Sea Turtle Times

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Calendar



Welcome Back to School! Mark Your Calendar:

Virtual Parent Meeting Invite link

Tuesday, 8/18 5:30-6:30pm Register by 3pm – Tuesday, 8/18

Device Distribution For My PCS Online

Wednesday, August 19 1:00 – 3:30pm Bus Circle

Meet the Teacher

See attached flyer for dates and grade level information

First Day for Students: August 24, 2020

School Hours: Mon – Fri 8:45am – 2:55pm 8:15am – campus open for free Grab & Go student breakfast

Front Office Hours

Mon.- Fri.
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
727-724-1462

Principal's Pen

Welcome Safety Harbor Elementary Families to the 2020-2021 school year! I am hopeful that this August newsletter finds your family safe, healthy and as excited for school to open as much as I am!

With much anticipation, school reopening brings us the needed sense of normalcy we have so desperately sought since March 13th. Although things might still look a bit different at the start of our school year, the staff and faculty of Safety Harbor Elementary continues our commitment to maintaining a learning environment which is focused on safety and the growth of not only academics, but the social – emotional well being of our students as well. More than ever, I appreciate the expertise and professionalism that our teachers bring to SHES and the resilience students have demonstrated to continue the work of learning. This unique situation has impacted many, in many different ways, but we are ready to welcome our Sea Turtles with an air high five, air hug and air handshakes! Although our smiles may be covered temporarily by a mask, we are happy to be here to support our community in the best way we can.

In this Back to School Newsletter you will find information that outline some changes to processes and temporary adjustments in light of our current situation. Information includes arrival/dismissal processes, breakfast/lunch options for My PCS Online, cafeteria updates, invitations for Meet the Teacher, and more. Please take the time to review information and complete forms in the attached links. Additional general information and videos can be found on our district website www.pcsb.org.

On Tuesday, August 18th, we will be hosting a Virtual Parent Information Meeting to review topics of interest and address any additional questions you may have. If you would like to participate, please click on the link to the left and complete the registration form by Tuesday, August 18th at 3:00pm. A Zoom link will be sent to you so you can join in!

Parents, I look forward to seeing our returning Sea Turtles and meeting our newest Sea Turtle scholars. Please do not hesitate to contact our front office with any questions leading up to the start of the school year. Be well. I look forward to seeing you around campus!

August Character Trait:

Respect

Treating yourself & others with courtesy & consideration!

Ms. Palmer, Principal

Welcome to Safety Harbor Elementary Home of the Sea Turtles





Pre-K / VPK / Kindergarten Meet the Teacher In Person

Face 2 Face & My PCS Online

Click on the link below to schedule an appointment to come to the classroom. Families will not be permitted on campus without a scheduled appointment. Masks and Social Distancing will be reinforced

Meet the Teacher In Person Click here to schedule an appointment

 1^{st} – 5^{th} Grade - Meet the Teacher Drive Through

Thursday, August 20, 2020 4:00-6:00pm

Grade 1-2 Car Circle Grade 3-4-5 Bus Circle

Face 2 Face & My PCS Online

Drop off school supplies (F2F) & Pick up first day packets and prepared curriculum materials (Online)

First Day of School for All Students, Monday, August 24, 2020

Face 2 Face - 8:15am Campus & Classroom Doors Open First Bell 8:35am – Tardy Bell 8:45am All Students - Daily School Hours 8:45 am – 2:55 pm



*Campus will be closed to parents between 8:15 and 8:45am.

Pre-K/VPK/Kindergarten: Optional delayed arrival of 8:50am if you choose to walk your child to the classroom door. Pre-K/VPK/Kindergarten students brought between 8:15 and 8:45 will be escorted to class by a staff member.



Virtual Open House Dates
All Grades
Week of August 31 & September 7th
Exact Dates and Times To Be Announced ~
Stay Tuned!

My PCS ONLINE 5 Day Breakfast & Lunch Pick-Up Info

By Tuesday, August 18th Click the link below for more information and to place an order for pick up on Friday, August 21st

> My PCS Online Breakfast-Lunch Option

*Breakfast and lunch come together as a package. They will not be separated.

*Pick up is on Fridays

*The cost is \$11.25 per week/per paying student for the five lunch portions.

*We encourage contactless, online payment in advance at: www.myschoolbucks.com

*Payment can also be in the form of check or cash

*Free/Reduced lunch applications can be completed by visiting www.myschoolapps.com

*Student does not need to be present at pick up.



6' Social Distancing markers
Hand Sanitizer upon entry to the cafeteria
Masks are mandatory except while eating
Acrylic guards on tables between students
Students will sit at assigned seats

On Campus Breakfast Procedures:

Breakfast is free for all students
All students will receive the same
breakfast choices
8:15am Campus Opens
and Classroom Doors Open

Breakfast will be delivered to Pre-K/VPK students in class.

Walkers & Car Riders eating breakfast on campus will pick up breakfast at a Grab & Go Cart.

YMCA, Bus Riders, and Day Care Van Riders eating breakfast on campus will pick up breakfast in the cafeteria.

Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom

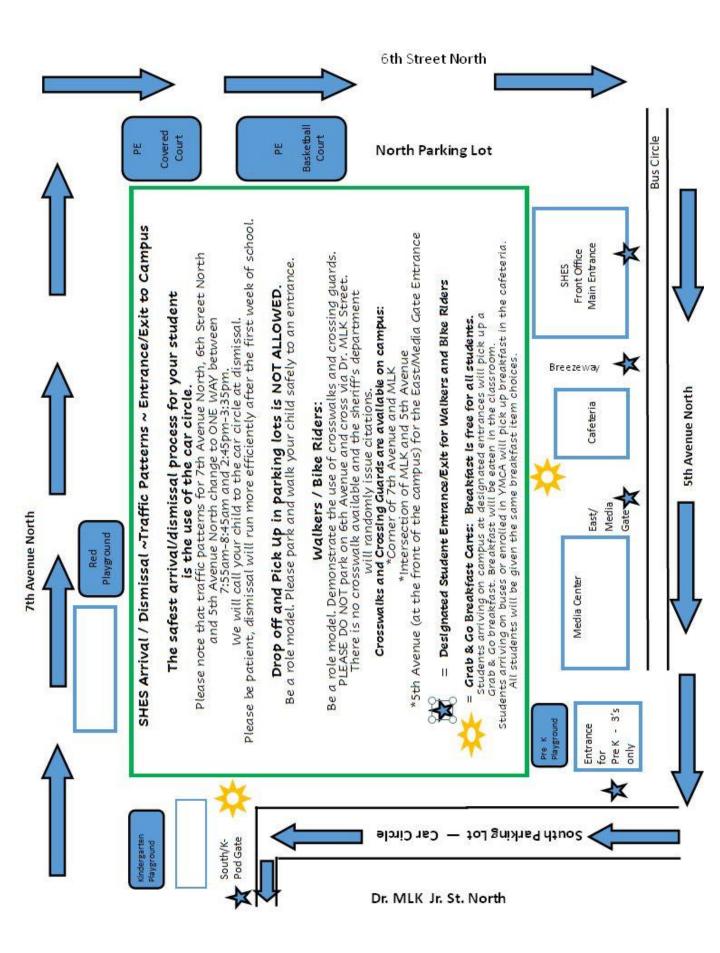
On Campus Lunch Procedures:

Lunch is \$2.25 per entrée for paying students To add funds to your child's account visit myschoolbucks.com Visit myschoolapps.com to apply for Free or Reduced Lunch

Hand Sanitizer is available at the café entrance Students will be served selected items by a café attendant in line.

Students will be seated at their assigned seat.

Parent/Student lunch at the picnic tables will be suspended until December 2020.





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OPTERATIONS:
Keeping SHES
beautiful and safe!

Many changes have been made to SHES for the safety of all students and staff! Thank you Plant Operations Team for all your hard work.

Drew, Brian,
JJ, and Mehri
YOU ROCK!!



Clinic News! Clinic Updates for 2020/2021 Safety First at Safety Harbor!

During the 2020-2021 school year, SHES will have a full-time nurse to support the wellness needs of the students. If your child will take medication at school, please contact the front office to schedule an appointment for this week, August 17th, to drop off the medication. Our office number is 727-724-1462.

Basic first aid situations, to the greatest degree possible, will be addressed in the classroom. If requested by the teacher, a nurse or designated person will go to the classroom to assess students. Students will be escorted to the clinic due injury or symptoms related to illness if a parent will be contacted for pick up. This year, more than ever, it is imperative that parent contact information is updated and children are picked up immediately if asked.

Approved medication dispersal (in alignment with Board policies), will continue to occur with the exception that students with asthma will not be permitted to use nebulizer treatments due to the risk of aerosolization of respiratory particles.

Parent/Student Wellness Expectations:

Each day parents will be asked to assess their child's health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- 1. Temperature above 100.4/chills
- 2. Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- 3. Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- 4. Loss of taste or smell
- 5. In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home.
- 6. Been in close contact (15 minutes or more at less than 6ft.) with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days.

If a student exhibits any of these symptoms while at school they will receive care in a space away from other students and staff. Parents will be called to pick up their child immediately.

Volunteer Corner!

Virtual Volunteering / Mentoring Coming Soon! Volunteers are always needed at SHES, even virtual volunteers! ©

Each new school year volunteer profiles are changed to inactive. Please take a moment to <u>reactivate</u> your account by logging in to the volunteer system with your username and password. If you need assistance, please contact the front office.



PTA NEWS:

Join PTA for the 2020 / 2021 school year!

SHES PTA will continue to support all staff members and students virtually! Look for forms to join PTA to come home with students the first week of school.

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