

Sunderland Elementary



SEAHAWKS

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Ms. Kasulke's Notes.....



Happy New Year! Thank you for the many treats and greetings that were received from our students and families during the holiday season. As we begin a new year, please continue to remind your child to focus on academics by completing their homework and classwork on a daily basis. You can check this by reviewing your child's grades on the Home Access Center.

Please let us know if you need new login information. We have eleven days left in the second quarter which reminds us that we are half way through the year! The quarter officially ends on Jan. 18th. Report cards will be distributed on Jan. 27th.

- Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a coat, hat and gloves to keep them warm at recess and outdoor PE. Recess will be outdoors on any day that the temperature and wind chills are above 32 degrees. Students must be prepared for the weather so please support them by reminding them and making sure they have what they need each day.
- I have also attached a flyer for our community to report Cybercrimes privately.
- **Borrowed Lunch Money:** Please be mindful when your child borrows breakfast/lunch money that you are paying it back. There is a "monitoring" link on your child's lunch account, so you can view balances, add funds and see what your child is purchasing at www.myschoolbucks.com.
- Sunderland Elementary is excited to have a new phone system! Our new phone number is 443-550-9390 and our fax is 410-286-4006.
- The school office closes at 4:05PM. If your child forgets something at school, such as homework or an instrument, please call the school to see if an administrator is available to walk your child down. The Before and Aftercare staff and the custodial staff will NOT be able to let students and parents into the building. If no one is available, please send an email or note to your child's teacher letting him/her know the item was forgotten.



Opportunities for Parent Input

Schools Opening after Labor Day Proposal: To comply with Governor Hogan's Executive Order that stipulates that public schools must open after Labor Day, CCPS has proposed changes to the previously approved calendar for school year 2017-2018. The Board of Education reviewed the draft and is asking the public for comment. The Board will take public comments on the calendar through January 11, 2017. Comments should be submitted to Karen Maxey at maxeyk@calvertnet.k12.md.us.

PLEASE NOTE: Only comments submitted to Ms. Maxey—not comments on social media—will be considered by the Board when they vote on whether to approve the changes.

The calendar is posted on the school system website in two formats:

- List of dates: <http://bit.ly/2goDP67>
- Visual representation: <http://bit.ly/2h0nzc4>

Speak Up Survey: Parents please consider taking the Speak Up Survey. This survey is the only national education research project that provides our stakeholders a voice in national education policy AND you with valuable feedback that can be used in your own local planning and decision-making. You may use your email address for multiple schools.

The SES Website under "NEWS" includes the link. Surveys will be open for input through **Friday, January 13, 2017**. Access the survey at:

<http://www.bit.ly/SU16survey>

Instructions for parents completing the Speak Up survey

1. Go to this link: <http://www.bit.ly/SU16survey>
2. Select the appropriate category to take the survey.
3. Enter your school /building zip code to find your building.
4. Read the instructions and begin the survey.

SES Family School Organization

SAVE THE DATE - Harlem Wizards Basketball Game! On February 12th, come see your Sunderland teachers and staff take on the Harlem Wizards at Huntingtown High School. This event is not to be missed. More information will be coming soon.

Thank you to all who supported our fall fundraiser. We appreciate your support.

- **FSO Membership**. We need you! Only \$10 per family. Your membership dues support everything the SES FSO does, including our Family Fun Nights, classroom support, cultural arts program, playground equipment, etc. Membership dues pay for themselves with special yearbook pricing and discounts on certain Family Fun Nights. Membership forms are available from our website at www.sunderlandfso.org
- Join our Facebook page and visit our website www.sunderlandfso.org for all SES FSO related information
- Order your Sunderland spiritwear! Order forms are available on our website www.sunderlandfso.org
- Stay Connected! Facebook - Sunderland Elementary School FSO Parent Group
Website - www.sunderlandfso.org
Email - sesfso@yahoo.com

ALL Volunteers Must Register

For the safety of our students, **ALL** volunteers for CCPS must reapply annually through KeepNTrack prior to volunteering or chaperoning field trips. All previous volunteer information has been deleted from the system. It is important to apply before you plan to volunteer. The link to this application process can be found in the Volunteer section of our district website.

<http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/instruction/volunteer/applicationprocess.asp>

School Bus Drivers Wanted

The Student Transportation Department for Calvert County Public Schools is seeking qualified candidates to train and certify as school bus drivers. School bus drivers work for independent school bus contractors throughout Calvert County. These contractors hire drivers to work on everyday routes, to work as substitute drivers and to drive trips to athletic and extracurricular events. Contractors are paid \$16.16 an hour for a brand new driver, and there are increases for those individuals with more verified experience. This is a great opportunity to work close to home and to serve the children and schools in our community.

Download the Application <http://calvertcounty.education> then go to Departments → Student Transportation → Certified School Bus Driver Application

Contact **Chuck Baker** for questions and details on earning certifications 410-535-7325



School Messenger (you must have your HAC info)

Please make sure you have set up your School Messenger account so that you receive messages from SES. You have choices within the system to receive phone calls, emails, or text messages. I would encourage you to have email and text messages. We are limited on the number of characters we can put in a text message, so the email is the method I most commonly use since it allows for attachments. If you need any help setting up your account, please do not hesitate to let me or the secretaries know.

Overall School Safety

As always, ensuring the **safety and security of our students, staff** and visitors is paramount. We do not want to deter visitors, however, please remember the protocol for entering the building.

- The main entrance to the school will remain locked during school hours and when the office is closed.
- Stand at the black [X] to the right of the front doors and push the bell to request access.
- All visitors must report directly to the main office upon entering.

Calvert County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: > Director of Student Services > Director of Human Resources 1305 Dares Beach Road 1305 Dares Beach Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Prince Frederick, MD 20678 410-535-1700 For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobc01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

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