



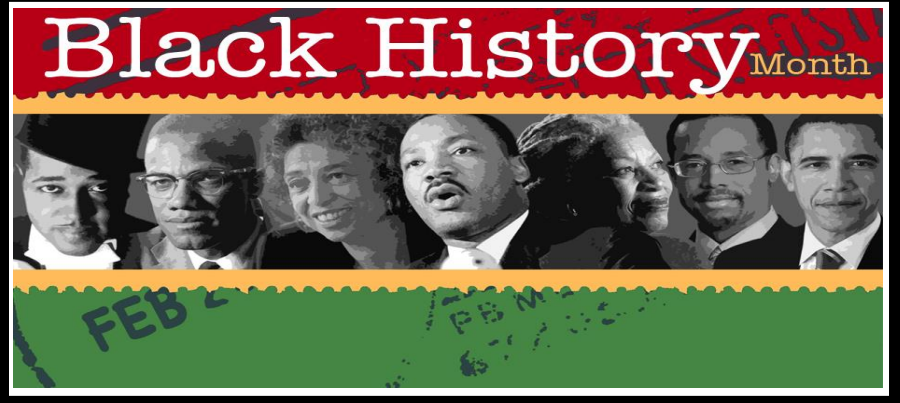
Shady Side Elementary School February 2021 Newsletter



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Principal's Message:



Happy February, Shady Side Families! February may be the shortest month, but it is an important and busy one. We will recognize Black History Month, hold our third Unity Day of the year with lessons around justice, and will prepare for the transition to Hybrid in Person Learning. As we begin the second semester, now is a perfect time for students to re-focus and re-set. Do you have a good workspace? Are all the materials needed for the school day in that workspace? If my child is going to return to school in the Hybrid model, have you set a plan for materials going back and forth between home and school? Is my child working as independently as possible so that they are ready for the return to school? Consider these questions and make adjustments as needed to help maximize your child's success.

We have distributed many items, most recently Chromebooks to families who completed the survey indicating they could wait for a device, as well as math manipulatives, Chromebook Cases, and/or replacement supplies to all students. If you did not pick up your items on the scheduled days, we strongly encourage you to contact the school office and make arrangements to pick up your items. Students need these items for second marking period. Chromebooks will be needed this school year for students participating in Hybrid, and all students must have a school-issued device for next school year. Our last group of Chromebooks, for those families who did not complete the survey, will be distributed later when they are received from technology. You will receive a Blackboard Connect message when your Chromebooks are available. We are very flexible with these distributions. Parents can ask other family members or neighbors to pick up the supplies for them. Just send a note authorizing them to do so or email one of the office staff to let them know who is picking up for your child.

Yesterday, we began our revised virtual schedule. This schedule will remain in place until we make the transition to Hybrid. Prior to the implementation of Hybrid, we will provide parents with a Shady Side Elementary specific schedule that aligns to our bell schedule. Please note that the times will change, and there will be slight differences in the overall day for students in the building and those at home. All content area/green blocks on the schedule will be aligned for students regardless of location (in the building/virtual) and all students will attend those blocks at the same time.

This continues to be a school year like no other, but so many are rising to the challenges and making meaningful connections, building relationships, progressing in skills, and demonstrating citizenship and leadership. Mrs. Williams-Ahrons and I continue to be proud of students and staff alike as we continue on the journey of the 2020-2021 school year.

Dates to Remember



February

- 2 **Schools closed for students.** Professional Development Day for teachers.
- 3 Beginning of third marking period.
- 9 Progress Report/Report card distribution for all students.
Prekindergarten Application begins
- 10 **Two-hour early dismissal for all students.** Professional Development Day for teachers.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 15 **President's Day – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 19 Spirit Day – Class Color Day (see Ms. Blandford's message for your class color)

March

- 1 Hybrid students expected return to school for in person learning
- 5 Interims to be sent home.
- 8 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window opens. Grades 5 & 6
- 10 **Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher Conferences.

*****Important Contact Information*****

We know that in the busy-ness of everyday life, something changes, like your phone number, emergency contact, email address, etc., and the last thing you are thinking is, "I need to let the school know." But it is extremely important for us, even in the current school environment, to have information in our system that is accurate and up to date. If you have any information that has changed since you completed the Emergency Card at the start of the year, please make those changes to the Electronic Emergency Card that was emailed to families on Monday. If your child will no longer attend Shady Side Elementary or your child is going to home instruction, please contact Mrs. Hudson, our Registrar, at thudson@aacps.org to update your information.

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****

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 have already issued invoices to families in amounts ranging from \$40.00 to \$200.00 this year. 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.

The Computer Tech is only in the building on Tuesdays. If your child's Chromebook needs to be serviced on a Tuesday, feel free to drop the Chromebook off at the school. It could take up to an hour for completion of the service. Someone will give you a call when the Chromebook is ready for pick up.

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





Did you know?



Barack Hussein Obama, II
American politician and attorney who was the 44th Vice President of the U.S. from 2009-2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he was the First African American President of the United States



Amal Awad

First female, first African American and first member of the LGBTQ community to serve as permanent Chief of Police in Anne Arundel County

Frederick McKinley Jones



If your refrigerator has any produce from your local grocery store, then you can credit African American inventor Frederick McKinley Jones. Jones took out more than 60 patents throughout his life, including a patent for the roof-mounted cooling system that's used to refrigerate goods on trucks during extended transportation in the mid-1930's. He received a patent for his invention in 1940, and co-founded the U.S. Thermo Control Co., later known as Thermo King. The company was critical during World War II, helping to preserve blood, food and supplies during the war.



Kamala V. Harris

American politician and attorney who is the 49th Vice President of the U.S. She is the United States' first female Vice President, the highest-ranking female elected official in U.S. history, and the first African American and first Asian-American Vice President



Mary Van Brittan Brown,

Before security became a fixture in homes, an African American nurse Mary Van Brittan Brown, devised an early security unit for her own home.

In 1966, Brown invented a system that used a camera that could slide into and look through four peepholes in her front door. The camera's view would then appear on a monitor in her home so she could survey any potentially unwanted guests.

She added other features to the system, including a microphone to speak to anyone at the door, a button to unlock the door, and a button to contact the police. She and her husband took out a patent for the system in the same year, and they were awarded the patent three years later in 1969. Home security systems commonly used today took various elements from her design. 50 years later, the technology is installed in millions of homes and offices worldwide.



Dr. Patricia Bath

In 1981, Bath invented the surgical tool that made her famous: the Laserphaco Probe, which she continued to perfect and later patented in 1988. The tool was used during eye surgery to correct cataracts, an eye condition that clouds vision and can lead to blindness. Bath is the first African American female doctor to secure a medical patent.

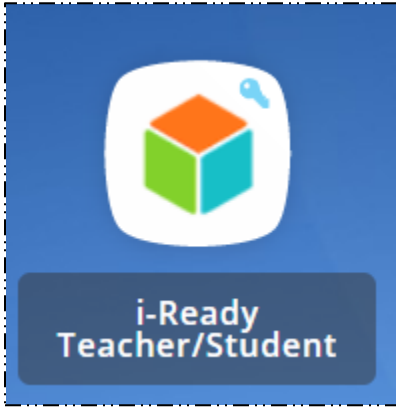


Literacy News

Mrs. Blundell & Mrs. Whalen



It's hard to believe that the second *i-Ready*® *Diagnostic*. The second Diagnostic is an important benchmark for understanding student growth, which is why it's so important that students try their best. These results allow us to better support students in achieving their goals. The window for the second diagnostic opens January 28, 2021.



Remember, there are ways you can help at home. Encourage your child to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will get only about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.



What is Read&Write?

Our district provides a digital literacy support tool called Read&Write for Google Chrome for all K-12 students. Read&Write is a Google Chrome Extension that students can use to access over 20 different features to help them read, write, and study independently! The toolbar works within any website, Performance Matters, and all Google Suite Products, including Google Classroom, Google Docs, Google Forms, and Google Slides. Upon login, students and teachers will see a purple puzzle piece at the top of the webpage (extensions bar) that looks like this:



- If you have several extensions in your toolbar, please check your extension folder and pin the purple puzzle piece to your toolbar.
- If you do not see the icon, follow these [step by step directions](#) to install Read & Write on your device.
- Watch [this short video](#) to learn how **Read & Write** works.



Guidance News
Ms. Blandford



Happy February! I cannot believe we are in our second month of 2021. Time flies when you are having fun! I would just like to take this opportunity to tell you all how thankful I am to be a part of the Shady Side School Community. This week, February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week. School Counselors are Master Level practitioners who help students in many ways. We help to remove barriers to academic achievement. We support student’s social/emotional development. We help guide college and career readiness. School counselors meet with students individually, in small groups, and teach school counseling core curriculum lessons that include the focus on making good choices, mindfulness, growth mindset, setting goals, bullying, and substance abuse and prevention for grades three through five. The majority of elementary school counselors’ time is spent in direct service with students. This service may include:

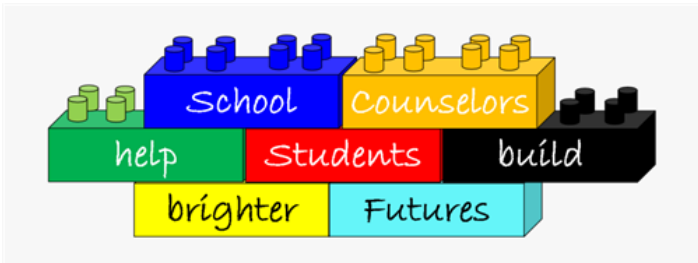
- student academic planning
- assisting students in exploring future careers
- meeting with parents to facilitate 504 Plans
- consulting with teachers about classroom management
- helping school principals identify and address student needs
- leading small counseling groups with students with shared concerns
- advocating for students at individual education plan meetings
- analyzing school wide data to understand student needs
- designing and conducting school counseling core curriculum lessons
- counseling with frequently absent students
- counseling students with academic concerns
- counseling students in crisis

This year I am celebrating my twenty first year as a School Counselor at Shady Side Elementary. I cannot imagine doing this job in a better place.

During the month of January, third fourth and fifth graders finished up lessons on substance abuse and prevention. Pre-K through second grade had lessons on personal space, socially distancing and what school may be like for those who return in the hybrid model. This month our guidance lessons will focus on goal setting and growth mindset.

Our spirit day for February will be celebrated on Friday, February 19th. It is Class Color Day. Students are encouraged to wear their class color.

- Pre-K - PINK**
- Kindergarten – RED**
- First – PURPLE**
- Second - YELLOW**
- Third - GREEN**
- Fourth - ORANGE**
- Fifth – BLUE**





Congratulations January Scholars of the Month



Mrs. Shryock (Pre-K) – Abigail Cesario
Miss Taylor (Kind.) – Lucas Repass
Mrs. Kaye (Kind.) – Christian Wilkinson
Mrs. Mitchell (Kind.) – Cole Vanorsdale
Mrs. Auth (Kind.) – Ethan Taylor
Mrs. Pannell (Kind.) – Brooks Flanders
Mrs. Sturgell (1st gr.) – Rayce Hostetter
Mr. Witmer (1st gr.) – Sammy Biddle
Ms. Connolly (1st gr.) – Ruby Shook
Mrs. True (1st gr.) – Paige Price
Mrs. Anderson (2nd gr.) – Aubriella Bonilla
Mrs. Fladung (2nd gr.) – Alivia Troese
Ms. Brown (2nd gr.) – Sadie Pulanco
Mr. Tuttle (3rd gr.) – Ethan Mitchell
Ms. Maloney (3rd gr.) – Basil Kane

Mrs. Duval (3rd gr.) – Madilyn Vandevort
Ms. Paolitto (4th gr.) – Devin Diggs
Mrs. Parks (4th gr.) – Vivian Lowe
Mrs. Langford-Howell (4th gr.) – Dane Demont
Mrs. Weckel (5th gr.) – Daniel Duckworth
Mrs. Howell (5th gr.) – Daniella Baez-Patino
Mrs. Flanders (5th gr.) – Kyleih Stauffer
Miss Shryock (Art) – Lola DeAngelis
Mrs. Bacon (PE) – Remy Poland
Mrs. Wolfstone-Smith (EEE) – Addisyn Swartz
Mrs. Kochanski (EEE) – Caleb & Henry Duval
Mrs. Witmer (Music) – Joshua Larrimore
Dr. Orr (Instrumental) – Victoria Quintero
 Devin Diggs, Olivia O'Connor
Mrs. Guy (Media) – Mason Purdy

Cultural Arts News

Miss Shryock - Art

SSES artists and families!
 Welcome to the second quarter!
 This year is flying by and I have been so impressed with how we all have adjusted during virtual learning. Please continue to store your art in a safe place and have materials ready after our waiting room time. Unless it is marble activity, we will return to the activity from the previous class. Keep being creative, thinking outside of the box, keeping on camera on, and working hard to get those marble points. You artists are awesome!



Mrs. Bacon – Physical Education

Happy American Heart Month everyone!



I encourage all families to check out the American Heart Association webpage and look under the "Healthy Living" tab for great information on keeping your family heart healthy! Along with Heart Month, we are kicking off our Kid's Heart Challenge! During the month of February, your children will learn about their heart, how to keep it healthy, and WHY we always need to work towards a healthy heart. I cannot wait to introduce our fun Heart Hero's this week! If you would like to register for the Kid's Heart Challenge, visit <http://www2.heart.org/goto/shadyside> or search for the Kid's Heart Challenge App! Visiting this website and registering does not require any donations and can just be used as an informational source for you, your child, and your family! Check out Finn's Mission and try to decode the message!

Cultural Arts News

Music – Mrs. Witmer

Hello Shady Side families! As we enter the 3rd Quarter, students in all grade levels will engage in a variety of music activities. In Kindergarten, we will continue to explore high and low pitches through singing, moving, and playing on virtual xylophones. We will also interact with rhythm patterns through chanting, reading, and moving. First grade will work on singing, reading and hand signing the pitches that make up tonal patterns and melodies. Second grade will compose short melodies and learn about crescendo and decrescendo (getting louder/getting softer). In Third grade, we will learn about Rondo Form, continue identifying pitches on the Treble Clef staff and of course, play the recorder. Fourth grade students will learn about meter, syncopated rhythms and Call and Response form. In 5th Grade, students will complete their “Music to Empathize” song analysis projects before beginning our next project about Recycled Instruments. Our Chorus students worked extremely hard over the last few weeks as they created recordings for our “Virtual Performance.” I am so pleased with their singing and look forward to putting it all together to share with others! If any 4th or 5th Grade students are interested in joining Chorus for the second half of the school year, please reach out to me: I would love to welcome some new singers!

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Media -Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Walsh

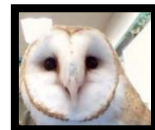
This month students will be introduced to the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Program. This is the Children’s Choice Award for the state of Maryland. Children may choose to read nominated books and vote for their favorite. We will be reading some of the books with classes and encourage all students to participate! 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. Fourth and fifth grade will continue coding using Scratch.

EEE – Mrs. W-S & Mrs. Kochanski

Hello everyone! We had such an amazing time during our Live Owl Presentation with Mr. Mike Callahan on Tuesday, January 26th. There is a link to a slideshow with highlights from the day in your child’s EEE Google Classroom stream. Please take a look! Shady Side Scholars were excited, engaged, and asked many great questions! Since it was such a success, we are hoping to have Mr. Callahan join us in person next year.

We are thrilled to announce a partnership between EEE and Arlington Echo starting this month. Kindergarten will begin a unit called “Trees are Terrific” and fourth graders will become “Environmental Stewards”. These units will culminate with live Google Meets with Arlington Echo experts. We look forward to incorporating nature exploration into our study of arts & humanities with all grade levels.

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.



~ Albert Einstein

Cultural Arts News

Dr. Orr - Instrumental

Dear Music Family and Friends,

I am excited to dive into the 3rd grading period with the talented instrumental students at Shady Side and Lothian Elementary Schools. The 3rd grading period will bring some schedule changes and new and exciting curriculum.

The Beginning Orchestra have big changes to their curriculum this quarter. The Beginning Orchestra will begin to play arco (use the bow) rather than pizzicato (plucking the strings). They will explore the G down tetrachord and learn their first scale D major. Please, make sure they have plenty of rosin on their bow hairs, so they may make a warm sound. Finally, the beginning cello and basses have a separate class. Please, see below for the new schedule.

The Intermediate Orchestra will delve into new curriculum. They will explore theme and variation, body percussion, 4th finger “A” on the “D” string, and the life and culture of various composers. Additionally, they will explore different sections of the bow and its effect on sound production. The fourth-grade cellos, violins and violas will combine into one class. Please see below for the new schedule.

The Advanced Orchestra continues to fly high. Some of our 5th grade orchestra players have begun exploring advanced curriculum in Book 2 of “New Directions for Strings.” The advanced orchestra has mastered two major scales and will be learning a third scale during the third nine weeks. Anticipated new skills for the Advanced Orchestra include “C” down tetrachord, slurring, and other advanced musicianship skills. The advanced violins and violas will combine into one class. Please see below for the new schedule.

The Beginning Band has begun to find their voice. Some anticipated skills for the Beginning Band include the addition of two new notes, culture and composer explorations, and new musical vocabulary. Even though the times and days may have changed for the Beginning Band, their instrument groupings have remained stable. Please see below for the new schedule. Finally, the Advanced Band has explored the culture and times of several composers, played duets and rounds, and has expanded their knowledge of music theory. The Advanced Band will continue to expand their knowledge of those topics, expand the register of their instrument, explore the music of the world, and master two new scales. The Advanced Band will combine trumpet and clarinet classes. Please see below for the new schedule.

Spring 2021 Shady Side/Lothian Instrumental Music Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:30 Make-up Lesson Advanced Orchestra	11:30 Make-up Lesson Beginning Band	8:30 Make-up Class Advanced Band	11:30 Make-up Lesson Beginning Orchestra	11:30 Make-up Lesson Intermediate Orchestra
12:55 Beginning Sax	12:55 Percussion--all levels	9:15 Beginning- Violin- Lothian	12:55 Beginning Trumpet	12:55 Beginning Clarinet and Advanced Flute
2:15 Advanced Trumpet/Clarinet	2:15 Beginning Cello	9:45 Beginning Violin- Shady Side	2:15 Advanced Violin/Viola	2:15 Beginning Bass
2:45- 3:00 Tuning Help	2:45- 3:00 Tuning Help	10:15 Intermediate Violin/Viola/Cello	2:45- 3:00 Tuning Help	
		10:45 Book 2 Orchestra		



School Meals @ Curbside

Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Mobile Meals @ Curbside, visit www.aacps.org/mealpickup for times

February 1 – 12, 2021

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1	2	3	4	5
Schools Closed	Breakfast: Yogurt & Elf Graham Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pizza Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Mini Loaf Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Drumstick w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk Dinner: Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice
8	9	9	11	12
Breakfast: Benefit Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: French Toast w/Sausage Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips Pears, Milk Dinner: Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Yogurt & MJM Graham Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Italian Combo Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Garlic French Bread Pizza Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Sunflower Seeds w/Muffin Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice

Menu Subject to Change

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

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February 15 - 26, 2021

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
15 <i>Schools Closed</i>	16 Breakfast: Yogurt & Elf Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	17 Breakfast: Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	18 Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Mini Loaf Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Bologna, Turkey Salami & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	19 Breakfast: Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk Dinner: Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice
22 Breakfast: Benefit Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: French Toast w/Sausage Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips Peaches, Milk Dinner: Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	23 Breakfast: Yogurt & Goldfish Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	24 Breakfast: Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Rotini w/Meat Sauce Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	25 Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	26 Breakfast: Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk Dinner: SunButter & Sunflower Seeds w/Muffin Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice

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