



Shady Side PTO News

Welcome Back Seagulls!

Welcome to a new school year!

Along with the rest of our PTO board, volunteers and committees, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Parents are so important to a school's success, and the PTO is a key way that parents can support our school. By "support," I'm not just talking about fundraising. Yes, we raise money for technology, library materials, field trips, and much more. You'll be hearing more from us about that as the school year gets under way. We also organize great family events throughout the year. And we support school staff members with our reimbursement program and staff appreciation efforts.

If you're looking for a way to get involved at school, we can help. We have moms, dads, grandparents, and other family and community members who help out. Our volunteers are in the classroom but also at home. Any amount of time you can give is great, whether it's two hours a year or two hours a week. Whatever works best for you, we can make it work!

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and check your child's weekly yellow folder for correspondence from the PTO each week. I look forward to getting to know you this school year!

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PTO Executive Board

President	Julia Howes
Vice President	Amanda Fincher
Secretary	Kat Denning
Treasurer	Brandi Harmel
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

Spirit Wear Sale
September 4 through 20

PTO Meeting
Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm

Restaurant Night @ Chick-fil-A
Wednesday, September 25 from 5-8 pm

Picture Day
Friday, October 4



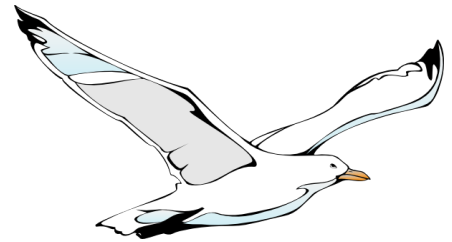
Back to School Breakfast

Every year our Hospitality Committee welcomes the staff back to school with a delicious breakfast. Thank you to all those who donated to the back to school breakfast. It was a great success and the teachers and staff had a great time. Cheers to another great year at SSES.

Contact: Jessica Grzybowski, Hospitality Chair

Shady Side Spirit Wear

Our designs have been updated for the 2019 school year! Check out the new options we have including a t-shirt, long-sleeved shirt and pullover hoodie. All orders will be accepted until **Friday, September 20th**. Cash and Check (made out to *Shady Side PTO*) are accepted. Teachers, Staff, and Parents are welcome to purchase and show support for our school as well! Every Friday is a Spirit Day where students and staff are encouraged to wear their spirit items and/or school colors. Samples are at the school store if anyone would like to try on a size.



Thank you to **Fegan Sports Apparel in Edgewater** for working with our school for our spirit wear!

Contact: Julia Howes, Spirit Wear Coordinator - RJHowes813@aol.com or 443-871-4846

Restaurant Night



This month's family restaurant night is being hosted by Chick-fil-A in Edgewater.

Chick-fil-A
3220 Solomons Island Road Edgewater, MD 21037
410-956-0402

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 5 PM to 8 PM

Contact: Jessica Grzybowski, Family Spirit Events Co-Chair

School Store

School store will be up and running in a few weeks! Children will have a chance to purchase items on their way to class in the morning. Items range from \$.25 to \$2.00. Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, and other such items will be available. The school store is open two mornings, Wednesday and Thursday, before classes begin (8:55 to 9:15).

**Kindergarten through 2nd grade can purchase items on Wednesday morning
3rd through 5th grade can purchase their items on Thursday morning**

If you have any questions regarding school store or would like to volunteer, please contact Brian Barton. He will let everyone know when the school store will begin this school year.

Contact: Brian Barton, School Store Chair - DCWarrior65@hotmail.com or 301-367-8584

PTO Myths

Myth: The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.

FACT: The PTO is for everyone! We have a wide range of volunteers, including moms, dads, grandparents, and other family/friends of our Shady Side scholars. We also have a wide range of volunteers who work full- or part-time as well as stay-at-home parents.



Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.

FACT: The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round.

Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.

FACT: Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

Myth: PTO volunteers need to be at the school during the day.

FACT: Much of the PTO work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.

Myth: The PTO has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.

FACT: While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, we also welcome new ones every year. We do strike up friendships and enjoy getting to know one another, but we are always interested in getting to know new people.

Myth: The PTO is all set with their activities and events for the year.

FACT: Each year, the PTO brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers, and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers. While we try to plan ahead, it's only the beginning of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. And we want you to be a part of it all!



Volunteers Needed

Treasurer-In-Training

Our current Treasurer is leaving SSES at the end of this school year. We are looking for a replacement she can train to take over her responsibilities when she leaves the school.

Hospitality Assistant

The Hospitality Chair is in need of someone to help organize and coordinate teacher appreciation focused events a couple times per year. If you have availability during school hours but don't want to be in charge of a committee, this could be the role for you.

School Store Volunteers

The school store is open twice a week in the mornings (8:55 to 9:15). We are looking for volunteers to help students shop at the store, either weekly or bi-weekly.

Store Rewards Chair

Each year, the PTO receives funding from merchant rewards programs such as Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile and Office Max. This committee is an easy way to be involved without having to volunteer during school hours.

Restaurant Nights Committee

Looking for a way to volunteer on your own schedule? The PTO is looking for someone to help coordinate 4-6 restaurant spirit nights throughout the school year for families to attend.

Teacher's Elves

Whether it's making copies, reshelving books, cutting out sight words, or sharpening pencils, there are always tasks that our teacher's need help with. They don't take much time to complete, but are much appreciated.

Want to Volunteer? Contact:

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Brandi Harmel 410-533-4149 blharmel@gmail.com

Join the Shady Side PTO to make a difference!

Now is your opportunity to make a difference here at Shady Side Elementary.



PTO meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month, starting on September 19th. Meetings begin at 6:30 and free childcare will be provided for children ages three and up.

Join the team and contribute to the success of our Shady Side family! There is a place for everyone to join in. Your commitment to the PTO directly impacts our ability to enhance the SSE environment, provide supplemental materials, and provide cultural opportunities for all students and staff. WE NEED YOU! Please complete the following membership form and include your payment (cash or check made payable to Shady Side Elementary PTO).

****SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 13 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRIZE****

Member Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check all that apply:

____ Parent/Guardian ____ SSE Staff/Faculty ____ Family/Friend ____ Community Member

Single Adult Family \$6

Two Adult Family \$10

Community Member \$6

Additional contributions are always welcome and appreciated. All donations go directly to SSE student enrichment programs.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Paid by Cash-Amount _____ Paid by Check-Number _____

*Please return to the main office or to your child's teacher.

**Make checks payable to Shady Side Elementary PTO

Shady Side Elementary PTO Spirit Wear Order Form

August 29, 2019 - September 20, 2019

Student Name:	Teacher/Grade Level:
Parent Name:	Parent Email:
Contact #:	

Return Form no later than Friday, September 20, 2019.

Additional orders will be placed throughout school year!

All Spirit Wear clothing items are available in the following sizes:

Youth (Y): Youth Small (YS), Youth Medium (YM), Youth Large (YL)

Adult (A): Adult Small (AS), Adult Medium (AM), Adult Large (AL), Adult X-Large (AXL), Adult XX-Large (AXXL), Adult XXX-Large (AXXXL)

***NOTE: Adult XX-Large (AXXL) and Adult XXX-Large (AXXXL) are an additional \$2.00.**



****BE SURE TO INDICATE YOUTH (Y) OR ADULT (A) SIZES****

Item	Size	Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Screen Print Designs - White and Yellow Print on Royal Blue Clothing</i>				
Royal Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirt		\$10.00 Each		
		\$12.00 Each - Adult XX-Large (AXXL) and Adult XXX-Large (AXXXL)		
Royal Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt		\$13.00 Each		
		\$15.00 Each - Adult XX-Large (AXXL) and Adult XXX-Large (AXXXL)		
Royal Blue Pullover Sweatshirt with hoodie		\$24.00 Each		
		\$26.00 Each - Adult XX-Large (AXXL) and Adult XXX-Large (AXXXL)		
Checks made payable to Shady Side Elementary PTO			_____ items	\$

Items will be delivered to classroom no later than **October 10, 2019**.

Thank you for supporting Shady Side Elementary PTO! Most Fridays are Spirit Wear days when students and staff are encouraged to wear our Blue and Yellow colors!

If you have any questions, please contact Julia Howes, 443-871-4846 or email rjhowes813@aol.com