



# Shady Side PTO News

During the month of November, we tend to take an extra moment to reflect on what we are thankful for! As a parent and member of the community, I am so appreciative and thankful for Shady Side Elementary. The Parents, Grandparents, Families, Teachers, Students, Staff, Volunteers, Committees, and all of our supporters at SSE are awesome!

We are excited to announce that the PTO was able to purchase an entire Chromebook cart with Chromebooks for our school in October. Our scholars use them for various reasons throughout the school year and the day! Providing additional Chromebooks reduces the burden on staff to share them and rotate schedules to allow for usage. Thank you for your support of the PTO which allowed us to be able to provide these for our scholars!

Our committees have been working hard! This month we are excited for the Book Fair! Students will have the opportunity to visit during Media class times to create a wishlist! Families can visit the book fair anytime during the school week (November 18-22) from 9am-4pm, by signing into the office, plus during the ice cream social on Wednesday evening (6:00pm-7:30pm). There are volunteer opportunities for approved volunteers.

New this year, we are adding Family Nights into our schedule! Nov 22nd is the holiday family night, we look forward to having you there! These are both fundraisers for our school PTO which allows us to host assemblies, purchase technology equipment, purchase books and resources for the classrooms. Thank you for your continued support of the PTO, we appreciate it!

Thank you!

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## PTO Executive Board

President	Julia Howes
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Secretary	Kat Denning
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School Principal	Melissa Brown

## PTO Mission

The PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at Shady Side Elementary by fostering relationships among the school, parents, teachers, and community and to support the activities and programs of the school through financial and/or voluntary support.

## Upcoming Events

**Restaurant Night:**  
**West River Pit**  
**Tuesday, November 12 - 4 pm to 7 pm**

**Spirit Day: Disney Character Day**  
**Friday, November 15**

**Scholastic Book Fair Week**  
**November 18 to 22**  
**Open during school hours & ice cream social**

**Ice Cream Social**  
**Wednesday, November 20 - 6 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Spirit Night: Holiday Crafts & Vendors**  
**Friday, November 22 - 5 pm to 8 pm**



# American Education Week

American Education Week is celebrated every November and focuses on celebrating public education and honoring individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education.

## Monday, November 18 through Friday, November 22

Here are some special events and activities you can participate in to show your dedication to and appreciation of public education in our own community:

### Scholastic Book Fair

Hello Shady Side families! It is time again for our Fall Book Fair! We are scheduled for American Education Week: **Monday, November 18 through Friday, November 22.**

We are setting up on Friday, November 15th in the school's Media Center.

During the school week, every student will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class. Teachers will also provide Book Fair hall passes to allow everyone the chance to attend. The book fair will also be open on Wednesday, November 20 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, during the ice cream social, to allow for families to attend.

I am so excited about this year, and as usual we are going to need a lot of volunteers to make it a success. If you have any questions, ideas, or anything else, do not hesitate to reach out to our Book Fair coordinators.

Contact: Kathy Haley & Jessica O'Connor, Book Fair Chairs



### Ice Cream Social

An ice cream social will be held on Wednesday, November 20 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Volunteers to help prepare and serve ice cream needed!

Contact: Kate Moore, Ice Cream Social Chair

### Family Fun Night

Bring the family to the school on Friday, November 22nd for a Holiday Family Fun Night! We will have craft stations, vendors for holiday shopping and food available for dinner! Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends, all are welcome! For the success of the event, we will need volunteers! Watch for a volunteer signup to be sent out! If you would like to help, please contact me!

Contact: Julia Howes, Coordinator - [RJHowes813@aol.com](mailto:RJHowes813@aol.com) or 443-871-4846



# Shady Side Elementary PTO presents...

## Holiday Family Fun Night

Friday, November 22, 2019 | 6pm-8pm

4859 Atwell Road, Shady Side, MD 20764



### Cookies and Crafts

- o Cookies to decorate
- o Hot Chocolate Station
- o Craft Stations



**Tickets will be sold at the door, \$5 per participating child! A cookie, hot chocolate and all crafts are included in the \$5 fee. All children welcome, not just students from SSE.**

### Vendor Night

Local businesses and crafters to help get holiday shopping started! Vendor opportunities are \$20 each. No duplicate companies, priority given to Shady Side Elementary Families and Staff.

### Dinner Option

Chick-fil-A nuggets and sandwiches will be available for purchase. We will have drinks available for purchase as well.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **total enclosed**

**Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Check** \_\_\_\_\_ (please make checks payable to Shady Side Elementary PTO)

**Note: This is NOT a drop-off event. All children must be accompanied by an adult!**

**No "tickets" will be given, there will be a pre-registration list at the event.**

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity Needed \_\_\_\_\_ (very limited, bring extension cords)

Raffle Donation \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

School will open at 5:00pm for setup, please allow yourself enough time to set up. All participants must arrive no later than 5:30pm and be setup by 5:45pm. Display must stay in place until 8:00pm, no early breakdowns! You are responsible for your own table and tablecloth (if necessary). If you need larger than a traditional space, please note that on this form (additional fee may apply). Note: Parking is limited at our school. Please consider unloading and parking at Discovery Village, 4800 Atwell Rd.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed (\$20.00 per space), **PAID BY:** Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ PayPal \_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Shady Side Elem. PTO. PayPal- Shady.Side.PTO.News@gmail.com

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# School Technology Update: New Chromebooks



Ever wonder where all the funds go that the PTO raises? The PTO raises money to help support a variety of different educational opportunities, such as sponsoring school assemblies and purchasing classroom supplies and instructional materials.

This fall, the PTO was able to fund over **\$10,000** toward a new Chromebook Cart and Chromebooks for the school.

These small, but mighty, laptops (and their apps) help to bolster students' computer skills and make learning more engaging. With technology, such as Chromebooks, being increasingly used in everything from administering student assessments to classroom instruction, being able to have more devices for Shady

Side students is an important cause to support.

We didn't do it alone though! This was made possible by ALL of the family, staff, and community members who participated in one of our successful fundraising efforts, such as the Boosterthon Fun Run and store rewards programs last year.

Thanks, as always, for helping the PTO support our school and children in learning.