



Shady Side Elementary School

April 2021 Newsletter



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Principal's Message: Happy April! Spring is in full swing, and teachers are enjoying all the ways they are seeing students learn and grow. By now, we have adjusted nicely to the new times and routines of Hybrid Learning. We are so proud of all of our students, both those in person and those remaining virtual. Some students changed teachers, everyone adjusted to new times as we follow our school hours, and our intermediate students no longer have their subjects departmentalized. Through it all, students have been cooperative and made up proud. This month presents us with Easter/Spring Break, Superhero Day, Picture Day, the end of the 3rd Marking Period and Report Cards. The year seems to be flying by, but we still have a great deal to accomplish as we prepare your students for the next grade level.

I cannot encourage you enough, whenever your child is virtual, to ensure they are **completing their own work!** In order to be prepared for a hopeful return to a more normal school experience next year, where students will not have someone sitting right next to them, it is important for teachers to truly know what students are able to do independently. Teachers look at all work as data upon which they make instructional decisions. In order to provide your students with the best support and extension to help them master standards, we need to have a true picture of strengths and weaknesses. We know you know how to do PK-5th grade work; we need to see how your students do. Independence with assignments is not the only area we would like to foster independence. We have seen amazing things from even our youngest learners in terms of logging on and navigating their technology by themselves, without adult assistance. At this point in the year, all students should be able to do so. The more you provide opportunities for independence, the more your students will "wow" all of us with what they can accomplish.

As we navigate through April, I may not be in the building, but I will certainly be getting regular updates about the happenings at Shady Side Elementary. I look forward to hearing great things. Continue to reinforce expectations, ensure your child has their materials prepared every day, provide a dedicated workspace that maximizes the learning environment, share story time with your child each day whether they read, or you read to them, hold them accountable for their work, and encourage your students to be their best.

Welcome to Shady Side

Last month, we welcomed several new members to the Shady Side staff. While some will only be with us for the remainder of the year, we are pleased to have them as a part of our team.

Louis Watkins now serves as our Computer Tech. He is shared with Tracey's Elementary and is with us half-time. We welcomed Kristina Staley and Kayla Tardy as Extended Substitutes. You may see them filling in for your child's teacher. To assist with supervision of Lunch, Recess, and Literacy Engage! The following joined our team as Midday Monitors: Marley Blundell, Kim Butler, Jacob Green, Maya Hall, Julia Howes, Avery Pilkerton, and Kandi Repass. Norman Edwards joined our team as a Touch Point Employee. He is keeping our building clean and safe for everyone.

Welcome to the Shady Side Family!



Dates to Remember

April

- 1-5 Easter/Spring Break – All Schools and Central Offices closed.**
- 7 Online Registration for Kindergarten begins.
- 9 Spirit Day – Superheroes Day
- 13/14 End of third marking period (47 days)
Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
- 15 Beginning of fourth marking period.
- 16 **Picture Day (Th/F students)**
- 19 **Picture Day (M/T students)**
- 21 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**
- 23 Report Cards distribution for students in Grades 1-12.

May

- 7 Interims to be sent home.
- 14 Spirit Day – Celebrating the USA Day
- 27/28 Spring Conferences for PreK, Kindergarten, & ECI
Schools closed for those students.
- 31 **Memorial Day – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

Picture Day Information

- 16** Th/F Hybrid students will be photographed during school hours. **Virtual Students** will be photographed between the hours of (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Signup Genius will be emailed for virtual students to sign up.
- 19** M/T Hybrid students will be photographed during school hours. **Virtual Students** will be photographed between the hours of (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Signup Genius will be emailed for virtual students to sign up.

Picture envelopes will be sent home with Hybrid students on April 13th. Virtual parents will receive an email with ordering information prior to picture day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Quigley at rquigley@aacps.org

School Meals @ Curbside

AACPS is serving free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to children, ages 2–18. **There are no income restrictions.**

Meals are served Monday through Friday. Meals are available curbside from noon–12:30 p.m. at Shady Side Elementary.



Menus are attached to the newsletter.

Important Chromebook Information

Hybrid students MUST bring their Chromebook EVERY DAY they attend school in the black case FULLY CHARGED.

Please give a reminder to your child to use the school issued Chromebooks in a responsible and safe manner. You are responsible for the theft, loss, damage, or misuse of the Chromebook and its power adapter. We do not want you to be in this situation. Please remind your child that this is the fragile piece of technology that it is.

If your child's Chromebook needs to be serviced by the Computer Tech, please disinfect the Chromebook before dropping it off at the school. Also, when dropping off the Chromebook, please do not forget to bring the power adapter with you.

Please notify the office before dropping off your child's device at 410-222-1621.



Important Information and Reminders

School Hours

8:55-9:10 Unloading Buses/Cars—PK-5

9:15 Instruction Begins (3-5)

(Welcome to Learning block for PK-2 students in the building only)

9:45 Instruction Begins (PK-2)

3:40 Pack for Dismissal (PK-5)

3:45 Begin Dismissing Buses/Cars

Online Kindergarten Registration

From the AACPS Homepage, please follow the steps below to begin the enrollment process:

- Right click on the Hyperlink below
<https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/en-US/OSS>
- Click Open Hyperlink
- In the Online Enrollment box click Begin Form. Follow the steps to begin registration.

Please free to call or email Mrs. Hudson if you have any questions. 410-222-1621 or tludson@aacps.org

Masks

Students **MUST** wear masks at all times on bus, in the classroom, and on the playground except while eating/drinking or during designated outdoor mask breaks. Gator mask **are not** allowed to be worn at school.



BUY YOUR Yearbook

ORDERING ONLINE

<https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD422016/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

Go to link to enter school online ordering website

Click: ORDER

Enter: Student Name and Teacher

Click: CHECKOUT

Fill out billing, shipping, and payment information to finalize the order.

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

As much as possible, on your student's two days at school, please have them arrive on time, using their normal transportation, and plan for them to stay the entire day. Parents who do drop off or pick-up students on off times should call ahead, ring the doorbell, and you will await your child(ren) outside on the sidewalk.

Deadline to order SHADY SIDE ELEMENTARY yearbook is May 8, 2021
If you have any questions, feel free to email rquigley@aacps.org



Celebrating Deaf History Month



Terrylene Sacchetti is a deaf actress from Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in 1985. Her most well-known work in the film industry is for *Natural Born Killers*, *After Image* and *Listen Carefully*.



Marlee Beth Matlin is an American actress, author, and activist. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress for *Children of a Lesser God* and to date is the only deaf performer to have won an Academy Award. Having won the award at the age of 21, she is also the youngest winner in the category.



Curtis John Pride is a former Major League Baseball outfielder who is deaf. He batted left-handed and threw right-handed. In 2015, Pride was named MLB's Ambassador for Inclusion. Since 2009 Pride has served as the head baseball coach at Gallaudet University.



Heather Leigh Whitestone McCallum is a former beauty queen and conservative activist who was the first deaf Miss America title holder, having lost most of her hearing at age 18 months.



Andrew Jackson Foster was a missionary to the deaf in Ghana, Rwanda and other countries in Africa from 1956 until his death in 1987. In 1954, he became the first Deaf African American to earn a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University and the first to earn a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.



Claudia L. Gordon is the first deaf Black female attorney in the United States. She currently works in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.



George William Veditz was a former president of National Association of the Deaf of the United States and was one of the first to film American Sign Language.



Chuck Baird was an American Deaf artist who was one of the more notable founders of the De'VIA art movement, an aesthetic of Deaf Culture in which visual art conveys a Deaf world view. His career spanned over 35 years and included painting, sculpting, acting, storytelling, and teaching.



Nyle DiMarco is an American model, actor, and deaf activist. In 2015, DiMarco was the winner of The CW's reality television series *America's Next Top Model* in season 22, becoming the second male winner and the first deaf winner.



Derrick Lamont Coleman is a former American football fullback. He was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Minnesota Vikings in 2012. He played college football for the University of California, Los Angeles. Coleman is the first legally deaf offensive player in the NFL.



Irving King Jordan became the first deaf president of Gallaudet University in 1988 after Deaf President Now. Gallaudet is the world's only university with all programs and services designed specifically for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.



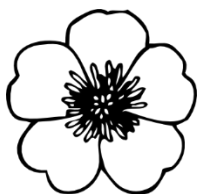


Congratulations March Scholars of the Month

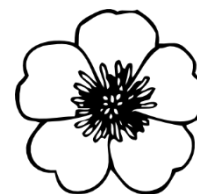


Mrs. Shryock (Pre-K) – Ryder Tucker
Miss Taylor (Kind.) – Stephen Fletcher
Mrs. Kaye (Kind.) – Harrison Troese
Mrs. Mitchell (Kind.) – Kaden Francis
Mrs. Auth (Kind.) – Hunter Grzybowski
Mrs. Pannell (Kind.) – Kennedy Davis
Mrs. Sturgell (1st gr.) – Kellan Watkins
Mr. Witmer (1st gr.) – Tyler Piche
Ms. Connolly (1st gr.) – Mia Grzybowski
Mrs. True (1st gr.) – Lily Dustin
Mrs. Anderson (2nd gr.) – Lillian Hemmer
Mrs. Fladung (2nd gr.) – Emma Young
Ms. Brown (2nd gr.) – Lillian MacDonald
Mr. Tuttle (3rd gr.) – Rubee-Sol Fincher
Ms. Maloney (3rd gr.) – Abby Greer

Mrs. Duval (3rd gr.) – Riley Small
Ms. Paolitto (4th gr.) – Logan Schulz
Mrs. Parks (4th gr.) – Henry Nurmi
Mrs. Langford-Howell (4th gr.) – Charli Bell
Mrs. Weckel (5th gr.) – Sally Pilkerton
Mrs. Howell (5th gr.) – Victoria Quintero
Mrs. Flanders (5th gr.) – Peyton Talbott
Miss Shryock (Art) – Wyatt Moore
Mrs. Bacon (PE) – Colton Lopez
Mrs. Wolfstone-Smith (EEE) – Lia Zinn
Mrs. Kochanski (EEE) – Isabella Giddings
Mrs. Witmer (Music) – Henry Nurmi
Dr. Orr (Instrumental) – Sophia Cosgrove
Ms. Walsh (Media) – Olivia Figgins/Lydia Hall



Reading News
 Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Whalen



Be on the lookout for a new AACPS Unites book and activities for the month of April. The focus will be on inspiring stewardship.

<https://www.aacps.org/aacpsunites>



April 2nd is International Children's Book Day

Find [outstanding international children's books](#) here.

Don't forget students have access to hundreds of books through Scholastic Digital Literacy Pro! There is something for everyone.





Guidance News Ms. Blandford



Happy Spring everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the extra daylight we are getting each day. Below is some very important information. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Spirit Day for April is on Friday, April 9th. It will be our Superheroes Day. What is your Superpower?

Students currently in Grades 4

What?

Magnet Program information for fall, 2021 application. Magnet Programs begin in the fall of their 6th grade year and 9th grade year.

Who can apply?

Students in grade 5 for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP), Performing and Visual Arts (PVA), and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Please check the Magnet Brochure for specific qualifications. (www.aacps.org/magnet).

Students in grade 8 for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP), Performing and Visual Arts (PVA), BioMedical/Allied Health, (BMAH), and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Both BMAH and STEM are supported by STEM. Please check the Magnet Brochure for specific qualifications for all programs (www.aacps.org/magnet). All students currently in a Magnet Program must re-apply in Grade 8 for entry in Grade 9.

When?

Between noon on October 11, 2021 and November 22, 2021 (the second Monday in October and the Monday before Thanksgiving).

What can I see now?

Go to the Magnet website (www.aacps.org/magnet). Scroll down to the bottom, and look for:

- The informational video at the bottom of the landing page
- The brochure with Magnet qualifications
- The videos under “Cup of Joe with Magnet Program Leaders”
- The document “Which Magnet School would I attend?”

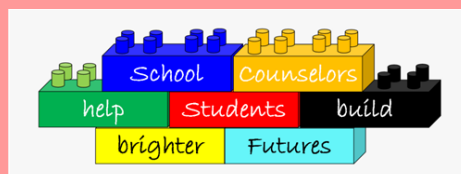
It's never too early to learn about Magnet Programs.

Questions after watching the video or reading the brochure?

Look for the contact information on the right-hand side of the landing page.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Blandford
lblandford@aacps.org





Cultural Arts News



Music News – Mrs. Witmer - Happy Spring, Shady Side families! This month will be full of new music making and learning in all grade levels. In Kindergarten, we will sing, move, and play songs with the pitches “So, Mi and La.” First grade will explore melodic contour through singing, moving, and composing. Second grade will explore the tone color of various classroom percussion instruments through listening and playing virtual instruments. In Third grade, we will learn about Brass instruments and their unique timbre. Fourth grade students will study both male and female voice types. Our 5th grade students have begun a new project where they will research and design a virtual “Baseball Card” about a Music Career of their choice.

A quick note: as we near the end of the 3rd Quarter, please be sure to check your child’s “Missing” assignment in Google Classroom. Anything from the 3rd quarter can be turned in without penalty through the last day, which is April 14th.

In Chorus this month, we will begin working on our song for our “Virtual Performance” at the end of the school year. If your child is enrolled in Chorus, please ensure they attend our weekly Meets. We meet for just 25 minutes per week: either Monday at 1:40 p.m. or Friday at 1:40 p.m., depending on which group they are enrolled in.

Art News – Miss Shryock – Happy Spring SSES artists and families! Hybrid friends: Please remember to bring art materials to school if you happened to have art the day you are in the building. You can check the Weekly Work Menu in Google Classroom to see what you will need for the following class as well as review lessons if you are ever absent. Keep working hard and being a good artist!

Instrumental News – Dr. Orr - Instrumental musicians spring into April by exploring the many facets of music. The Advanced Band will explore musical concepts including the staccato, D.S.al fine, D.C.al Fine, and largo. Additionally, they will learn about the life and times of Verdi, Beethoven, Handel, Clarke, and Sibelius. The Beginning Band will play their first choral, "First Choral" and explore the musical concepts of ritardando, pick-up notes and fermata. The Beginning Band can look forward to discovering the life and times of Mozart and Billings. The Beginning Orchestra began the bow and will add notes on the fingerboard. They will continue to practice proper bow placement, reinforcing of the bow hold. Additionally, they will explore the G and D down tetrachords. The Intermediate Orchestra will discover theme and variation, ensemble pieces including "Spring," dotted half notes and the techniques for using different parts of the bow. Additionally, they will explore the life and times of Dvorak, Vivaldi, and Offenbach. Finally, the Advanced Orchestra will dive into staccato notes, slurs, and the 4th finger "E" on the "A" string. They will explore the life and times of Sibelius. The band and orchestra are ready to spring into action.



PE News – Mrs. Bacon - Happy April! I love when the weather starts warming up because it means more opportunities to go outside and play! Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to get outside and move. Our students should be getting 60 minutes of physical activity each day! During this past year, it's normal that our activities levels have decreased, however, it's time to turn that around! Our kiddos need to get up and moving! To encourage more movement and activity during PE this month we will be reviewing our catching skills! Primary students will review skills we touched on earlier this year and intermediate students will practice their juggling! Once we finish that unit, we will all jump into Cardio Drumming! We have been having so much fun during PE this year. Please make sure your child(ren) have enough space to move in their learning area if possible and are up and ready for PE.

Media News – Mrs. Guy - Kindergarten has just concluded an Author Study of one of our favorite authors- Mo Willems! He has written and illustrated some favorite Kindergarten series, such as, *Knuffle Bunny*, *Elephant and Piggie* and *The Pigeon*. We learned how to draw Piggie by watching a video of Mo!

Third through fifth grade have been learning how to create and edit videos using WeVideo. We did a video entitled "All About Me" and will be moving on to creating a "book trailer" for a favorite book they have read recently.

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. Ask you student which one has been their favorite so far!





Cultural Arts News



Triple E - Mrs. W-S and Mrs. Kochanski



Hello Friends and Families!

As spring makes its presence known, our students continue to explore topics that bring knowledge, inspiration, and creative opportunities.

PreK students are beginning a unit called *Let's Make Some Noise*. Kindergarten students will continue the *Trees are Terrific* Unit. We enjoyed our Google Meet with an Arlington Echo tree expert where we learned how to plant a tree and what a tree needs to survive. We even got to look at a video highlighting the trees at our school. Please have your children share their tree journals and tell you all they have learned about trees.

Mrs. K's first graders will explore improvisation and object puppetry. Mrs. W-S's first graders are exploring the idea of creating your own special garden. For this unit, students are asked to have paper, markers, crayons (or paints!), glue, and a pencil ready to use each week. Each week, students will be adding to their garden artwork, so it is important to have these materials available each week.

Second graders, third graders, and fifth graders will continue the *Self-care* unit. They are learning and creating strategies that will help them keep a healthy body and mind. Fourth graders are just finishing up their *Chesapeake Bay Steward* units in collaboration with Arlington Echo. After Spring break, 4th graders will explore the idea of kindness and what it can look like.

We hope you have a relaxing and replenishing Spring Break!

~Mrs. W-S & Mrs. Kochanski

Spring Break
April 1 – 5
 All Schools Closed

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March 29 – April 9, 2021

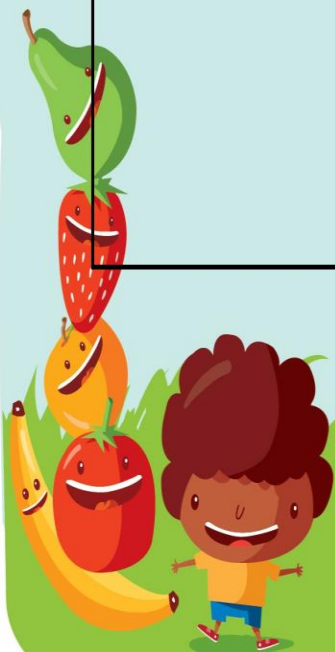
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29 Breakfast: Ultimate Breakfast Round Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pancakes w/Sausage Carrot Chips Pears, Milk Dinner: Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	30 Breakfast: Yogurt & Goldfish Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: General Tso's Beef w/Rice Celery Sticks Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: MultiGrain Cereal, Fruit Juice	31 Breakfast: Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	1 Schools Closed	2 Schools Closed
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Menu Subject to Change

For a list of afterschool activities
 and complete list of meal sites visit
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