



“SPIRIT” the Seahawk

Sunderland Promotes Integrity, Responsibility, Independence & Trust

April 11, 2021

News this week

- April is Autism Awareness month. Please see the attached flier.
- We will be doing Bus Evacuations over the next week with all bus riders. This is a typical safety drill that is completed in the fall and spring each year. The drills will be completed in the morning as the buses arrive.
- We wish Laura White, 2nd grade teacher at SES, the very best as she embarks on a new chapter of life in North Carolina. Ms. White will be missed by all. Jen Singh- Montes will be the long-term substitute for Ms. White’s class. Many students and families are familiar with Ms. Singh- Montes since she has been a long-term sub for Ms. Bruzzese this year. We are thrilled she was able to stay with our Sunderland family!
- For marking period 3:
 - Cohort B students will receive their report cards and carry them home on Thursday, April 15.
 - Cohort A students will receive their report cards and carry them home on Monday, April 19.
 - Report cards will be mailed to 100% virtual students no later than Monday, April 19.

An Update Regarding State Testing

- The United States Department of Education recently gave states the flexibility to extend the state assessment window into next school year. CCPS will administer MCAP ELA and math in Grades 3-8, plus ELA 10 and Algebra 1, in the fall of 2021. The testing window will most likely open in mid-September, and the test will be shorter than the one that would have been given in the spring of 2021. DLM alternate assessments will also be given in the fall. Students in ELA 10 and Algebra 1 must take but not pass the assessment as a graduation requirement.
- Students who were scheduled to take the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment in grades 5, 8, and high school this spring will, as of now, take the MISA in the fall of 2021. MSDE has, however, submitted a waiver request to the United States Department of Education regarding the administration of the MISA.
- If approved, then students who were required to take the MISA in the spring of 2021 will not have to take the assessment in fall of 2021. If the waiver is not granted, high school students will have to take but not pass the assessment as a graduation requirement.

Tech Tip from our Technology Committee

Microsoft Power Point Creation

Click the **BLUE** link below:

[How to Create a PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Remember to keep the student computers plugged in and open over the weekend to receive CCPS updates.



If you have any **device issues or need a replacement device**: email: ccpsdevicehelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us

If you have any **app issues, such as Schoology, Dreambox, Lexia**: email: ccpsapphelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us

*****It has been recognized that if a student is not fully logged out of Lexia or active the entire time they are logged in, the program will not log their minutes.**

Equity Across Sunderland

Habit #15 for culturally effective people is to not mistake the mirror for merit. How can we try not to look for people who look like us when selecting individuals for opportunities?

See the top ten tips for culturally effective habits by Verna A. Myers, author of *What if I Say the Wrong Thing?*

<https://www.vernamyers.com/2020/05/15/what-if-i-say-the-wrong-thing-10-tips-for-culturally-effective-people/>

FSO Updates

Join the FSO:

There is still time to join the FSO for the school year! www.sunderlandfso.org

- FSO Meetings: The meetings are open for all to attend. They will be held virtually at 7:00PM until further notice. The Teams links are below and will be included in future letters, as well:

o Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

+1 240-800-7985,,56460260# United States, Bethesda

Phone Conference ID: 564 602 60#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

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o Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

+1 240-800-7985,,307686339# United States, Bethesda

Phone Conference ID: 307 686 339#

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The FSO has developed a user friendly website that can be accessed through the Sunderland Elementary page at <https://sesweb.calvertnet.k12.md.us/parents/fso> **How can you support SES FSO??**

We would love to have every family join the FSO so if you would like to become a member, please click here: <https://www.sunderlandfso.org/membership>

Support the Spirit Nights at local restaurants where you support local business and our school! Check out the schedule: <https://www.sunderlandfso.org/spiritnights>

Soaring Seahawks

The Soaring Seahawks are how we recognize students for the showing the 3 R's and other Habits of Mind traits within our PBIS program- Respect, Responsible and Ready To Learn! We are proud of YOU! We have so many, we will be chunking the groups over the next few weeks! Way to SOAR!

Daniel McKeehan Responsibility; Perseverance

Thank you Daniel for working so hard. You have made great strides in participating in class and in the completion of your work. Mr. Kearns and I are proud of you! ~ Mrs. Stay

Alaya Brandts Independence; Responsibility

Great job in paying attention to your work and asking questions about a grade when you weren't sure about it. This shows great leadership in being responsible for your grades and education. Keep up the great work! ~ Mrs. Stay

Milani Bennett, Emerie Bigsby, Jazz Brooks, Bella Butler, Annmarie Goldring, Brooklyn Gray, Autumn Heiston, Jules Mackall, Carter Medcalf, Emma Newman, Liliana Scaggs, Xavier Turner, Ty'Shawn Wallace, Ty'Vaughn Wallace, Christian Wilkinson, Makayla Wills

Ready to Learn

Great job during our Classroom Counseling lesson showing you were ready to learn by participating during our discussion! Way to go! ~ Ms. Hilton

Emerson Abell, Lillian Beasley, Ivy Cassa, Bradley Dennis, Jo-vel Dinnall, Yazmine Brandt, Kaelyn McDonald, Saniya Fletcher, and Braydon Savoy

Ready to Learn

These students did a fantastic job showing they were ready to learn by participating during our Classroom Counseling lesson. Keep up the great work! ~ Ms. Hilton

Linc Ryan Ready to Learn; Cooperation

Linc was a superstar during our Classroom Counseling lesson! He showed he was ready to learn by participating during our class discussion. Keep up the great work! ~ Ms. Hilton

Elizabeth Sullivan Ready to Learn; Cooperation

Elizabeth was a rock star during our Classroom Counseling lesson! She showed she was ready to learn by having amazing participating during our class discussion. Way to go! ~ Ms. Hilton

Mya Burton, Camden Hall, Leigha Heiston, Karsyn Kuhstoss, Morgan Medwid, Landyn Palensky, Travis Rickert, Payton Robinson, Natalie Swanson, Graham Wargo, and Ari White

Ready to Learn

What an amazing job these students did during our Classroom Counseling lesson! They showed they were ready to learn by participating during our discussion. Way to go! ~ Ms. Hilton

Ms. DiBona's kindergarten class Ready to Learn

Ms. DiBona's kindergarten students did an amazing job participating during our Classroom Counseling lesson! Almost EVERY student participated in our class discussion! Way to go! ~ Ms. Hilton

Counselor's Corner from Ms. Hilton: April 11, 2021

- The month of April is **World Autism Month** and April 2, 2021 was World Autism Awareness Day. CCPS will recognize **World Autism Awareness Day** on April 15th. On this day, we encourage all students and staff to wear blue to support all individuals with autism. For additional information on autism awareness, please visit the Autism Speaks website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/light-it-blue>

- Throughout the month of April, we will focus on “careers” during Classroom Counseling lessons. We will read the following books to go along with our lessons: *Who’s That? When I Grow Up* by Tad Carpenter (kindergarten), *Whose Hat is This?* By Sharon Katz Cooper (1st grade), *Someday* by Eileen Spinelli (2nd grade), and *When I Grow Up* by Al Yankovic (3rd grade).
- Check out the April “Home and School Connection” and “Recipes for Success”! These documents can also be found in my Schoology group by selecting “Resources” in the “Parent Resources” folder.

[..\Home & School Connection\April 2021 HomeSchool Connection.pdf](#)

[..\Home & School Connection\April 2021 Recipes for Success.pdf](#)

- If you are interested in joining the SES School Counselor Schoology group (students are already added), you may use the following code: 7MSM-FRZ3-F5XMZ. The following video can assist you with this process: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY7Rh2Oi_0A

The Sunderland Heartfelt program has begun! The Heartfelt program, supported by community churches, provides a weekly backpack consisting of small meals, snacks, and supplemental food items for the weekend. If your family would benefit from participating, please contact Ms. Hilton (443-550-9387; hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us).

Past Information

- Enjoy your Spring Break April 1st – April 6th! We will see students return on April 7th.
- Dr. Curry sent a survey regarding next year to all families in CCPS. I am attaching it and I hope that SES can have a very high percentage of participation in the survey.
- Please note that March 30th is NOT a 2 hour Early Release.
 - March 30* – full instructional day
 - April 9 – Teacher Work Time – 2 hours – rescheduled from March 30
- For 5th grade families: We are working with central office and all other elementary schools to determine how we will celebrate our 5th graders concluding their elementary school experience and be recognized. More to come.
- CCPS will be offering covid testing. It is a voluntary test. If your student is a hybrid student, feel free to send the form in with your child to give to his/her teacher. If you prefer, you may scan and email to sesforms@calvertnet.k12.md.us More details are attached in the letter from Dr. Curry and Dr. Polsky. Please feel free to call or email Nurse Sherri if you have questions.
- We are currently working on a plan where we will have the opportunity to invite some specific small groups of students in for targeted instruction on Fridays. Our decisions will be data driven using the numerous assessments we have for all students. We have included data that includes: MAP data, report card grades, Lexi and Dreambox usage and scores. We will be contacting the priority student groups over the next two weeks with a start date of April 16th in mind. You will get emails and a phone call if your student qualifies.