

# THE BRAVES' BULLETIN

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## Satchel Ford Celebrates!

We know our Satchel Ford family knows how to learn, and we also know how to celebrate! In our first six weeks of school, we have so much to be proud of!

Last month, we celebrated our fabulous teachers with a tailgate-themed lunch. Thank you to Millpond Steakhouse in Boykin for donating the entire meal to support our teachers! And thank you to our volunteers who donated their time so our teachers could have a duty-free lunch!

Our National Elementary Honor Society Executive Committee and counselor Kimberly T. Johnson brought home 1st Place honors from the State Department of Education Youth Anti-Bullying Summit for their "Bullying... Not in Our School!" poster.

Join us for our Freaky Friday Celebration! This fun school tradition will include inflatables, pedal go karts, a dunk tank, karaoke, a haunted house for our 3rd-5th graders, a Halloweenie Trail, a DJ dance party, slime, and so much more! Food for purchase will be available from Village Idiot Pizza, Haute Dog Lady, Size Matters BBQ & Chicken, Pelican's SnoBalls, Zombie Donuts, and other treats will join us too!



## From the desk of... Principal Scandrol

This September has “blown by” quickly, with a little help from Dorian and our Satchel Ford Students & Faculty. This has been a great month!

- Our SFES National Elementary Honor Society Executive Committee, and one of our School Counselors, Ms. Kimberly T. Johnson, attended the 2019 Youth Anti-Bullying Summit, sponsored by the State Department of Education. Students learned the importance of taking a stand against bullying and developed an action plan to reduce the amount of bullying within their respective schools and SFES won 1st Place in the Elementary Division for their anti-bullying poster board entitled, “Bullying...Not at Our School.”
- Satchel Ford was “Blued Out” on Monday October 6 in recognition of World Day of Bullying Prevention.

- Our 2nd grade students successfully completed their two week Richland One swimming class.
- Congratulations to all of our students that were recently accepted into our performing arts ensembles: Steel Drum, Honor Choir, and String Orchestra for this year!

### Announcements & Reminders:

- Flyers were sent home last week about our Career Day on October 30. If you would like to present or volunteer, please contact Ms. Kimberly Johnson or Ms. Gina Terry.
- Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your willingness to work with our car line changes. Morning drop-off has been great! We have closed the car line each day between 7:30 and 7:35, thus eliminating lost instructional time.
- Our afternoon pick-up wait time has also decreased, and our walk-up students now have a safe walking space to exit the campus!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Matthew D. Scandrol

### 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).*

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

## Spotlight on: 5th Grade Writing



What's it like being new? Mary Grace's story goes on to tell about making a new friend.

“Brrrring rrrrring!” it’s normal 6 o’clock morning... that is, for a New Yorker. New York mornings are damp, cold, dark, loud, and busy. But waking up to the rooster crowing, feeling the warmth of the just the right amount of sunlight, with a light breeze, and no one except you, your family, and your animals... that is amazing. When my dad got traded from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the New York Knicks. My whole family had to move to New York, putting our country life in the background.

We have been living in New York for about a month now and I have dreaded every second of it. We had to sell all of our animals, the kids at my school don’t like the way I talk, they don’t think I’m good at anything city people do because I lived in the country, and there are rules about being in the city, such as... I can’t just go out by a tree and read a book like I could in the country or I can’t go anywhere by myself. Also, there is no land for me to play, run around on or sit on and simply relax.

“Uggh it’s so early and I am so tired” I moaned. “Maybe you should go to bed earlier,” my mom suggested. I jumped. I didn’t know she was in there. “I don’t want to go to bed earlier,” I whined. “Then don’t complain about being tired in the morning,” my mom shot back. Back in the country I could wake up whenever I wanted to because school came to me, now I have to wake up so early and I hate it. I dragged my body over to my old beat up wooden dresser. I pulled out a purple t-shirt and some 3 year old jean shorts and threw them on.

As I walked down the steps I could smell the wonderful aroma of blueberry pancakes. My mom, is mostly very strict and sarcastic, but has the purest heart and is the best cook ever! “Mornin,” my dad said in his soft country accent, followed by mom, “Honey the bus will be here in 20 minutes. you better hurry!”



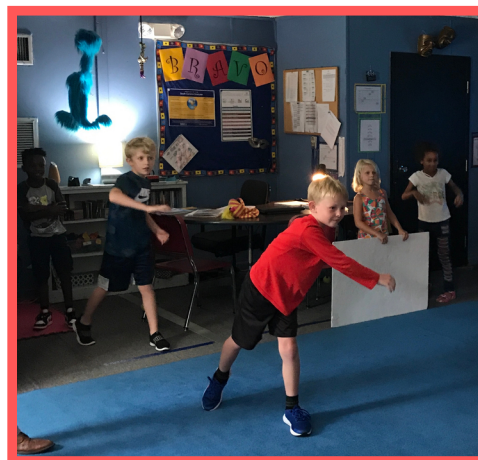
COMING

SOON

- Oct. 16 Brave Arts ornament sale
- Oct. 17 Spirit Day/Box Tops
- Oct. 22 4th grade performance, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 25 Freaky Friday
- Oct. 29 Marco's Spirit Night
- Oct. 31 Parent/Teacher Conferences;  
Student Holiday
- Nov. 5 PTO Board Meeting, 1pm
- Nov. 7 Groucho's Family Night

## Student Scrapbook: Theatre

Students from Mrs. Reynolds' 2nd grade class practice communicating with their bodies using mime, expression, and gestures. While a song from *The Polar Express* set the tempo, they walked in the cold, built a snowman, had a snowball fight, and went sledding. Can you tell which is which?



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 Open House. 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.

Keep a lookout for more information about upcoming events: our ornament sale and Artfest 2019!

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

11/19: 5th grade performance

12/13: Artfest

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

