



Shady Side Elementary School

January 2021 Newsletter



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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year Shady Side Elementary! It is amazing to believe it is now 2021! As shared in my morning announcement with students this week, a new year is a new opportunity for success. We hope that everyone took time to refresh and renew over the winter break, because we are full steam ahead into the month of January. As we enter the final few weeks of our first semester, teachers have quite important standards to teach students. Also, they must ensure students are wrapping up all assignments so that report card grades for second quarter can truly reflect students' abilities and not just what they did or did not complete.

While there may be tweaks to the schedule in the weeks ahead, and the transition to Hybrid learning when the metrics allow, the expectations for school this year have not changed. Students should be attending all live Meets for all subjects, including Cultural Arts. Cameras should be on, microphones muted unless directed otherwise, and materials organized in their workspace. Students should be actively participating in all activities, completing work in the time allotted (this will help avoid homework overload) and asking questions when they don't understand. Parents should be checking Google Classroom and Parent Portal (1-5 only) regularly to monitor work completion and status of progress. Most of these expectations are just like in the regular classroom with some differences due to the virtual environment, but what is most obviously the same is that it is a partnership of staff, students, and parents, working together, that will ensure the success of our students.

As we rapidly approach the mid-point of the year, I would ask that, while parents continue to support their students' active engagement with school, they do so in a way that fosters independence. Most of our students have been in a virtual environment since March 2020, and we are amazed every day at how much even our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students can do – sometimes picking up new technology more quickly than our adults! Fostering independence and gradually releasing responsibility to students are school goals equally important to the academic standards being taught. Teachers are more than willing to meet with individual students during Teacher Office Hours to provide support in navigating technology and becoming more independent with these skills. We know how much a part of life these will be for students, not just during virtual learning, but in their everyday adult lives. Don't hesitate to reach out.

May 2021 be a year of growth, prosperity, and happiness for everyone in our Shady Side Elementary community!

Dates to Remember



January

- 1 Schools Closed & Central Office Closed.**
- 4 Schools open for teachers and students.
- 15 Spirit Day – Represent your favorite sports team
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 28/29 Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
End of second marking period.**

February

- 1 Schools closed for students.** Professional Development Day for teachers.
- 2 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.
- 15 President’s Day – All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

Chromebooks

Parents,

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 cord with you.

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

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.



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 contact Mrs. Hudson, our Registrar, at tlhudson@aacps.org to update your information.

Guidance News

Ms. Blandford



Happy New Year Shady Side Elementary! I am so overjoyed to have moved into 2021! I hope you all had some time to rest up and enjoy time with your families. In just a few short weeks we will have completed our second quarter of the school year. Please make sure that your child/children are attending all classes and completing all assignments. Teachers are here to assist students during class, but please don't forget that they have office hours several times a week to assist as well. If I can be of service, please reach out. Over the past couple months, I have met with many students via Google Meet to help with academics and personal and social needs. If you feel that your child could benefit from an individual meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me at lblandford@aacps.org.

Classroom guidance lessons look a little different in the virtual setting. I continue to teach one class a month for about twenty minutes each. In January, Pre-K, Kindergarten, First, and Second grades will engage in lessons that focus on Social Distancing and Growth Mindset. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students will finish up their lesson on Substance Abuse and Prevention.

Our monthly spirit day will be celebrated on Friday, January 15th. Students are encouraged to represent their favorite sports team. Congratulations to the Ravens and the Washington Football Team for making the playoffs! I'll be sure to represent my favorite team on the 15th!

Our Shady Side dance team is doing well in the virtual setting. We discussed costumes during class on January 4th. This year's theme for the festival is: "Dancing Through it All - A Year Reimagined". Festivals will be combined to include elementary, middle, and high school performances. All viewings of the pre-recorded and assembled concerts will be shared in a live stream form (due to copyright) the week of March 22, 2021. T-shirts and other dance clothing will be offered for purchase through an on-line ordering site. Parents, please look for updates on our Dance Team Google Classroom.



Congratulations December Scholars of the Month!!

Mrs. Shryock (Pre-K) – Vivian Bedard
Miss Taylor (Kind.) – Raegan Crutchfield
Mrs. Kaye (Kind.) – Piper Logston
Mrs. Mitchell (Kind.) – Lillian Fowler
Mrs. Auth (Kind.) – Olivia Herold
Mrs. Pannell (Kind.) – Wyatt Rose
Mrs. Sturgell (1st gr.) – Ethan Stanley
Mr. Witmer (1st gr.) – Hope Gross
Ms. Connolly (1st gr.) – Jacob Criss
Mrs. True (1st gr.) – Lucas Newhard
Mrs. Anderson (2nd gr.) – Emma Snider
Mrs. Fladung (2nd gr.) – Emma Tang
Ms. Brown (2nd gr.) – Leon Cherry
Mr. Tuttle (3rd gr.) – Harper Plude
Ms. Maloney (3rd gr.) – Aubree Moulden

Mrs. Duval (3rd gr.) – Henry Dwyer
Ms. Paolitto (4th gr.) – Vivienne Will
Mrs. Parks (4th gr.) – Remi Choe
Mrs. Langford-Howell (4th gr.) – Mary Schorr
Mrs. Weckel (5th gr.) – Lola DeAngelis
Mrs. Howell (5th gr.) – Max Meyers
Mrs. Flanders (5th gr.) – Anna Marcinik
Miss Shryock (Art) – Aurnyn Fincher
Mrs. Bacon (PE) – Sarah Piche
Mrs. Wolfstone-Smith (Triple E) – Ferrin Altizer
Mrs. Kochanski (Triple E) – Oliver Hutcheson
Mrs. Witmer (Music) – Dyllan Ferraro
Dr. Orr (Instrumental) – Alana Kannegieser
Jake Harris, Austyn Monn



Literacy News

Mrs. Blundell & Mrs. Whalen



Many parents are now playing a much larger role in developing their children's reading skills. Here is some advice from Scholastic for parents working with their child on reading at home.

1. Create a positive experience

Children can recover from weeks of lost skill building; it's harder to recover from negative experiences that make reading a hated experience.

2. Schedule dedicated reading time

Make sure to take some time each day to read to your child. Also, spend some time where everyone in the family is reading their own book so your children can see you as a reader.

3. Start Small

If your child gets stuck on a word, have them break it into chunks, cover the ending, or look for sounds in the word they can say. Notice the words they struggle with and make a list of those words to practice.

4. Take Turns

Take turns reading paragraphs so they don't get tired reading by themselves. Ask questions and have them ask you questions too. They are comprehending if they can discuss what has been read together.

5. Ask your child for help

Ask them to "help" you while you are "busy" by reading the directions to recipes, grocery lists, texts from grandparents, etc.

6. Have them record themselves reading and have the child listen back to it. They can check themselves to see if they made mistakes.

7. Just read

Sit together, enjoy each other and the book and just read. Even if you do the reading, the emotional connections your child makes will be treasured. (And the vocabulary they're exposed to will help them!)



Cultural Arts- January 2021

**EEE- Ms. Wolfstone-Smith
Mrs. Kochanski**

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful winter break! Mrs. Kochanski's PreK and K classes will be finishing their unit on Kindness this month and then will begin to look at Self Care. Her first and second grade classes are in the process of creating Mood Soundscapes that they will share with their classmates. When they are finished, they will begin a unit focusing on the skill of elaboration through the study of owls.

Mrs. W-S's students are off and running in our new, exciting unit about owls ----- and learning through elaboration. What a fun collaborative unit this will be! Students are asked to begin thinking about creating a visual artwork of an owl....so gathering supplies can start now. We will not be working on our owl art until the end of January but begin thinking about materials you have at home that can be used. Questions you might want to ask yourself to help with this idea are: Will I make a sculpture (3D) or a painting/drawing (2D)? If I want to make a (3D) model, what can I make it out of? Cardboard? Pinecones? Lego bricks? Yarn? Fabric (will I make an owl pillow?)? The possibilities are endless, and now is the time to begin gathering your supplies in a shoebox or bag for use later in the unit. Happy new year to all!



"Creativity is intelligence having fun." - Albert Einstein

Art- Ms. Shryock

SSES artists and families!

Please continue to store your art in a safe place and have materials ready after our waiting room time. Each Google Meet class builds off the class prior so keeping your art is so important.



Media- Mrs. Guy

Media- Mrs. Guy & Mrs. Walsh
Grades K- 2: In the month of January, second grade students will be doing a small research project and learning about gathering information from online resources. First grade and kindergartners will learn about parts of a story (beginning, middle and end, characters, setting and main idea). All students will learn about award-winning books and the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award.

Grades 3-5: Third through fifth grade students will explore award-winning books and the Black-Eyed Susan Award. We will continue to integrate topics from the classroom into various research activities in media class.

Cultural Arts- January 2021

Music – Mrs. Witmer

Welcome back Shady Side Musicians! I hope you had a wonderful break and are ready to make more music in 2021! In Kindergarten, we will continue to explore same and different patterns by moving, singing, and playing high and low pitches. First grade will study and classify different percussion instruments and move to music that changes Tempo (speed). Second grade will sing and read “So Mi Do” tonal patterns and explore “Verse and Refrain” form. In Third grade, we will learn all about instruments in the “Woodwind Family,” read notes on the Treble Staff and begin a new song on the recorder! Fourth grade will create an advertisement for their favorite instrument and begin learning about Major and Minor tonalities. In 5th Grade, students will have the opportunity to share their completed “Musical Timeline” projects before beginning their next project, “Using Music to Empathize.” Although we will not have homework assignments in Music, any graded classwork (denoted by a star) that has not been turned in during the allotted class time will need to be completed. Please help your child check their “To Do List” to see if they have any missing assignments. Our Chorus students are busy working on their vocal skills as they prepare their song, “Ringing, Ringing” in preparation for our Winter “Virtual Choir” showcase. As a reminder, 4th Grade Chorus meets Mondays at 11:20 and 5th Grade Chorus meets Fridays at 11:20. In addition, I am asking that Chorus students work on their song at least 3 times per week! I look forward to a fun-filled month of music making at Shady Side!

Mrs. O’Neal, our P/T Music Teacher retired January 1st, and the long-term substitute will be Mr. Benjamin Green.

PE- Mrs. Bacon

Welcome to the new year, families! I have been loving hearing about all the ways your student(s) are staying active at home. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to play in an active way, especially during the colder months.

I am so excited to keep digging deeper into our physical education units during January! All grade levels will be following the same schedule this month, which will be great for families of multiple children. The first week back, everyone will be working together to improve their team building strategies and skills. This unit is always fun for the students and a great way to get to know each other even more! After that, everyone will be entering their dance unit! Dance will be a great way to express creativity and get our heart rates up in a fun way. I look forward to continuing building connections with your student(s) during 2021!



**Dream Big
Believe
Bold!**

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January 4 – 15, 2021

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
4	5	6	7	8
Breakfast: Benefit Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pancakes w/Sausage Roasted Potatoes Pears, Milk Dinner: Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Yogurt & MJM Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Popcorn Chicken w/Rice Corn & Black Bean Salad Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, 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: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco 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: Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza Broccoli Florets Craisins, Milk Dinner: Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice
11	12	13	14	15
Breakfast: Ultimate Breakfast Round Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla Carrot Chips Pears, Milk Dinner: Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Yogurt & Elf Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Italian Combo Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Granola Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice 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 & Mini Loaf Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: 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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January 18 – 29, 2021

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
18	19	20	21	22
Schools Closed	Breakfast: Yogurt & Goldfish Graham Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Tenders w/Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	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	Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Taco w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk Dinner: Turkey Bologna, Turkey Salami & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk Snack: Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk Dinner: Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk Snack: Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice
25	26	27	28	29
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: Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Yogurt & Goldfish Graham Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken w/Rice Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk Dinner: Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk Snack: Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	Breakfast: Granola 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	Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Mini Muffin 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	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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Family Link

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of their parents." - Jane D. Hull

Elementary Math Virtual Family Support

AACPS now offers Elementary Math Virtual Family Support to parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn virtually.

View [additional information](#).



VIRTUAL HOMEWORK HELP AND TUTORING

For Middle and High School students. Targeted subjects are Math, English, World Languages, Social Studies, Science, AVID and ESOL.

Virtual Homework Help is a drop-in Google Meet environment. Tutoring is an appointment-driven small group setting.

View [additional information](#).

Virtual Family Support Center



Phone Assistance Line for Families
CALL 410-222-5001

Call for assistance and support in the following areas:

- Counseling Resources
- Resetting a Password or Support for Chromebook or Internet Connectivity
- Instructional Technology Applications within Google Classroom
- Middle & High School Evening
- Virtual Homework Help & Tutoring
- Elementary School Math Family Support
- Meals for Students

You can also leave a message for other topics not covered on the above list.

Learning at Home

Our Partners at Arundel County Public Library are ready to support students at every stage of their education. A library card is a gateway to the resources and tools you need to make the most of learning from home.



Go to [Learning at Home](#) for details on the resources available to your student through the library.

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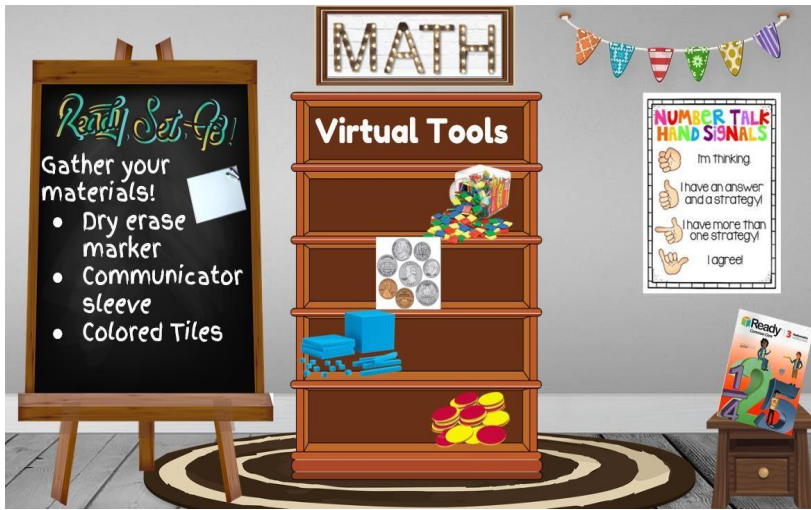
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Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, Global Perspectives,

Nuestra Comunidad (Our community), Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)





MATEMATICA EN LA PRIMARIA

APOYO FAMILIAR VIRTUAL

AACPS ofrece Apoyo Familiar Virtual de matemáticas a los padres, tutores u otros adultos que ayudan a los estudiantes a aprender virtualmente en la Escuela Primaria.

Venga con preguntas sobre conceptos matemáticos de Prekínder a 5 grado o en busca de ayuda para comprender la enseñanza / técnica actual de resolución de problemas.

Enlace Grados Primarios [AQUI](#)

Enlace Grados intermedios [AQUI](#)



Grados Primarios
Pre-K, Kínder, 1° y
2° Enlace [AQUI](#)

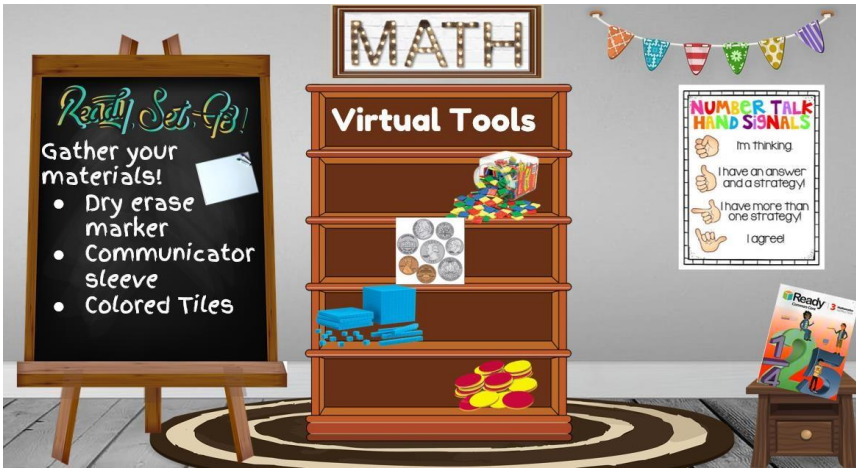
Grados
Intermedios 3°,
4° & 5°

Enlace [AQUI](#)

Abierto martes y
jueves por la noche
de

6 p.m. a 8p.m.

Apoyo en Inglés y
Español



ELEMENTARY MATH

VIRTUAL FAMILY SUPPORT

AACPS now offers Elementary Math Virtual

Family Support to parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn virtually.

Come with questions about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem - solving teaching/ technique.

Primary Link [HERE](#)

Intermediate Link [HERE](#)



Primary Grades
PreK, K, 1st & 2nd Link

[HERE](#)

Intermediate
Grades 3rd, 4th
& 5th

Link [HERE](#)

Open Tuesday and
Thursday evenings
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

English and
Spanish support