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## **“SPIRIT” the Seahawk**

**Sunderland Promotes Integrity, Responsibility, Independence & Trust**

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### **News this week**

- 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.

***Previously sent info:*** We have been given specific requirements and guidelines regarding the implementation of the 100% virtual model that differ from what our school had initially planned. Our goal was to maintain as much normalcy, as possible, and be consistent with what has already been established within classrooms. ***However, based on the requirements we received today, we must assign one or more teachers to teach virtually based on our number of students who requested virtual, therefore, there will be changes in classrooms in grades K-2. This is not a change that will occur for the Pre K programs. Details of the pre K programs will be shared once we receive it.***

At this time, we have limited information to share about specific changes in classrooms to accommodate the 100% virtual classrooms. Human resources will be helping to guide the process of selecting virtual teachers for classrooms. Essentially, if a teacher in the grade level is selected to teach the 100% virtual class, he/she will receive students from all other classes that selected 100% virtual while his/her hybrid students will be divided among the other classes.

I will make every effort to continue to share with you, each week, in the Seahawk News any new info and details as they become available to us. Here’s what I know so far:

- Expect changes in classrooms to give a dedicated teacher to the 100% Virtual classroom (*this is different than what we had planned and shared with you, but it is **now** a requirement for each school*)
- Our STUDENT day will be from 8:50AM-3:20PM
- An updated timeline for Reopening Plans was sent to me today and is attached
- Specific schedules are in the planning stages for Pre K- grade 2. Once we have a schedule, the teacher will share it, as will I.
- Hybrid student start date is Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Nov 11<sup>th</sup> will remain a conference day and an independent learning day for students. We will shift our independent learning day to Friday starting the week of Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

As always, these are challenging times but not impossible! We can achieve great things together with our students, our staff, our families and our community! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [kasulkep@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:kasulkep@calvertnet.k12.md.us) if you have any concerns or questions!

# 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 10/12 – 10/16

**Liev Dorn** Responsibility; Independence; Respect to School; Perseverance

Liev has done a wonderful job completing his work. He brings a positive attitude to class, always participates and is responsible for his learning! Liev always puts his best effort into his work and takes pride in what he produces! Keep it up Liev :) ~ Miss Sears

**Emilia Fortner** Perseverance; Courage

Emilia has been working hard to understand math concepts, and during small group Emilia has been willing to show bravery to answer questions even when she is unsure, exclaiming "I am willing to try, if you help me through it!" I am so proud of her taking a chance! ~ Miss Sears

**Nicholas Napoli** Independence; Responsibility; Ready to Learn

Nick is always ready to learn! He is focused on instruction during class and makes positive contributions to our discussions. He goes above and beyond on his independent assignments! Keep up the great work! ~ Mrs. Brzozowski

**John Richardson** Responsibility; Respect to School; Ready to Learn

John shows responsibility every day! He is always ready for class with his materials, camera on, showing he is listening attentively. He takes the initiative to do his best on his independent assignments. Keep up the great work! ~ Mrs. Brzozowski

**Hailey Higgins** Respect to Others; Compassion; Cooperation

Hailey is such a positive student! She offers support and encouragement to her classmates and is always respectful in her contributions to class. Thank you for showing compassion every day! ~ Mrs. Brzozowski

**Georgia Pearsall, Porter Wilkenson, Acacia Wells, Riley Rickett** Independence; Respect to School; Ready to Learn

These students display online behavior that is above expectations! They are focused and attentive and terrific participators in our online class! Great Job! ~ Mrs. Crum

**Lotus Ung** Responsibility; Respect to School; Perseverance; Trust

Lotus, thank you for always putting forth your VERY BEST EFFORT! ~ Mrs. Sydnor

**Mrs. Perise's Students** Independence; Responsibility; Respect to School; Respect to Others; Ready to Learn; Cooperation; Creativity

I am incredibly excited to share that we...tried something new today, and the students soared! While sharing our Digital Citizen Quilts, (where we drew activities we can chose when not online) students volunteered to share their ideas and THEN WERE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE NEXT SPEAKER. I told them it was going to be risky, but I was amazed and so proud of them for how smoothly it transpired! ~ Mrs. Perise

**Karen Perise's Students** Independence; Responsibility; Respect to School; Ready to Learn; Perseverance  
Our Amazing Students have READ a whopping 778 books on EPIC! We are earning Reading Badges and filling our caterpillar! My guess is that we will earn the "800 Total Books Read Badge" in only a few days! I wonder how high we can SOAR! ~ Mrs. Perise

**Mrs. Crum's Class** Ready to Learn; Cooperation; Respect to Others; Respect to School; Responsibility

Thank you for a WONDERFUL Music class today! You were amazing! ~ Mrs. Fleck

**Ms. Bagdovitz's class** Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

I enjoyed being part of your class this week for my classroom lesson. You are a wonderful group of 1st graders! You showed that you were ready to learn by muting your microphones and having your cameras on.

You also demonstrated respect during my lesson by raising your hand when you wanted to ask a question and waited to be called on before speaking! I look forward to our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

**Ms. Supanick's class** Kindness

I enjoyed being part of your class this week for our classroom lesson! Thank you for making me feel so welcome! I look forward to our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

**Mrs. Cleary's class** Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

It was wonderful seeing your faces this week during our classroom lesson--I have missed you all! Thank you for showing up ready to learn and participate in my lesson and I look forward to our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

**Mrs. Reading's class** Ready to Learn; Respect to Others; Kindness

I enjoyed being part of your class this week during our classroom lesson. You did an amazing job naming feelings and coping strategies! Mrs. Reading is lucky to have such REMARKABLE students! I can't wait for our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

**Morgan Medwid** Cooperation; Ready to Learn

Morgan often volunteers to say the pledge in the morning. She also fully engaged in the lesson by offering great observations for the discussion. ~ Ms. Lendacky

**Ms. Bruzzese's class** Responsibility; Independence; Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

What an AMAZING class! I was so impressed by how well everyone has learned to navigate virtual learning! You demonstrated respect by keeping your microphones muted, except after raising your hand and waiting to be called on! You did a great job naming feelings and coping strategies! Ms. Bruzzese is lucky to be your teacher! I can't wait for our next lesson! ~ Ms. Hilton

**Mrs. Brzozowski's class** Respect to Others; Ready to Learn

I enjoyed being part of your class today during our lesson--I have missed seeing your wonderful faces each day! Thank you for your thoughtful participation and I look forward to our next lesson! ~ 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: October 18, 2020**

- Just a reminder.....we will celebrate Unity Day on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20!** UNITE with SES staff and wear **ORANGE** on 10/20! Also, check out the SES School Counselor Schoology group! Students can post a picture wearing orange and post a message of kindness!
- Each year we recognize and celebrate **RED RIBBON WEEK** during the month of October. This year we will recognize Red Ribbon Week October 26 – 30, and a flier with Red Ribbon spirit activities will be attached to this week's Family Newsletter. We hope you will join us in celebrating with this year's theme, Be **HAPPY**. Be **BRAVE**. Be **DRUG FREE**.

- Did you know that children of parents who talk to their kids regularly about drugs are 42% **less likely** to use drugs than those who do not?
- It is never too soon to begin talking to your children about the importance of being healthy, which includes being drug free!

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. If your family would benefit from participating, please contact Ms. Hilton (443-550-9387; hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us).

### ***Past Information***

- Thank you to each of you who supported the FSO Mum fundraiser! The pick ups on Friday evening went smoothly thanks to the volunteers! Thank you to the following for their time and efforts in making the set up and distribution flow so well: April Corey, Colleen Thompson, Leah Smith, Sarah Powell, Robert Smith, Nikki Robshaw, Mark Robshaw and Brittany Sharkey! What an amazing team!
- A huge shout out to the families and staff of the children who returned to our school two weeks ago! CCPS had focused on a gradual return of students starting with those with special needs. We have been THRILLED to see the twinkling eyes of our young Seahawks! We can't see their smiles due to the masks, but they have been happy to be back! We appreciate the trust that each family put in us to support the transitions. It has not been without some rough patches and unexpected changes, but I hope everyone knows that our focus is on making this year a great experience for all students! Your feedback and open conversations have been appreciated!