

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
December 2020

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

12/1- 12/17 – MAP testing

12/4 – SMILE! Picture Day!

**12/18 – Virtual Character
Assembly 2pm**

**12/21 – 1/3/2021 – Winter
Holiday, School closed**

**1/4/2021 – Students Return –
School Re-Opens**

Looking forward:

**Jan. 4th & 5th – Vision &
Hearing for K, 1st and 3rd**

(see important
information on page 4)

**December
Character Trait:
Kindness
Being nice &
considerate
towards others.**

Principal's Pen

Happy Holidays SHES Families!

We have much to look forward to and to celebrate this month! With only three full weeks of instructional opportunities this month, we have much work to do! MAP testing began this week for Kindergarten through 5th grade and the grading period ends on January 15th. Please continue to support your child by checking agenda books, their FOCUS account, reviewing homework and communicating on a regular basis with your child's teachers.

Winter MAP testing results are a close predictor for performance on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) for third, fourth and fifth grade students. Please help your child to set a goal and work diligently to reach it. You can also help your child be successful during MAP testing by encouraging them to get a good night's rest, arrive to school on time and remind them to show what they know during testing. Helping your child to feel confident is key! Taking their time and attempting every question during the assessment is also very important. This is a computer adaptive assessment which means students are working on levels that are just right for them, but they may be presented with a challenging question at the next level that they are not too familiar with. That's ok! By maintaining a growth mindset, we can still attempt and do our best!

Did you know that of our approximately 660 students, only 100 are still online? Each of our teachers have done an excellent job delivering instruction virtually through My PCS Online in the midst of COVID. I am so very proud of our SHES TEAM! We can all agree, however, that nothing replaces the classroom experience with an expert teacher – academically, and with peers - socially. In class, in person, teachers are able to monitor student work in progress, assess student understanding and monitor engagement. These in-the-moment interactions offer the opportunity for a teacher to clarify misconceptions, provide support or provide enrichment depending on the individual student's need. If you are interested in your child returning to campus, please e-mail me (palmerce@pcsb.org) or call to discuss any concerns. Our teachers look forward to having everyone back so they can provide the most individualized support in person.

Finally, parents, a special thank you to PTA and all parents who contributed to our Staff Appreciation Luncheon last month. We missed seeing everyone in person, but lunch was delicious and greatly appreciated by all!

On behalf of our school family to yours, we wish you a happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Be well -
Ms. Palmer, Principal

Character Winners for November! Citizenship

**Tripp Perrino
Amelia Peterson
Davis Ruberto
Alisebel Rodriguez
Ma'Lani Higgins
Lexie Robinson
Ethan Jackson
Eard Shala
Kleopatra Kercova
Daxton Bossarte
Jonathan Mangual
McKinley Loberg
Arturo Cruz-Mejia
Emma Boyle
Benji Nammour
Jaden Sabor
Jacob Rodriguez-Earle
Andrew Zoto
Alex Minasian
Omar Shala
Hunter Hensley
Troy Cappiello
Brianna Armanious
Giovanni Sanchez
Exely Mendez-Lopez
Dylan Armanious
Caleb Rodriguez-Earle
Kiptyn Tucker
Brayden Beadle
Emily Turcotte
Avery Glover
Jyaire Odom
Leo Smith
Gemma Wiley
Steven Pujol
Lucia Anderson
Lainey McKay
Fernando Torres-Moreno
Anna Beiter
Sydney Hickman
Braydon Schultz**



SHES PTA News

Hello SHES families and hello December! How did that happen so fast? We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving break. We wanted to say thank you to all of you that helped sponsor lunch for our annual Fall Staff appreciation luncheon. While it was not our typical lunch buffet, the teachers and staff were able to enjoy a yummy lunch provided by Frenchy's as well as some home-made desserts. We know many of you miss volunteering in the classrooms and events like our annual appreciation lunch and while it is not the same, we still appreciate you showing your support for our awesome teachers and staff. If you were not able to contribute to the teacher luncheon fund but would like to, please go to our Memberhub.com site and look under the SHES store. While at the SHES store, take a moment to look at our Spirit wear and our new SHES water bottles. With holidays right around the corner these items would make wonderful gifts for the SHES Sea Turtles in your family.

Also right around the corner is the City of Safety Harbor's "Light it Up" night, in which our school will be participating. All around our city, business and homes will be lighting up their homes and offices on Friday December 4th at 6:00pm. Help us light up our school with our Winter Wonderland theme. How can you help? It's easy. Contact the PTA to get one of our limited number of blank signs that you and your family can decorate. Drop off the sign to us by December 3 and then drive by on the 4th to see how talented our SHES families are.

Future events to keep an eye out for include another Mornings with Mom family virtual craft. Bingos for Books may look a little different this year but your PTA is still working to find a way to bring this fun tradition to our families virtually. If you have a talent that you would like to share with our families virtually, please reach out to us. We are always looking for people with talents and passion to share with our families.

Finally, please do not forget about things like Box Tops (which can be done through the BoxTops app on your phone) and Amazon Smiles where a portion of every purchase can go towards our school. Please spread the word with your family and friends.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions please reach out to us at any time. We look forward to hearing from you.



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**Thank you SHES
Classroom Partners!**

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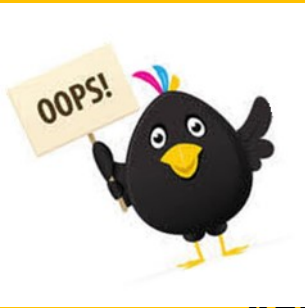
**Staff and students
sincerely
appreciate your
support!**



THANK YOU!

**Thank you to all the virtual guest teachers
we had for Duke Energy's
Great American Teach In!**

**Staff and students really appreciate your
support during this unique time!**



Accidents Happen!!

Please consider donating new,
unopened packages of boys and girls
underwear to the clinic.

We are in need of the following sizes.

- XS = size 4 S = size 6-8
- M = size 10-12 L = 14-16

**Do you need a SHES T-Shirt
for Friday Spirit Days?
Visit
PTA Member Hub!**

<https://shes-pta.new.memberhub.store/store>



Kiwanis Student of the Month!

November – Alex Penna

Alex embodies the core values that Kiwanis International represents. He is responsible, reliable and ready to learn daily. Alex treats everyone he meets with respect and optimism. He demonstrates a willingness to help others by giving and not receiving anything in return. He has a heart of Gold!!

Alex has impeccable manners! He realizes that what he says and how he behaves are representative of his character. He arrives to school each day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. He goes above and beyond academically by being motivated by having a growth mind-set, a problem solver, and most importantly challenging himself in all areas. I feel Alex understands that his mistakes are a part of growing and gaining knowledge. There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to achieve success in his life because he has the attitude and work ethic to succeed. I have enjoyed having Alex in our fifth grade classroom. I'm the lucky one!!!

---Ms. Brennan, 5th grade teacher



Notes from Nurse Jen!

Every student in Kindergarten, first, and third grade OR new to the county, will have a vision and hearing screen done on either January 4th or 5th. Please make sure that if your child wears glasses, to bring them on these days.

Please be advised if you want your child to be excluded from any of these screenings, we must receive a written request from the Parent/Guardian, to the School, for the **Attention of the School Nurse** as soon as possible before the screening date.

