



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

As we think about the start of a new year, many of us are setting resolutions for how we can just be...better. Better at something. We set goals and strive toward them and it doesn't matter what the goals are: be thinner, be more active, be a better parent/teacher/friend, be a better version of myself. It seems fitting that January is devoted to JUST BE...BRAVE. Change is scary and uncertain, even if it is a positive change that we have set our minds to. Dictionary.com defines **brave** as *possessing or exhibiting courage or courageous endurance*. It takes bravery to make a resolution, to set a goal. But to stick with the goal, to see it through, to work toward it every day no matter how difficult, takes endurance.

What does it mean to teach our children to just be...brave? Being brave does not mean reckless risk-taking; it means facing our everyday problems and moving forward, even when we don't want to. Being brave is a necessary precursor to having grit and mindfulness. How do we foster this trait in our young ones?

*Model tackling your own challenges. Tell your child what makes you afraid and what you do about it.

*Allow your child to go at his or her own pace. If she is reluctant to try something new, allow him to go slowly.

*Challenge and praise.

*Discuss different ways to be brave.

*Ask your child how they have discussed being brave during class.

What do you want to JUST BE next?

Dr. Beth Anne Burke

Principal

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For the latest information about Shipley's Choice, bookmark the school website (www.shipleyschoiceschool.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.

JANUARY 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/10	Rising 6th Graders Information Night 6:00PM
1/21	SCHOOL CLOSED Martin Luther King Day
1/29	2 HR EARLY DISMISSAL
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1/31	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

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.



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

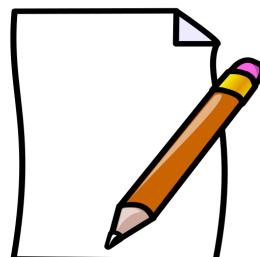
[From the AACPS Volunteer Handbook]

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 yearbook 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 shipleyschoiceschool.org. You may print the form and send it in to the teacher.



LUNCH & RECESS

This year we have made a few changes to lunch and recess. Lunch times are staggered so that each grade begins about every 15 minutes. This cuts down on lines for school lunches and snacks. We have also followed AACPS and experts' recommendations to move recess before lunch. Teachers have observed that this is allowing students to settle down and eat more quickly as well as to settle into instruction more quickly after returning from lunch.

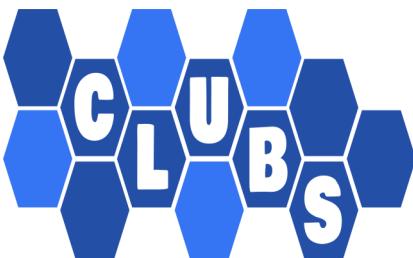
For recess, we continue to use games and strategies shared by Dr. Recess last year. Dr. Recess was such a big hit that he was invited back for an assembly the first week of October.

SNACKS

Yogurt, cookies, chips and ice cream are sold as snacks/desserts in the cafeteria to students in grades 1-5. As in previous years, snacks may not be offered every day. This depends upon how long it takes students to get through the lunch line and/or eat their lunch. To help speed up the lunch process, encourage your child to memorize his/her Student Information Form (also known as SIF or Student ID number). If 20 students are in line to get lunch (and later for snacks) and most do not have their SIFs memorized, it can take 10-12 minutes for all students to clear the line.

CLUBS

If you are picking students up from an after-school club, please wait outside for dismissal. Parent Volunteers may not open the doors to let you in.



PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

Important Information

Please read below for some important dates coming up:

AVID applications due by Jan 11

Middle School Parent Info Night: Thursday, January 10, 6:00PM **Shipley's Choice media center**

Math and World Language Night Wednesday, February 6, 6:00PM at Severna Park Middle School

"A Walk in the Park" Open House/tours Monday, February 11, 6:00PM at Severna Park Middle School

Course registration forms will be sent home in early February.

SPMS counselor visit - Wednesday February 13 at 10:30AM for a presentation to all 5th graders.

SHINING SHARKS!!

Shining Sharks are students who have done an outstanding job demonstrating the Shark Code. Each month, we will select students from every grade who are Shining Sharks. Shining Sharks will celebrate by having lunch with Dr. Burke! Check out our Twitter feed @ShipChoiceAACPS to see who are the newest Shining Sharks!

I am a Shipley's Shark!
Today I will...

- Shine – be a role model!
- Keep hands and feet to myself!
- Always do my best!
- Respect myself, others, and learning!
- Use kind words and actions always!

We are ALL Shipley Sharks!

LIFE IN SHIPLEY'S CHOICE

The local magazine Life in Shipley's Choice has a new column written by Shipley's Choice students! Check it out on page 18: <https://pubmanager.n2pub.com/share/md/A8cDtEyU>



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Volunteers:

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

[http://media.aacps.org/Dept/SchoolFamilyPartnership/
SexualHarassmentAndChildAbuseVolunteerTraining/](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

Lonergan'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.



PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

New Ways to Get Involved in Winter and Spring

If you would like to be involved in any of these possible volunteer opportunities (**teacher bulletin board, desk fairy, or record a read-aloud book**) please email [Holly Willis](#).

Log Off-Site Volunteer Hours

It's time to [log those off-site or before & after school volunteer hours](#)! It takes just two minutes and will help AACPS with grants. We need you to enter all your OUTSIDE of school hours so far this school year since AUGUST 1. So please think NOW about the hours you have volunteered so far and enter them TODAY!

Media Volunteers

If you have any questions or need to complete media training, please email [Pamela Waters](#).

Photocopy Clerical/ Pencil Sharpening

This work can be done anytime during the week you sign up. Sign up through the PTA Website. Grandparents and are welcome to volunteer for this service.

Chromebook Disinfecting

Chromebooks always need disinfecting. Please sign up for any grade and clean Chromebooks during lunch. All volunteers welcome.

RETAIL REWARDS

Smoothie King Day, January 10, all day: Stop by the Millersville location and mention the code SCE when you order and Smoothie King will donate 12% of all sales to our PTA.

Ledo Pizza Day, January 15 11AM-9PM: Mention SCES when you dine-in or carry out from the Millersville location and Ledo will give back 20% of all sales to our PTA.

Chick-Fil-A Day, January 31, all day: Stop by the Jumpers Hope location for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Show your flyer (paper copy or digital copy) and SCES will receive 20% of all sales.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIR RECRUITING FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS IN JANUARY

Starting in January 2019, we will be looking to start filling executive and committee board members for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are **strongly** interested in joining the executive team and would like more information on the duties of president, vice-president, and treasurer, please email [Holly Willis](#).



MOVIE NIGHT 2019

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Movie Night, Friday, January 25, 2019. Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7pm. Concessions will be available for purchase courtesy of the 5th Grade Service Project, and all proceeds will go to JDRF. Bring your own blanket, chair, or beanbags to sit on.

Each SCES student has the opportunity to vote on the movie we'll play. PTA members can find the poll on the PTA website under My Account>>My Forms/Paperwork. Families with multiple SCES students will have a separate form for each student to vote. Non-PTA members can email their selection to Angela Miller at: (angela@millerfamily.us). Please include your child(ren)'s name(s), grade(s) and homeroom teacher(s). Voting ends January 15, 2019, and the winning movie will be announced.

Watch the Shark Byte for more information, including an RSVP! Because we have limited space, RSVP will be required.

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

Concessions at the Winter Concert Raised \$81. Thank you to the SCES Community for their generous donations to the 5th Grade Concession Stand at the Winter Concert! We raised \$81 for JDRF! Thank you also to the parents who organized the event - Angela Ballagh, Jen DiPietro, and Sherri Procida - and the 5th Graders who volunteered - Lane, Robbie, Andrew, Natalie, Max, Nick, Molly, and Reese.

Movie Night Concessions: The 5th Graders will be selling **concessions** at the 2nd annual Movie Night on **Friday, January 25**. All proceeds will go to JDRF.

Save the Date - Strike Out Diabetes Bowling Night on Sunday, January 20, 2019 from **7:30PM - 9:30PM**. (This is a 5th Grade Student event only.) \$20/5th Grader - includes pizza, soda, popcorn, and cosmic bowling. All proceeds go to JDRF.

Save the Date - API Play Day on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from **2:00PM - 4:00PM**. This event is scheduled for a 2-hour early dismissal day and is open to the whole school. More details to come! All proceeds go to JDRF.

ADOPT A FAMILY: THANK YOU!

The Helping Hands Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families who participated in Adopt a Family. Your generosity was overwhelming and many of the moms were brought to tears when they saw all the gifts for their children.

BOOK FAIR:

Save the Date
Scholastic Book Fair at SCES
February 4 - February 8.
More details to come!



YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS

Yearbook needs your pictures from all 2018 events! Please upload your pictures to the appropriate gallery on SmugMug.

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shipleyschoic/yearbook.smugmug.com](https://shipleyschoic/yearbook.smugmug.com)

password: shipleys

CULTURAL ARTS NEWS

The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County has awarded Shipley's Choice Elementary School grants from the FY2019 Arts in Education Program. The grants support the 5th grade November residency with author, Jennifer Keats-Curtis, and wildlife expert, Kathy Woods. It will also cover the upcoming spring assembly with beatboxer and electric celloist duo, Christylez Bacon and Wytold.



Upcoming January 24 9:30AM "The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats"

The Cultural Arts committee is pleased to host this all-school assembly in recognition of the Chinese New Year. This program is made possible by support from the SCES PTA.

BEADS & BIDS BENEFIT

Tickets are on sale! Visit the [PTA Website](#) to purchase.

Our 2019 Beads & Bids Benefit will be a Mardi Gras Soiree & Silent Auction event held on Saturday, March 9 from 7PM-11PM at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, MD. The Beads & Bids Benefit is designed to support our school's youth enrichment endeavors while also bolstering relationships within our school and extended communities.

French Quarter style! Creole inspired cuisine, jazzy jams & dazzling dance moves, rousing raffles & awesome auction items, Bourbon Street specialties and of course, beads! But, there's still more in store.

We are still seeking Event Sponsors, as well as Donations for the Silent & Live Auction portions of our event. Items such as vacation homes, travel points, event tickets, gift cards, merchandise, services, experiences or anything else your generous heart desires would be welcome and TAX DEDUCTIBLE! If you or someone you know are interested in donating in any capacity to the Benefit, please reach out to Kelly Kohler, sces2019auction@gmail.com or Kara Engle, kengle03@yahoo.com.

Thank you and laissez les bons temps rouler!



ARTS SHOWCASE

PLEASE mark your calendars for the mornings of February 20, 21, and 22, 2019 to bring in entries for the annual Shipley's Art Showcase. The Art Walk will happen the evening of March 6 in conjunction with the Science Fair. Entries are accepted in three categories: visual arts, sculpture and photography. We can't wait to see what all our amazing artists create!



Middle School

Course Information Night

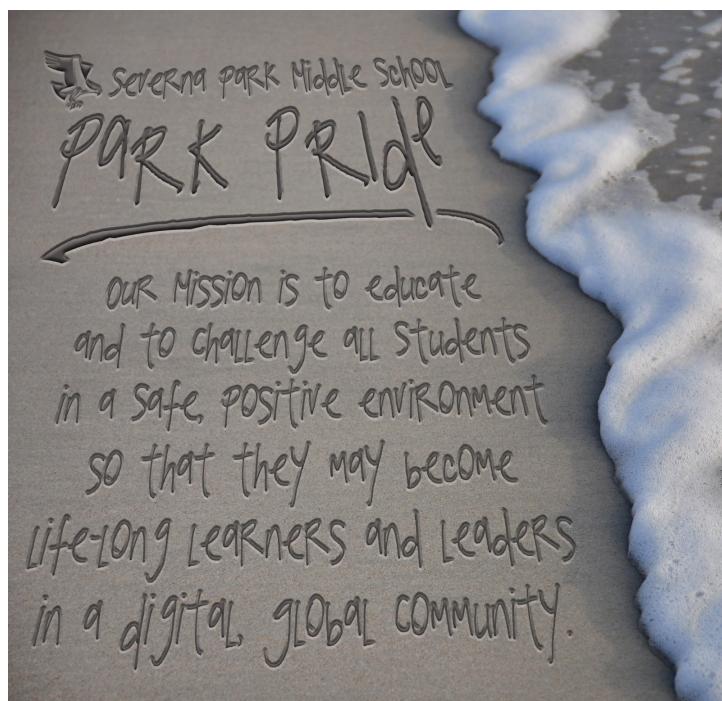
Who: Parents/guardians of fifth grade students

What: The articulation process for 2019-20 school year

When: Wednesday 1-10-19 at 6pm

Where: Shipley's Choice Elementary School

Why: To learn the guidelines for placement in Math and Language Arts and to gain an understanding of the new middle school schedule.



SPIRIT DAY

Shipley's Choice

Thursday, January 31 • All Day

Come out and support your organization during Spirit Day. You must show flyer to receive credit for your organization. Pasadena Crossroads location only.



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Shipley's Choice Elementary PTA presents

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mardi gras soiree and silent auction

Saturday, March 9th

Kurtz's Beach
7PM - 11PM