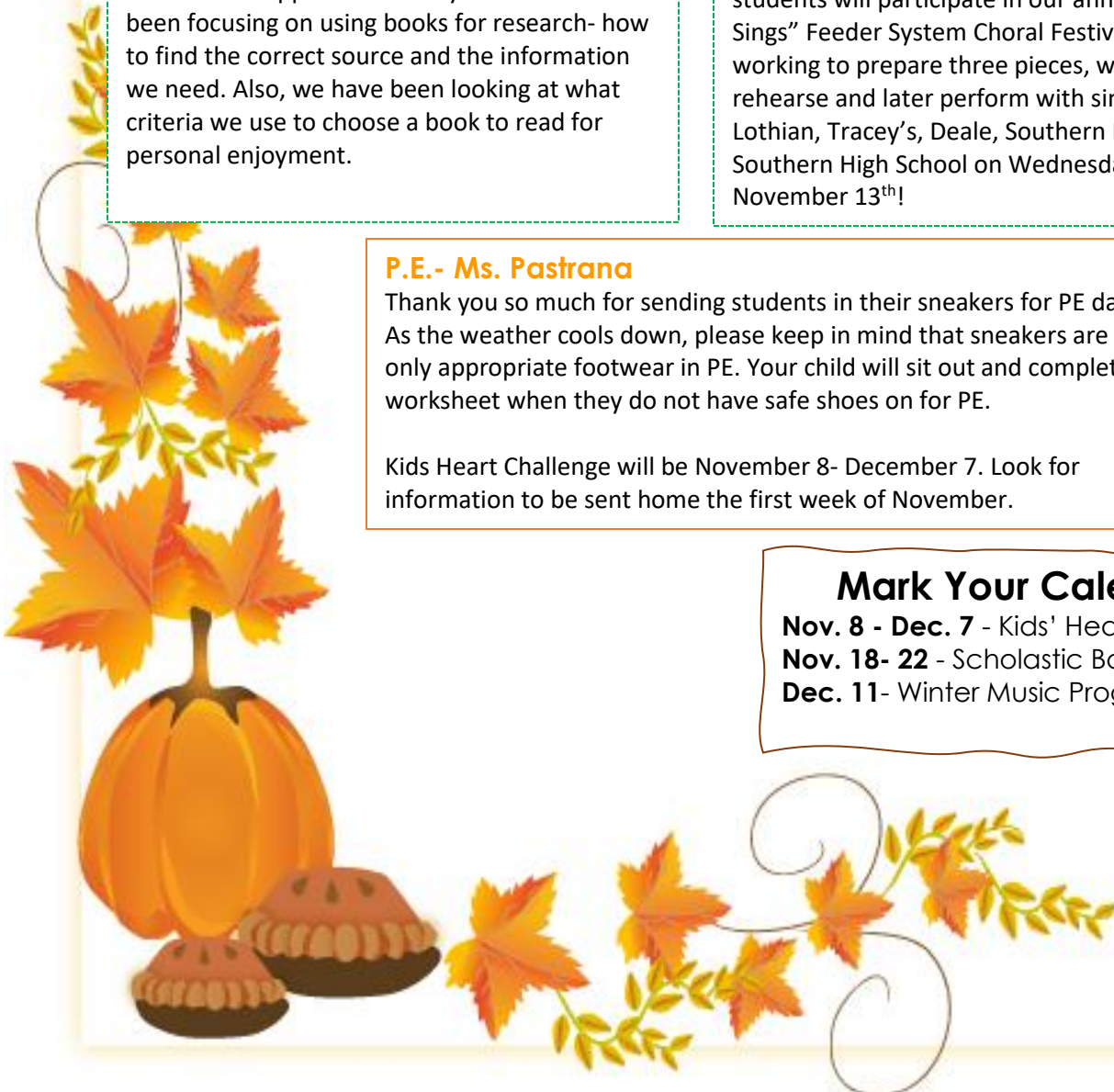
Kids Heart Challenge will be November 8- December 7. Look for information to be sent home the first week of November.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Nov. 8 - Dec. 7** - Kids' Heart Challenge

**Nov. 18- 22** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Dec. 11-** Winter Music Program



# Art Class Corner:

## November



All student rubrics are in the gradebook throughout the marking period. Please email me at the start of each lesson if you would like a copy in advance.

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

5th: Students will continue making symbolic stamps and prints, then begin storytelling through a series of artworks.

4th: Students will create artwork in the style of Mexican Hojalata (tin) art.

3rd: Students will participate in a collaborative artwork in the theme of, "we're better together." They will also use symbolism to create a map of their journey to school.

2nd: Students will create continuous line drawings in the art style of Alexander Calder's mobile sculptures.

1st: Students will explore the theme of connection, learning an example of a Northwest pacific coast Indian style of art making and will explore artistic problem solving through various paper making media.

Kindergarten: Students will create self-portraits, then they will explore movement in artmaking.

Pre-K: Students will begin exploration of colors and color mixing through a "Mouse Paint" themed artwork. They will then learn painting rules and create their very own Mondrian inspired painting!

Upcoming Events:  
Deale Library display-  
Month of November  
starting on the 5th.

Winter Wonderland  
show at Westfield  
Annapolis Mall!

Exhibit Dates:  
Dec.3 - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Reception:  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm- 7pm

Upcoming Artist of the  
month contest!  
December's theme: Realism.  
Instructions:  
Create a Realistic artwork of  
an image of your choice.  
The more texture, shading  
and detail the better.

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)
- Fleece for Animal Shelter \*No longer needed- Thanks!!