



SHIPLEY'S CHOICE ELEMENTARY  
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Dear Shipley's Choice families,

Throughout the month of May, we focused on an important mantra: **Just be...calm!** This was great advice as we weathered storms and busy schedules. Throughout the year, we have encouraged students in positive ways. The message is that there are many, many ways to just be, but the most important thing is to **Just be yourself.** Our goal throughout the year was to guide students to focus on positive character traits, being reflective about ways to just be: kind, patient, grateful, generous, brave, honest, prepared, forgiving, calm.

Next year, I am excited that the schoolwide theme will be **Better Together!** This expands upon ways to **Just be** to emphasize a sense of belongingness and interconnectedness. Each month next year, we will examine how being kind, patient, grateful, generous, brave, honest, prepared, forgiving, calm, can be used to help us learn about and from each other, cooperate, and make a difference in the world.

**Parents + Teachers + Students + Staff = #BetterTogether!**

*Dr. Beth Anne Burke*

Principal

[baburke@aacps.org](mailto:baburke@aacps.org)

For the latest information about Shipley's Choice, bookmark the school website ([www.shipleyschoicesschool.org](http://www.shipleyschoicesschool.org)), which houses lots of information about the school, including the Family Handbook, schedules, a school-wide calendar, and more. Also, our school frequently shares pictures and even video clips of amazing things that are happening each day at school on Twitter. Follow us to check it out: @ShipChoiceAACPS.

## JUNE 2019

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rita's Night

June 4 @ 6:00PM

Band, Strings & Chorus Concert

June 5 @ 6:30PM

Field Day

June 6 9:25AM—1:20PM

Kindergarten Extravaganza

June 12 @ 2:00PM

Grade 5 Promotion

June 13 @ 3:00PM

Last Day of School

June 14 @ 1:40PM

REPORT CARDS MAILED FROM CENTRAL  
OFFICE BY END OF JUNE

### Safety & Security

All adults in the building must wear a badge. Visitors may only enter through the main doors and must check in at the office. Please note that only parents of students enrolled in the Y Daycare may enter through the side door. Thank you for your help in this.

Parents who are at the school for evening activities or for the Y Daycare may not go to classrooms or elsewhere in the building.

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### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Students may begin arriving at 9:00AM. Please do not drop off students or allow them to walk to arrive before 9:00AM. Students may not be left unsupervised, and our supervision begins at 9:00.

Remember that the car loop is for **Quick Drops** in the morning, and that children should be encouraged to get out of the vehicle quickly. Pull all the way up as far as you can in the loop so we can unload more cars at once. This makes the **Quick Drop** loop move more quickly.

With the warmer weather, more students are walking or biking to school. Drivers are not always attentive as they drive through the school lot. That is why we have identified locations that are safe for drop off or for crossing the driveway. **For safety, do not drop your child off at the upper parking lot.**

Drivers need some patience on inclement weather days when the line is longer. The car loop will remain open longer on inclement weather days when the line is longer. **No student will be marked late** or absent in the car loop on inclement weather days as long as there are staff members in the loop or at the side door to admit students.

Changing dismissal procedures frequently can be confusing for children (and for adults!). While unforeseen circumstances may require changes, please try to keep dismissal routines consistent. If you need to pick up your child who typically goes to Kids Club, please plan to pick him/her up at Kids Club rather than changing dismissal arrangements. **If your child does not have a note, we cannot change his/her dismissal procedure.**

### BUS LOOP

**Cars are NOT permitted in the bus loop while there are buses in the loop!!**



**Car Loop Arrival:** The car loop seems to be going very smoothly in the morning! (Except for the really rainy days!) Thank you for your help keeping the loop moving. As a reminder, please do not get out of your car in the car loop. If your child needs assistance getting out of a car seat, park in the parking lot and walk him/her across the crosswalk.

**Car Loop Dismissal:** The Car Loop Dismissal Tags were based on a suggestion from a mom at a Coffee with the Principal last year. The purpose of the tag is to allow teachers to identify cars quickly so we can tell students to move to their car. It is working—the car loop moves rapidly, and we are done about the same time as last year despite dismissing car riders a few minutes later. Thank you to the families for your help with this!

If you would like more Car Loop signs, they are available for purchase at school for \$5.00.

### DISMISSAL

With the number of students attending clubs and daycare after school, we wanted to take steps to ensure that all students are going where they are supposed to at the end of the day. To help with this, we have changed the order in which we dismiss students. YMCA Aftercare, Bus Riders, Van (Daycare) Riders, and students going to clubs are dismissed first so that we can make sure that they do not accidentally walk home. Walkers are dismissed next, and car riders are dismissed last.

If you are walking to school or parking at school to meet your child, please meet him/her at the back door by the blacktop.

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

ShIPLEY'S Choice is now offering the option to pay for classroom supplies, field trips and lost media books online using a credit or debit card. (Visa or Mastercard only).

[Click here](#) to find out more about Online Payments.

[Click here](#) to access the Online School Payments site.

### TAKING PICTURES AT SCHOOL

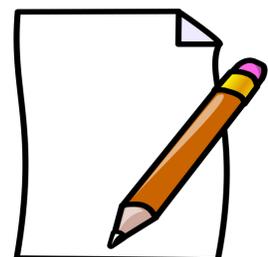
*[From the AACPS Volunteer Handbook]*

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents have the right to prevent photographs of their children from being taken in instructional settings. Given that volunteers have no knowledge of which parents have allowed their children to be photographed and which have not, volunteers should not take or post online any photographs or movies of students in any instructional setting during the instructional day. This includes recess, lunch, and events such as Halloween parades.

Please do not take pictures at school during lunch or at other times. A number of families have not consented to have their children's photographs taken at school except for inclusion in the **school year-book only**. This means that parents should not be taking pictures when they visit school unless it is a pre-arranged yearbook photography session. If you are taking photographs for the yearbook, notify the school office in advance (24 hours) please.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

To help parents reporting absences, we have posted an [attendance form](#) on the school website [shipleyschoicesschool.org](http://shipleyschoicesschool.org). You may print the form and send it in to the teacher.



## PLACEMENT REQUESTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

Great thought, time and effort goes into developing classes each year. Classroom teachers, reading teachers, our guidance counselor and I meet several times to form classes for the upcoming school year. *Requests for specific teachers will **not** be taken.*

Please do not submit a request for a specific teacher. If your child has specific, unique needs, (i.e. very shy, impulsive, etc.) email those concerns to Dr. Burke without a specific teacher listed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



## DOGS AT SCHOOL

Please remember, no dogs are allowed on school property at any time. This is according to Anne Arundel County Code of Law and is a safety and health issue. Walking dogs on school property is not allowed. Please do not bring dogs with you when you are walking to or picking up children from school. We have had a number of complaints because of dog waste on school property, and one unfortunate incident that required a great deal of clean-up in school. In addition, we have children who have allergies or are afraid of dogs. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION

Fifth grade promotion is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 3:00PM. This is after the student day so we will not need to have guests RSVP or stop by to scan their identification prior to the event. In the event of any inclement weather closings, this date may change. Fifth grade teachers will provide more information as the promotion date gets closer.

## ART NEWS

June 14 will be my last day at SCES. I can't leave without expressing to ALL of the SCES families how privileged I feel to have taught here for so many years. I've taught at 10 different schools, so I know that Shipley's is a very special place because of the people. Parents have been extremely generous and supportive. The students have been smart, talented, funny, and so lovable. It's not as easy as one might think to retire!

I'll be ending my teaching career, but I'll still be part of the community. Please wave, give a hug, tell me about your new accomplishments. I care. Much love to you all. —

Mrs. Kriewald



## MEDIA NEWS

All library books are due **May 30**. Overdue notices will be sent home on June 3 to any students with overdue books. Please return the books or submit the replacement cost via cash, check to Shipley's Choice Elementary or online payment through the school website. Email Mrs. Ventrudo at [kventrudo@aacps.org](mailto:kventrudo@aacps.org) with any questions!





## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

### **Volunteers:**

The Harassment Prevention PowerPoint, required before all volunteer opportunities, can be found at:

<http://media.aacps.org/Dept/SchoolFamilyPartnership/SexualHarassmentAndChildAbuseVolunteerTraining/>



## CONFIDENTIALITY IS CRUCIAL UPDATE

As a member of the educational team, each volunteer must understand that all information regarding children, teachers, and the school is confidential and should remain in the school setting! This includes reaching out to parents about their child's performance. If you have concerns, talk to the teacher or Mrs. Haines.



## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**Loneragan's Bus Service**  
410-923-4185

**Transportation Office:**  
410-222-2910

**Crossing Guards:**  
Main 410-222-6866

**Health Room:**  
Patty Bellotte, Nurse  
Rachael Penner, Health Asst.  
410-222-3809

**Board of Education:**  
410-222-5000

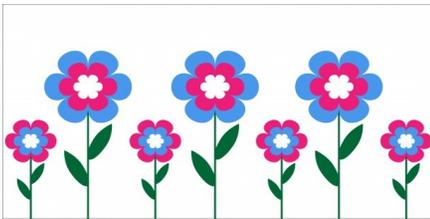
## CAMERA SYSTEM

Shipley's Choice Elementary is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

## **SUMMER BEAUTIFICATION**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers Wanted! Ever wonder how the grounds at Shipley's Choice stay so beautiful? It's thanks to wonderful volunteers like you! If you have a green thumb, or just a little time on your hands and would like to volunteer to support our school on your own schedule, consider joining the Summer Beautification Committee. We are currently looking for volunteers to help maintain our flower beds over the Summer Holidays and if you like it, come join us during the school year. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Courtney Capece at [cmcapece@gmail.com](mailto:cmcapece@gmail.com). Thank you!



### **SPRING BOX TOPS CLEAN**

Box Tops Spring Clean! Thank you for continuing to send Box Tops into school. Anything collected will go toward the Fall 2019 submission. We will do another contest this fall if you'd like to hold onto them over the summer -- anything collected now until the end of school year will be tallied and divided equally among each grade.

## **PTA Meeting**

Our Last PTA Board of Directors Meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 6PM-8PM at the Shipley's Pool Pavilion.



### **RITA'S CELEBRITY SCOOPER NIGHT**

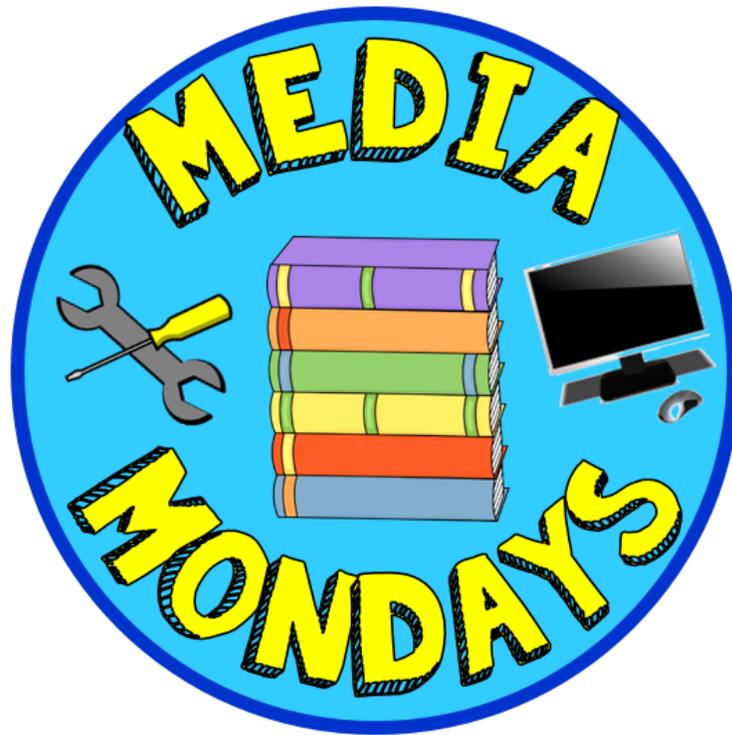
Word around town is that a few SCES teachers will be working their nighttime gig at Rita's Italian Ice in Severna Park June 4 from 6PM to 8PM. Will your teacher be there? Will others join the late night crew of scoopers? Stop by for a scoop and you could win some raffle prizes courtesy of Rita's!

### **LEDO PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

Tuesday, June 18, 4-10PM. Take the night off and order carry-out, or get-together with family & friends and dine-in at the Millersville Ledo. 20% of all sales that mention SCES will go to the PTA! Call (410) 729-3333 or order online at [www.millersville.ledopizza.com](http://www.millersville.ledopizza.com)



# Join us this summer for...



**What:** Check out books, participate in storytime or activities, or just relax with a book!

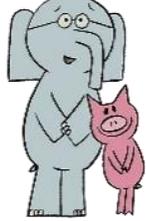
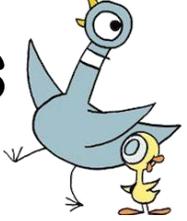
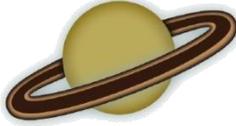
**When:** Mondays from July 1 – August 12  
9am – 12pm

- 9:30 – Storytime
- 10:00 – Crafts and activities

**Where:** SCES Media Center

**Who:** SCES students and families

**\*All students must be accompanied by a parent\***

DATE	Theme	
<p><b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Harry Potter Day</b></p>	
<p><b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Lego Day</b></p>	
<p><b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Star Wars Day</b></p>	
<p><b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Mo Willems Day</b></p>	
<p><b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Space Day</b></p>	
<p><b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>CLOSED</b></p>	
<p><b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Disney Day</b></p>	



## **JUNE NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

Please remember to pick up your child's medications and inhalers from the Health Room by the end of the school day on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. All medicines left after will be discarded per Health Department policy.

Here is the link <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/children-services/school-health/meds> for the medication form to complete if your child will require medication for the next school year (a new form is required each year).

Thank you for keeping us up-to-date on your child's health. I will be available at the school after **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019** please call me with updates or any new health concerns. You may also deliver medication and doctor's orders at this time. Please call the health room 410-222-3809 or email me to plan a time that I will be here.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!      See you all next school year!

Patty Bellotte, R.N.  
School Nurse  
Nurse2432@aacps.org  
410-222-3809

# THANK YOU!

**The 5th Grade Service project  
was outstanding because of  
supporters like you!**

**JDRF** **IMPROVING  
LIVES.  
CURING  
TYPE 1  
DIABETES.**

**We raised over \$7,900**

# THANK YOU!

# **SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY**

*The program runs from Jun. 1 – Aug. 31. Sign up at any library or online at [aacpl.net](http://aacpl.net).*

*T-shirts are on sale (\$7 plus tax for kid & adult sizes) from May 13 - Aug. 31*

## **What's Happening at the Severna Park Library?**

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Jun. 1 - Aug. 31	Scavenger Hunt (do the Hunt and win a prize!)
Jun. 24 Monday	11:00 "Take Me to Your Reader" Magic Show - Joe Romano 1:30 "Take Me to Your Reader" Magic Show - Joe Romano 3:30 "Take Me to Your Reader" Magic Show - Joe Romano
Jul. 2 Tuesday	1:00 Sky is NOT the Limit - Arianna Ross, Storyteller 3:00 Sky is NOT the Limit - Arianna Ross, Storyteller
Jul. 9 Tuesday	1:00 *Lunar Landing Challenge Island - for elementary age (registration required) 2:30 * Rocket Heights Challenge Island - for preschoolers (registration required)
Jul. 17 Wednesday	10:30 Musical Journey Through Africa - Performing Arts Center for African Cultures 1:00 Musical Journey Through Africa - Performing Arts Center for African Cultures
Jul. 22 Monday	6:00 The Violin - Annapolis Symphony Orchestra
Jul. 30 Tuesday	2:00 *The Physics of Space Lasers
Aug. 7 Wednesday	2:00 The Out-of-this-World End-Of-Summer Extravaganza

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*\* All programs are for all ages except for the "Challenge Island" programs and "The Physics of Space Lasers". Please see the website ([www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net)) or call the library (410.222.6290) for more information.*



### Dear Families:

We're excited to announce a great resource for reading this summer: Capstone Interactive eBooks!

This summer, Capstone is providing free access to thousands of ebooks that can be read from school, home, or on-the-go. These eBooks can be used with a laptop or desktop computer or an iPad.

Best of all, Capstone Interactive eBooks provide critical supports like text-highlighting and read-aloud audio, recorded by professional voice-over artists. Plus, the easy navigation makes it inviting for your student to find their Capstone favorites: like the spunky Katie Woo, stunning photography from PebblePlus books, and thrilling reads like Library of Doom from Michael Dahl.

And you can feel comfortable knowing your student is exploring an ad-free website bursting with resources to help them read in and out of the classroom.

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