

# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
August 2019

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## Calendar



### Mark Your Calendar:

School Hours:  
8:15am Campus Opens  
8:35am First Bell Rings  
8:45am Tardy Bell  
2:55pm Dismissal

August 2019:

Wed, 8/14  
First Day of School for Students  
8:45am PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast

Thurs, 8/29  
5:30pm Open House/Pre K &  
Kindergarten  
6:30pm PTA General Info Meeting

Looking forward...September 2019

Mon, 9/2  
School Closed – Labor Day

Tues, 9/10  
6:00-7:00pm Girl Scouts

Thurs, 9/12  
Mid Period Report

Wed, 9/25  
DADS take your child  
to school day!  
Breakfast open to ALL DADS, 7:45am  
Dedicated Achievement Demonstrates  
Success

## SHES PTA

[www.ourshespta.org](http://www.ourshespta.org)

## Principal's Pen

Welcome Back SHES Families!

It is the beginning of an exciting new school year. We are so proud to be returning to school once again rated an "A" school by the Florida Department of Education! Congratulations to our students, families and staff for earning this recognition! Truly an exciting accomplishment for all.

I would like to welcome back our returning students and welcome our new students to SHES! We also have some new staff members to announce. First, congratulations to Mrs. Wendy Stryker, our new Assistant Principal. Welcome also to Mrs. Tonia Hill – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mr. Nick Lykon – PE Teacher, Ms. Krista Schilling – Art Itinerant Teacher, Ms. Bryana Wescott – Music Itinerant teacher, Ms. Heather Parisse – VPK Teacher and Ms. Shana Goss – CDA in Pre-K.

In an effort to continue the momentum of success, I would encourage you to start the year off right by establishing supportive processes at home such as setting aside an area to complete homework, organize backpacks daily, review and sign agenda books daily. Regular communication with your child's teacher is extremely essential. Agenda books, e-mail, phone calls and parent conferences are all great ways to reach out for clarification or to gain strategies to support your student.

Our continued focus is on our goal of increasing literacy performance at SHES, daily reading at home is an integral part of increased reading levels. Reading takes place in all curriculum areas and student success depends on the ability to decode, comprehend and interpret what is read. Planning a time to read to or with your child nightly, for at least 20 minutes for primary and 30 minutes for intermediate, can make all the difference in your child's ability to tackle rigorous curriculum they will be encountering this school year.

Finally, families, please be on the look-out for safety and arrival/dismissal information which was sent home during open house or the first day of school and posted on Peach Jar as well. The processes that we implement for arrival and dismissal are established to ensure student safety. We greatly appreciate your support by demonstrating to your child appropriate pedestrian and vehicle safety and your patience as everyone learns the routines the first week of school.

As always parents, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office. I am looking forward to another great year!

August Character Trait:  
**RESPECT**

Treating yourself and  
others with courtesy  
and consideration!

*Ms. Palmer*  
*Principal*

## PTA NEWS:

**Welcome back SHES family. We hope everyone had a safe, fun and relaxing summer. Your PTA has been at work and we have some fun events planned for the year – both timeless traditions and some new events as well. Our first main event will be our annual Reading Night and Family Dinner. More information will be coming soon. For those of you interested in learning more about our PTA, what we do and how you can get involved, we will be hosting a General PTA Information Session on Thursday August 29th at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there – kids are welcome! If you can't attend the meeting, now worries. You will also receive a PTA information packet in your child's agenda to help you understand how PTA works to benefit all our children and how you too can get involved. If you have any questions / comments, please reach out to us at [shespta@gmail.com](mailto:shespta@gmail.com). Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at Safety Harbor Elementary PTA and visit our website at [www.ourshespta.org](http://www.ourshespta.org).**

**PTA's Vision: Making Every Child's Potential a Reality!**



NOTE: The monthly newsletter will be sent in print for August and sent via Peach Jar for the remainder of the year. If you would like to request a printed copy monthly, please contact the front office or your child's classroom teacher. We will be happy to provide one.

**Please welcome the  
PTA Board for  
2019 / 2020**

**President:  
Cristy Rittenhouse**

**VP of Communications:  
Candyl Eyster**

**VP of Programs:  
Katy Wilson**

**Treasurer:  
Denise Demko**

**Secretary:  
Kristen Penna**

**If you have questions  
or concerns regarding  
SHES PTA, please see  
the contact information  
below:**

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**Support SHES by  
becoming a  
Classroom Partner!  
Contact the front  
office for details!  
Thank you in  
advance!**

**SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!**

**Daydreamers Café & Grill  
Michael Gamble**

**Thank you!**

# Volunteer Corner!

Welcome Back  
SHES

Volunteers!  
Please take a  
moment to  
reactivate your  
volunteer  
account, if you  
have not already  
done so.

Contact the  
front office if  
you have any  
questions!

Do you receive  
emails  
requesting  
volunteer help?  
If not, please  
update your  
email address in  
the volunteer  
system under  
the personal  
tab.



Perfect   
Attendance!

*Did you know?  
Your child can suffer academically if they  
miss 10% of the school year - about 18  
days. That can be just 1 day every 2  
weeks, and that can happen before you  
know it. Everyday counts!  
Attend Today; Achieve Tomorrow!*



**Clinic News:** Please remember to turn in the yellow clinic card that was sent home on the first day of school. This card contains important information needed in order to keep your child safe and have the most current contact information for you.

Please remember that **ALL** medication (prescription **AND** over the counter) must be signed in at the front office by the parent. Students are **NOT** permitted to carry these items while on campus.



Consider joining K-Kids this school year and make a difference in your community! More information to follow in September!



## What's cooking at SHES?

**Breakfast: 8:15am – 8:35am – FREE for ALL students.**

**Lunch: \$2:25**

**Ala Cart Snacks: \$.50 - \$1.00**

**Friday Ice Cream - \$1.00**

**Parents can join students for lunch on Mondays.**

Apply for free or reduced lunch at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)

Add money to a lunch account by visiting [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

You will need the students 10 digit student ID number

### PCS Wellness Guidelines are attached

**These guidelines include the healthy snack list for parents that wish to send in CLASS snacks. This year SHES will recognize two low nutritional food days. One the week of December 16, 2019 and one the week of May 25, 2020. Please contact your teacher to determine the day your students class will be observing.**