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“SPIRIT” the Seahawk

Sunderland Promotes Integrity, Responsibility, Independence & Trust

November 1, 2020

News this week

I want to say “Thank YOU!” to all of you for your patience as we pull everything together for this upcoming transition. This is not an easy situation for our families, our staff or our community. Everyone is doing their part to support each other to make sure this is a great experience for the students. They are at the center of all decisions. Our staff is very excited to have the children returning because they are the heartbeat of a school building. We truly appreciate all you are doing to make sure work is completed, support is offered, expectations are set and so much more.

- A few updates as we prepare for the Hybrid Reopening Plan:
 - Yes-Our student school day has been adjusted again! This time it is not so drastic. The student’s instructional day will start at 10:00AM and we will dismiss at 4:00PM. It’s a 10 minute adjustment from the previous times. The times come from transportation based on bus route times.
 - On Wednesday, I sent out teacher changes, schedule samples, and a transition timeline. Please review the timeline which reflects the marking period adjustments. In the upcoming week, we will begin our electronic transitions with all our scheduling into our database. Mrs. Hartley will be working on student changes in the system on Wednesday and Thursday so that they can be activated on Thursday night. On Friday, teachers will have their new classes in the database and will be able to send emails to families. Teachers will be sending new TEAMS invites based on their new students and their specific class schedule. We recognize the new schedule will be an adjustment for families and will take time to become habit.
 - With the hybrid, if a student is expected in person at school, but the student is sick, out of town or quarantined while awaiting testing results, the student will be able to join class virtually. The same link will be used for Cohort A and Cohort B. Students will simply not log into the virtual session when they are in person. If you have this situation, please email the teacher.
 - There is a COVID Information link on the CCPS home page. It includes all the details of the system’s plans.
 - All students will be able to receive **free breakfast and lunch** at school for the month of November. CCPS is unsure how long the grant will remain in place but it is confirmed for the month of November. Breakfast will be a grab and go to the class breakfast; lunches will be served in disposable trays with covers.

PBIS SPIRIT Day is Tuesday, November 3rd! Wear your RED, WHITE and BLUE!

- CCPS is looking for **parents who want to recognize excellence in their child’s teacher!** Check out the link to the details.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yp8tAqNgrEqakMGOUaxSfnLb3ymmZ3ZLioWp5Z2i3plURFhVSFdTNDhJUVFCMjIjGskFRWEZRMzIySS4u>
- Please remember that Parent Teacher Conferences are Wednesday, November 11th. The teachers will send you an invite for the conference time through TEAMS.

- As we transition to the hybrid, the school building is closed to all visitors and volunteers. If you want to volunteer to do work at home or cut items out for teachers, please contact the teacher. They would be able to leave items in the front office to be picked up.
- The Federal Impact Forms were sent electronically. Please respond to the link you received.
- When you are viewing grades in HAC, the X means that your child is excused from the assignment or was not assigned that work. This may occur when teachers differentiate assignments to different groups of students. Students who receive a Z is due to no work being attempted or turned in. **Please remember that grades are not simply given; they are earned.** Our staff has been extremely flexible with accepting late work and giving plenty of opportunities to turn work in so I hope to see less zero grades next quarter.

Q & A on Reopening/Hybrid/Virtual

On Wednesday, November 4th at 6PM, Ms. Kasulke and Ms. Rudzinski will be hosting a Q & A session for parents who may have questions regarding the reopening, the hybrid classroom or the virtual classroom. We will record the meeting and share with parents too. Please review they documents in the COVID information and the documents that have been shared through email with you. Please join by clicking on the following link:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 240-800-7985,398110242#](tel:+12408007985398110242) United States, Bethesda

Phone Conference ID: 398 110 242#

Equity Across Sunderland

Last year, our Equity Team, led by Courtney Simmons, offered all staff a book club. Our staff book discussions centered around the book, What if I Say the Wrong Thing? See the top ten tips for culturally effective habits by Verna A. Myers. Check it out! Would you

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

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!

Week of 10/26 – 10/30

Aniya Conaway Integrity; Independence; Responsibility; Respect to School; Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

Aniya always participates in class and always has her camera on! When she was having technical difficulties, she told me so that I KNEW why she didn't have her camera on. Aniya, I appreciate how much you care about being involved in class. ~ Mrs. Bruzzese

Madison Beach Respect to Others; Positive role model

When some classmates were using the chat inappropriately, Madison encouraged them to stop playing in the chat. You demonstrated respect to your teacher and classmates by encouraging positive and appropriate behavior. Great job, Madison! ~ Ms. Hilton

Mrs. Carroll's Class Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

I enjoyed being part of your class for our guidance lesson! You have done such a wonderful job demonstrating the 3 R's in the virtual setting! I look forward to our next lesson. ~ Ms. Hilton

Mrs. Minichino's Class Respect to Others; Cooperation

You all did a fantastic job of demonstrating respect during our guidance lesson. You raised your hand to talk and did not use the chat inappropriately! Great job! ~ Ms. Hilton

Lisa Albaugh Perseverance; Responsibility

Lisa has been responsible and has persevered to complete all of her Schoology assignments. Good job, Lisa!
~ Mrs. Walton

Emily Gilmore Responsibility; Perseverance

Emily has worked hard to finish her Schoology assignments. Way to go, Emily! Mrs. Walton

Makena Silva Perseverance; Responsibility

Makena has shown responsibility and perseverance in completing her work in Schoology. Keep up the good work, Makena. ~ Mrs. Walton

Aubrey Silva Responsibility; Perseverance

Thank you for doing all your Schoology work, Aubrey! ~ Mrs. Walton

Matthew Coons Courage

Thank you for being brave and answering questions in class so well, Matthew! ~ Mrs. Walton

Mrs. Walton's Class Respect to Others; Ready to Learn; Responsibility

I was so very impressed with your class! All of you have done such an AMAZING job of demonstrating expected behaviors in your virtual classroom! You were a model class, and I am looking forward to joining you for our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

Mrs. Sydnor's Class Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

I was so excited to join your class for our first guidance lesson! Many of you had wonderful participation and demonstrated your knowledge of skills we discussed when you were 4th graders! Very impressive! A special thank you to the students who turned on their cameras when asked--I enjoyed seeing your faces! Way to go, Sydnor's Seahawks!! ~ Ms. Hilton

FSO Updates

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>

Counselor's Corner from Ms. Hilton: November 1, 2020

- I know that it is hard to believe—and maybe the last thing anyone is thinking about right now—but the holiday season is right around the corner! During the holiday season, SES supports families with the Angel Tree. If your family needs assistance this holiday season, and you are not receiving assistance from other community resources, please complete the Microsoft Form on the link below. Please note, only current Sunderland students will be included in the Angel Tree. **The deadline for completing and submitting the Angle Tree form is November 11, 2020.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yp8tAqNgrEqakMGOUaxSfiZyH8GObUpLoLB6Y9IVwupUMENZUlcYRFgxWjMxUkpJUkhCVUNKMEFaRS4u>

- If you are interested in supporting Angel Tree families, stay tuned for details on how to help!
- Each month our PBIS Team selects a date for a **School-wide SPIRIT day!** For November, our spirit day is on 11/3 and we will wear RED, WHITE, and BLUE. We can't wait to see what our students wear!
- 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

- A few updates as we prepare for the Hybrid Reopening Plan:
 - Our student school day has been adjusted again. The student's instructional day will start at 10:10AM and we will dismiss at 4:10PM. We will be sending info about being a car rider and how dismissal will work for that. We will be using a number system for the car riders, similar to what we did in summer school. Car riders will be based on the info we have from the survey and who will be car riders. More to come on this!
 - We will be notifying parents with any teacher changes for the 100% virtual teacher by November 2nd.
 - Teachers will not be meeting with students during the asynchronous/application time on Thursday, Oct. 29th and Friday, Oct. 30th. They will be involved in training at that time.
 - We are working on schedules for the Hybrid and Virtual classrooms. The schedule will change for each. The Hybrid class will have designated concurrent times for students to log in and times where the teacher works with the F2F students only. The AM/PM cohorts have now been mixed due to the reassignments that will be needed. The Virtual schedule will be throughout the day as well. It will mimic the MS and HS schedule with instruction followed by application time through the day. We will be making edits to the schedule on Wednesday with our teachers then we will release to parents. Stay tuned!
 - Students will be eating breakfast and lunch in the classrooms. Students can bring lunch from home or they may purchase lunch. Breakfast will be available as a grab and go to eat in class.
 - During Recess, the playground will be divided into zones. A class will be assigned a zone for play each day. This will help if we have to do contact tracing for any cases of covid.
 - Many more details will come out to you over the next week!
- Materials Pick up for ALL grade levels will be Thursday, October 29th.
 - PLEASE bring a bag for ease in carrying the materials.
 - Since there are not confidential materials going home, please feel free to have a neighbor, family member or friend pick up the materials for you.
 - The times are:
 - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Red Ribbon week is this week! Show your school spirit! See the attached flier!
 - Information on the Federal Impact Aid will be coming from central office later this week.
 - This first quarter has been a lot of learning on everyone's part and has required your support more than ever before. Please know that teachers have been giving grace and have been flexible with turning in assignments and extending assignment windows. I have reviewed grade books and see many missing assignments from students. I have spoken to teachers and we can not keep accepting assignments so late as the end of the quarter approaches. Teachers need to complete their grading and enter it into HAC. It is very difficult to do when we have missing grades from September to now. Our grading policy states that teachers will communicate that assignments are missing, then the student may receive a zero for not submitting anything. Please know that we have given much latitude with this because we recognize that parents are juggling a lot. However, we must have a cut off for our grading and for accountability. Please feel free to let Ms. Kasulke know if you have any questions. Remember to use HAC to review grades. It is a live gradebook for your child to help keep you up to date. We appreciate your understanding and support!
 - We are adding some TECH TIPS for families in the newsletter! See below!
 - Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week are approaching! Please see the attached fliers and Counselor's Corner for more information.
 - Thank you to all the parents who have emailed with excellent questions regarding the Hybrid Reopening Plan. I plan to compile the questions that have been sent and answer them to send out this coming week by Tuesday. Please know that we are still working out many details but will share with you as we develop the plans for our school. Info for the grades 3-5 return has been sent from central office for the hybrid, as well, along with a survey for parents to commit to a Hybrid or Virtual.
 - I encourage each of you to review the details of the Reopening Plan that was sent out. I am attaching it again to this newsletter, along with the updated timeline we received. At this time, I do not have other information to share beyond what we sent out earlier this week which is below, but please send any questions you may have after reviewing the plan.