

# THE BRAVES' BULLETIN

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## New Year, New Faces, New Playground Equipment!

The 2019-2020 school year brings us so much to be thankful for. Our Kindergarten Class of 2032 adds 122 smiling students to our campus home. Our staff has grown with the addition of Principal Matthew Scandrol, Patricia Sark, Mary Ann Smith, Samantha Reynolds, Skylar Miller, Youlanda Tindal, Danielle Mairose, Lashonda Hugee, Shonrron Crawford, Stacy Quattlebaum, and Danielle Crosby. Future teachers from University of South Carolina and Columbia College augment the instruction in our classrooms as student interns, and new students in grades first through fifth round out our growing Satchel Ford family.

Our students are over the moon for our new playground equipment. Thank you to all who donated or volunteered with last year's Boosterthon, when we raised the funds for the additional play structures. Research shows playgrounds provide physical, mental, emotional, and social benefits to our students in addition to increasing their focus in the classroom.





## From the desk of... Principal Scandrol

Welcome to 2019-2020!

I am very proud to be a part of our Satchel Ford family. The welcome that my family and I have received from our school and community has been truly an awesome experience. I am looking forward to the great things that our school will do this year!

As we begin our year, I would like to highlight our academic focuses for the year:

- A continuation of S.T.E.A.M.

(science, technology, engineering, art, math) integration across the curriculum, with the long term goal of identifying Satchel Ford as a S.T.E.M. Accredited School.

- Mathematics will continue to focus on inquiry based models, while also focusing on the Richland 1 "Big 3" math areas of number sense, daily problem solving, and use of manipulatives.

- The Reading and Writing workshop model will serve as our continued focus, while also focusing on the Richland 1 "Big 3" English/Language Arts areas of word study, interactive read-aloud, and guided reading.

On September 3, 2019, our car and bus lines "flipped." Parents, we are asking that you please review the information that was sent home with students on August 30, and posted to the Satchel Ford PTO Facebook page.

The best way to keep our children safe is to adhere to these procedures. In addition, we welcome all visitors to our school; we ask that you bring your ID and sign in through the office. This is to ensure our students' safety and school security.

Thank you all for continuing to make our school and community the amazing place that it is! This is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Matthew D. Scandrol



Students in Mrs. Suggs' class use a variety of materials to build a standing 12-inch tower then meet in a "huddle" to report on their learnings before their gallery walk to show off their work.

### ***We've got spirit!***

*This year's tie dye short-sleeve tees are available online on the Satchel Ford PTO website: [sfpto.org](http://sfpto.org).*

*One free headband with online purchase, and your order will be delivered to your student's homeroom teacher.*

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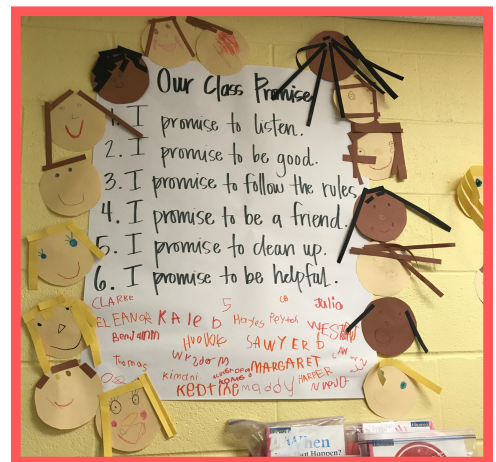
- Sept. 24 Marco's Night
- Oct. 1 Picture Day
- Oct. 2 Pelican's SnoBalls Day
- Oct. 8 PTO Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- Oct. 16 BraveArts ornament sale
- Oct. 17 Spirit Day/Box Tops
- Oct. 22 4th grade performance, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 25 Freaky Friday

## Student Scrapbook: Kindergarten

Students in Mrs. Cobia's class made friendship bracelets to give to their new friends and classmates.

As a classroom community, Mrs. Cobia's students came up with class promise statements and signed their names in agreement. Their Class Promise stays on the wall to remind everyone of expectations for their learning environment.

Mrs. Pearson's class enjoyed a special visit from a friendly reader. Read alouds are a favorite part of our students' days, both in class and at home with their caregivers. Do you have a favorite book to read aloud at home? Text a picture of your child and their favorite read aloud to 214-502-4646 for an upcoming edition of the Braves Bulletin!



Calling all dads and father-figures! Come be a hero for the day! Join us at Satchel Ford for one day that fits your schedule this school year to serve as a positive male role model for students and provide an extra set of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. If you are interested, email [SFordWatchDogs@gmail.com](mailto:SFordWatchDogs@gmail.com). For more information on the national program, visit [dadsofgreatstudents.com](http://dadsofgreatstudents.com).

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## News from Brave Arts

The Brave Arts Boosters is off to a great start again this year. We want to thank everyone who stopped by our table during Meet the Teacher. If you didn't get a chance to come by, more information is available online at [sfpto.org/bravearts.aspx](http://sfpto.org/bravearts.aspx).

It's not too late to sign up for front-row seats at the grade-level performances. All donors who give \$100 or more to the Brave Arts Boosters will receive two front row seat reservations at their child's grade level performance this school year.

The Brave Arts Boosters raise funding to provide financial support to the Arts programs at Satchel Ford, and the Boosters are working on some exciting Arts-related projects that will benefit all students.

## SAVE THE DATE

- 10/22: 4th grade performance
- 11/8: Artfest
- 11/19: 5th grade performance
- 12/17: Winter concert
- 1/21: 2nd grade performance
- 2/14: Valentine lunch
- 2/18: 1st grade performance
- 2/27: Black History Month celebration
- 3/17: 3rd grade performance
- 4/7: Kindergarten performance
- 5/19: Spring Concert

