



CHERRY CHASE ELEMENTARY

December 3, 2021

Dear Charger Families,

In the last Panorama Survey, 51% of the family responses indicated a need for cultural awareness taught in and outside the classroom.

PTA has funded **90 min interactive ABAR Workshop facilitated by Britt Hawthorne to provide opportunities for discussions about cultural awareness** on February 8, 2021. This virtual session is open to 50 participants/households.

Please use this [link to fill out a quick survey](#) to assess your interest in attending this workshop on February 8, 2021.

Here is more information about the workshop:

Anti-Bias Education for Families: How to Create Brave Spaces at Home

Do you want to learn how to create unbiased home environments for your children?

This virtual workshop is designed for schools or private communities interested in delving into anti-bias education at home, whether they are new to the topic or have already begun the work. Each family will receive a fillable workbook to keep the work moving forward.

YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO:

- Create a home environment that will affirm your child.
- Work as a family towards justice.
- Use four goals to create an antiracist and anti-bias home environment.

- *Understand key stages in identity development.*

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Due to the nature of the pandemic and the current safety guidelines, **we will not be given any perfect attendance awards throughout the 2021-2022 school year.** We want to encourage parents to keep students home if they are not feeling well, and we also want to reduce students' need and anxiety about attending school even if they are not feeling well to receive that award.

STUDENT VACCINATION UPDATES

For more information about vaccine safety for youth, please refer to [Sccfreevax.org](https://sccfreevax.org) using the link below <https://covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-vaccine-information>

CHAC-COUNSELING SERVICES

Cherry Chase has been provided with an additional CHAC counselor who will be here on Mondays and two original CHAC counselors to support the SEL of our students.

At the last Coffee with the Principal on December 2, Mrs. Brett and Shannon Fitzpatrick presented on Social Emotional Learning for Elementary Students. We have attached the presentation for your reference. [SEL CoffeeWith the Principal.pdf](#). Please contact your student's teacher if you think your child would benefit from counseling services.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendars:

- **Annual Run Hide Defend Drill on February 17, 2021, at 9:15 am.** Refer to the [Emergency Protocols slide deck](#) presented at the Coffee with the Principal on **October 14, 2021**

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- 7 Fire Drill & Evacuation at 8:20 am
- 9 Annual Presentation-Board Meeting 7 pm
- 15 Staff Meeting-Celebration 2:45 pm

20-31 Holiday Recess-No School

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kristin.Brett@sesd.org or Gloria.Marchant@sesd.org if you have any questions or need assistance.

We are in this together, and we will continue to do our best to support you!

Sincerely,

Gloria Marchant, Principal