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## **“SPIRIT” the Seahawk**

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

February 7, 2021

### **News this week**

- The big day is TOMORROW!!! We are thrilled to be seeing our students coming back! I included the specific in last week's email and they are below too. If you were a car rider, you will use the same number to pick up for dismissal. As you all know, we may have some hiccups in the reopening, but we will get it worked out together! I appreciate all the support you have given to our school!
- A special “Thank YOU” to **The Bernhard Family!** You were so kind to bring cookies to encourage and thank our staff for all they have learned and done this year! It meant a lot to everyone. The family support we have received shows what a kind, caring community we have! #BLESSED

#### **Info from last week:**

- **YEARBOOKS:** Please see the FSO section below for details about yearbooks! This year, we will need your help more than ever to capture memories and make a keepsake for our students! Check it out!
- We are thrilled to have students coming back! Currently, we are preparing for our Pre K-2 students and special education students in grades Pre K-5 to return on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The 3-5 hybrid start date is TBD at this time, but hopefully, we have a date soon! Below, I am including info that was sent when we opened in November. The same schedules that we had shifted to remains in place, along with the start time for school and the end times.
- Grades 3-5: General information we are sharing for Pre K- 2 applies for the 3-5 hybrid too. However, we are pleased that we were given the flexibility to not shift students into 100% virtual classrooms. Students will remain with their current teachers in grades 3-5. If students decide to return to hybrid later in the year, parents will be able to contact Ms. Kasulke and the teacher to shift the learning location without having to disrupt the established relationships and have another restart for the student. We are grateful that we were given this option. Our system has learned a lot from the Pre K-2 transition and with the year half over, we are seeking consistency for our students and families.
- Consider nominating your child's SES teacher! 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=yp8tAqNgrEqakMGOUaxSfnLb3ymmZ3ZLioWp5Z2i3plURFhVSFdTNDhJUVFCMjIjGskFRWEZRMzlySS4u>
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## Details for Reopening for Hybrid

Please remember since we have A and B cohorts, a great deal of the info below will also take place on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> as the second reopening for B cohort, then again for the 3-5 students! A few items to consider:

- School arrival: 9:50-10:00. After 10:00AM, students are marked tardy.
- Dismissal: Car riders: 3:50-4:00 – Bus riders 4:00-4:10.
- Everyone will receive information from your child's teacher that includes, schedules, expectations, general information you need to know and suggested supplies.
- We are always accepting donations in the classroom of tissues and extra supplies that can be given to those who may not have any. We try to maintain extras but I know we have a very generous community so any additional supplies are welcome and appreciated. Extras will be placed in a bin and kept for isolated before they are distributed or used by anyone as an extra safety measure.
- Daily car riders were previously sent the parking lot layout and traffic flow for the lot. We will be handing out any new dashboard cards on Monday morning as cars arrive. We may have a few extra people bringing students because they are working out bus issues. Please be patient with us if there is a delay. We appreciate your flexibility and patience!
- ***At this time, we can not allow for surprise car riders.*** Students are car riders or they are bus riders. We have a few exceptional cases where two days a week they are bus and two days car. Those with this situation need to contact Ms. Kasulke to set up how to accommodate, if possible, and will receive a dashboard card. If you have a family emergency and need your student, please call the office and let the secretaries know that you will be picking up before the dismissal time. The building is closed to the public unless there is an appt.
- All students are welcome to have a grab and go breakfast. You may speak with your child and let them know they are welcome to decline it by saying "No thank you!" School lunch is available to all students for free. Your student may choose to have lunch or you may send in a lunch.
- Please make all efforts to schedule appointments for students during their virtual week so that they are able to maximize their Face to Face time with their teacher.
- **AM car riders** will unload once staff is in the parking lot to guide and direct for safety. The drop off window is 9:50-10:00. On the first day, we will begin a little at 9:40 to allow for the distribution of the dashboard signs and answer any questions.
- **PM car riders** will pull up just like the morning time and wait in their car. The dashboard sign should be displayed on the dashboard on the DRIVER's side. The staff will have you sign the student out using a clipboard. Students will be called beginning at 3:50-4:00. Anyone arriving after 4:00 will need to wait until all buses have been dismissed.
- If your child is going to be a **daily car rider**, please make sure you have completed the form at the following link:

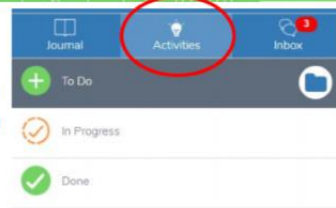
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yp8tAqNgrEqakMGOUaxSftm4okmw\\_3hDiqu5YYCr0ddUN1IJQtK0Q1RaVFIDUU5KQ1MzSjhXTIY0Uy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yp8tAqNgrEqakMGOUaxSftm4okmw_3hDiqu5YYCr0ddUN1IJQtK0Q1RaVFIDUU5KQ1MzSjhXTIY0Uy4u)

## Tech Tip from our Technology Committee

[Seesaw Parent Guide](#) (this is a link)

# Responding to an Activity

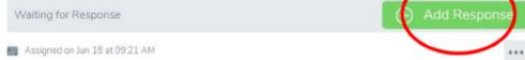
The **Activities Tab** is where your child will find assignments from the teacher to complete each day. Your child can view activities that are in progress (still need to be completed) and done (these are completed and turned in). Click [here](#) to learn more about helping your child respond to an activity.



## Place Value Basketball

First, click on the to play a place value game. Choose the correct to match the tens and ones. Next, tap the icon and find your name. Your task is to choose a two digit number and write it in standard form above the net. Use the and tools to represent your number 4 ways then tap . Next, tap the to describe your number using math language. Last, tap the again to submit your work.

[▶ Play Instructions \(0:33\)](#)



1. Tap the **Activities Tab**.
2. Select and Activity to Complete.
3. Click **Add Response**.
4. Follow the teacher's directions for completion using the creative tools in Seesaw.
5. Click the **green check** to "turn it in". It will get posted in your child's journal.



# Using Creative Tools

Take a photo with your chromebook's camera. Click [here](#) to learn more about this tool.

The drawing tool allows your child to create digital artwork and more! Click [here](#) to learn about the drawing tool.

The video tool allows your child to record a video. Click [here](#) to learn more about using this tool.



Photo

Drawing

Video

The upload tool allows your child to upload a photo, video, image or file from their device. Files should be converted to a PDF before uploading. Click [here](#) to learn more!



Upload

Note

Link

The note tool allows your child to write a text note. You can use the keyboard or voice recording. Click [here](#) to learn more!

The link tool allows your child to add a link to a website. This can also be done using the new features in the drawing tool. Click [here](#) to learn how!

# Posting to the Journal

1. Tap the **Journal** tab.



2. Tap the green **Add** button.



3. Your child will choose the type of post to add using one of these creative tools. Learn more about the creative tools on the next page.



4. After creating the post, your child will tap the green checkmark to complete the post and add it to the journal.



**Please remember to keep the computers plugged in and open over the weekend to receive CCPS updates.**

If you have any device issues, email: [ccpsdevicehelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:ccpsdevicehelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

If you have any app issues, email: [ccpsapphelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:ccpsapphelp@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

## **Equity Across Sunderland**

**Habit #9** for culturally effective people is to take people out of the boxes you put them in. How can we resist elitism and embrace human value?

See the top ten tips for culturally effective habits by Verna A. Myers, author of What if I Say the Wrong Thing?

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

## **FSO Updates**

### **Join the FSO:**

There is still time to join the FSO for the school year! [www.sunderlandfso.org](http://www.sunderlandfso.org)

### **Yearbook Update:**

The 2020/2021 Yearbooks will look very different from previous years due to virtual learning. We feel it is a great idea to continue the tradition of the SES Yearbook so that the kids have a keepsake to look back on and reflect. To accomplish this, we will need all parents and teachers to help make this a memorable yearbook.

We have several parents who have volunteered to oversee collecting pictures from their children's class. If your teacher has asked for volunteers, please let that teacher know as soon as possible if you can help. Also, if you have any candid pictures that you have taken with other SES children at any special events, please send them to the email address for yearbooks [sesfsoyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:sesfsoyearbook@gmail.com). Examples of pictures we are hoping to receive are any pictures that you have taken during an outing this school year with other SES children or siblings that involve sports, special events and/or candid shots.

Also, if you have taken any pictures throughout the school year while your child has been online during virtual learning, please include those as well. Every parent probably took at least one photo of what our virtual learning environment looked like at the beginning of the year, so please send those in as well.

When sending in the pictures, please include who is in the picture, grade, teacher, and event and a contact number in case we have any questions. Questions or pictures can be emailed to [sesfsosecondvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:sesfsosecondvicepresident@gmail.com) and include "Yearbook" in the subject line. Thank you.

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: January 31, 2021**

- We had some great participation for Random Acts of Kindness Week! The following students shared their kindness on the SES School Counselor page: **Jaxon Crupi, Penny Koeble, Macy Poore, Milani Bennett, Selena Jones, Ellie Biggs, and Zoey Clark-Butler!** Awesome job showing kindness! And a special SHOUT-OUT to **Mrs. Sydnor's 5<sup>th</sup> graders** for putting together an amazing "I am...." Poster PowerPoint. They worked hard and surprised me during our Classroom Counseling lesson! They also shared their "Random Acts of Kindness" as a class each day! Thank you for sharing your kindness with me!
- SES is also forming a Kindness Team to spread kindness school-wide throughout the year! We started with our Kindness Ambassadors **Owen Surratt, Abcde Mackall-Gross, Lyla Stillwagon, and Xavien Miller!** We hope to continue spreading kindness throughout the Sunderland community with "Happy

Hearts". It is easy to do! Make a heart from any object, write a note on the heart if you want, and display the heart in a street facing window. Encourage your friends and family to do the same! Stay tuned for additional information from the Kindness Team!

- During the month of January, we focused on “goal setting” during Classroom Counseling lessons. Setting goals is the first step to success! Talk with your student about the academic goal(s) they would like to set for the remainder of the school year—don’t forget to right down the goal(s) and celebrate the small steps toward achieving your goal!
- 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](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](mailto:hiltond@calvertnet.k12.md.us)).*

## Past Information

- We continue to monitor the positivity rates and will continue to wait for updates from our system leaders. As you know, Gov. Hogan had a press conference that gave a clear timeline that he has for school BOE to determine reopening. Stay tuned!
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