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Making new friends
on the Kindergarten
playground!



Welcome back to school, Braves!

This year promises to be another year of learning, friendship and fun!

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! Summer has flown by and it's time to get back into the school routine.

Do you know what makes Satchel Ford Elementary one of the MOST sought after schools in the Columbia area? Our amazing teachers, administration and staff and most importantly, YOU! Our school is known for having dedicated, loyal and giving families who work hard to provide our children with

the BEST education and learning environment possible.

Getting involved is easy.

First, if you haven't joined already, please consider membership in the Satchel Ford PTO. The Satchel Ford PTO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the educational programs at the school; working cooperatively with the community, educators, parents, and children to enrich the educational standards of the school; and to assist in providing an educational climate that will enrich the lives of all students.

Second, make time to volunteer. The PTO has many opportunities throughout the year with varying time commitments and skill sets needed.

Don't forget to support Satchel Ford by wearing spirit wear and participating in our Fall Fundraiser and Boosterthon plus our community fundraising events such as Freaky Friday and percent nights at local food establishments.

For more information about the PTO or our upcoming events, please visit www.sfpto.org.

Satchel Ford Elementary
Fall Fundraiser



2018

Satchel Ford's Fall Fundraiser kicked off on Wednesday, August 29. Packets went home with students in their communication folders.

Orders are due on Friday, September 14. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward continued technology improvements, school beautification projects and educational programs.

Looking for a fun way to lend a hand? Volunteer for the hospitality committee.

The hospitality committee needs volunteers. Do you know with help from parent volunteers the PTO provides a snack day for teachers once a month as well as special snacks for Teacher Appreciation Week in May?

This is an easy way to volunteer. All you need to do is send us your email address and look for emails with sign up lists for needed items. Items may be homemade, purchased or dollars donated toward items. Items can be left in disposable containers in the PTO kitchen in the cafeteria or sent to the front office when needed.

If you'd like to help, please email Melissa Gentry at mfgentry@hotmail.com and Sarah Dillard ssdillard76@gmail.com.



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year!

I believe this will be an exceptional year for our school and your children, with lots of learning and activities. As we begin the year, I want to ensure parents understand our big picture foci in an effort to enhance and develop our curricular programs:

- Intensified character education and character coaching
- Increased S.T.E.A.M integration across the curriculum
- Continued focus on inquiry-based mathematics workshop models
- Continued focus on reading and writing workshop models

I implore all parents to review the established morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures in the front of your student's planner. Following these procedures helps keep everyone safe. Also remember to report to the office to sign-in when visiting our school during the day. One last procedural reminder, when visiting the school or walking your child to class in the morning, please exit through the front doors only. Exiting through a side door could allow for the door to not close properly and create a security issue.

Any gentlemen interested in participating in our Watch D.O.G.S. program, please consider signing up for a day or two using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2CnUkME>

Thank you all for making Satchel Ford and the Forest Acres community such an amazing place to live and learn!

Have a great school year!
Kevin Hasinger, Ed.S.
Principal

Shop for Good

Earn money for Satchel Ford every time you shop at Publix and Lowes Foods! Present your Publix Partners or Lowes Fresh Rewards fob when you shop. While you're at it, share cards with local grandparents and friends, too.

Publix fobs will be coming home in student folders soon with extras in the front office. Visit Lowes Foods online for details about the Cart to Class program and instructions on how to link your rewards card to Satchel Ford.

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	<p>11 Satchel Ford Open House 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>19 Spirit Day Box Tops Store</p> <p>10/9 PTO Board Meeting Media Center, 1 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Urban Cookhouse Family Night</p> <p>20 Baskin Robbins Night Forest Drive Location</p> <p>10/12 Student Holiday No School</p>	<p>14 Fall Fundraiser Ends</p> <p>25 Marco's Pizza Night Forest Drive Location</p> <p>Coming Up! Friday, October 26 Freaky Friday</p>

Marco's Night + School Challenge

We have many great opportunities to earn cash for our school through Marco's.

Each month, visit Marco's on the last Tuesday of every month. Place your order during business hours and mention your school and teacher name for a chance to win your child's class a FREE pizza party. In addition, Marco's will donate money to the PTO based on the number of orders so every order matters.

This year, schools also will compete throughout the year for cash prizes by earning Pizza Points. When you order online or by phone, choose Satchel Ford to gain points for the school. Marco's will hold money in a prize pool, and it will be distributed it to the winning school.

Baskin Robbins

We will be partnering again with Baskin Robbins on the third Thursday of every month. We are looking forward to another successful year with them.

Urban Cookhouse

We're excited for our new business partner, Urban Cookhouse. We are partnering with them on the second Wednesday of every month to earn money for Satchel Ford.

PDQ Gift Cards

We are selling \$10 PDQ Gift Cards for only \$6. If you'd like to purchase gift cards, please email sfordpto@gmail.com.



Calling all men of the Satchel Ford Family.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an exciting national program that has been implemented at our school. Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers and father-figures including step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, cousins and more who agree to simply be a presence on campus during the school day. Please consider volunteering one day during the school year.

Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/2CnUkME>

Thank You

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Where arts and education go hand in hand!

Support Brave Arts by being a Booster or a Benefactor.

The Brave Arts Boosters include staff, parents and community members who volunteer to support the fine arts programs – dance, theater, visual arts and music – and their integration into the curriculum of Satchel Ford Elementary School. We plan several fundraisers throughout the year, support PTO performances and provide guidance on the arts strategic plan. You can be a booster, a benefactor or both!

Brave Arts Boosters help us plan our events and fundraisers. Join us for our kickoff meeting on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Miyo's on Forest Drive. Please email co-chairs Dargan Davis at dargandavis@yahoo.com and Adriane Radeker, adrianeradeker@yahoo.com to receive meeting information. No experience or artistic talent is necessary to join – just a value of arts education and a willingness to volunteer.

Brave Arts Benefactors make a tax-deductible donation of any amount to support the arts programs at Satchel Ford. Benefactors' names are printed in all performance programs and donors of \$100 or more receive reserved seating at their children's grade-level performances.

Fundraisers

This year's Brave Arts fundraisers include the Ornament Fundraiser in October, Valentine's Teacher Luncheon and Sweetheart Dance in February and the Sports Spectacular in April.

These events plus benefactor contributions have sponsored artists-in-residence, purchased arts technology, and supplemented district funding as funds have been reduced.

Grade-Level Performances

Each grade level holds a performance night to showcase what they are learning in art, music, dance and theatre classes. The first, third and fifth graders perform scripted musicals while kindergarten, second and fourth graders develop original performances that rely on the creative process and student ideas. Instead of a story with a pre-made script, these performances are based on a theme and showcase our children's creativity and originality. See the dates at the right and mark your calendar. You won't want to miss these wonderful performances!



2018-19 Performance Schedule

4th Grade:
October 23, 2018

5th Grade:
November 13, 2018

Winter Concert:
December 18, 2018

2nd Grade:
January 22, 2019

1st Grade:
February 19, 2019

3rd Grade:
March 19, 2019

Kindergarten:
April 9, 2019

Spring Concert:
May 21, 2019