Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
December 2018

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Calendar



12/4 – SHES Holiday Music Performance

1st grade – 6 pm 5th grade – 7 pm

12/6 - IMOMS - 7:55 am 12/11 - SAC Meeting 5:30pm

12/17 - Wonderland Shop Opens

12/21 - End of Grading Period

12/21 – Sea Turtle Character Assembly 8:45am

12/24 – 1/7 – School Closed Happy Holidays!

Jan. 2019 – Happy New Year!! 1/8 – School reopens for students



SHES PTA www.ourshespta.org

Principal's Pen

Dear Safety Harbor Elementary Families,

Welcome to the most wonderful time of the year! We have much to look forward to and celebrate this month with our families and friends. With three full weeks of instructional opportunities to go, we have much work to do as well. MAP testing begins this week for Kindergarten through 5th grade and the grading period ends on December 21st. 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 teacher.

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!

This month we have many things planned so please check "Mark Your Calendar" for upcoming activities. We hope that you are able to join in all the fun and festivities. Just a reminder to complete our annual parent survey at the link below. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Finally, a special thank you to PTA and all parents who contributed to our Staff Appreciation Luncheon last month. Everyone enjoyed the many dishes shared! On behalf of our school family to yours, we wish you a happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Palmer, Principal

December Character Trait: Kindness

Being nice & considerate towards others!

November Character Winners-Citizenship

Andrew Brocklebank Drew Nguyen Pedro Bernal-Damillon Ruby Vidovic Kaiden Smith Zoey Lawson Alden Hinson Gabriella Zimmer Javaughnie Argue Weston Bosch Javier Hernandez Lorelei Trendelman Emilee Gease Daphne Kelley Camilo Garcia Baez Dylan Armanious Sebastian Records Declan Chopping Waldy Ricart Ashley McNeal Rose Tanner Preston Powers Bella Brown Fernando Torres-Moreno Jack Marshburn Darius Hart Alex Collova Jake Hinson Samantha Laranang Parker Fish Lillian Lazinsk Evan Warford Julia Morse Havana Greeley Travis Gilley Colin Anderson Madeline Jones Audrey Foreman Alyson Farrell Lily Calderon

SHES CLASSROOM
PARTNERS!

Bram-Tsafatinos Family Cassondra Fredriksen The Ostoski Family T & T's Salon



December with SHES PTA = Winter Fun!!

As we return from a fun and relaxing Fall Break, SHES PTA would like to thank each of the families who provided a dish to share at the Teacher / Staff Appreciation Luncheon. The hospitality team transformed the media center into a beautifully decorated and inviting fall oasis and the words 'there is so much delicious food' were repeated again and again! The teachers and staff were very appreciative of the wonderful variety of food, as was the SHES PTA! The PTA was also honored to host many veterans who tirelessly served our country at our annual Veteran's Day Breakfast. Veterans serving between 4 and 45 years shared their history of service to our country and enjoyed a delicious array of breakfast treats. SHES students involved in local Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups did a wonderful job of posting the colors and beginning the breakfast with The Pledge of Allegiance.

While we all look forward to a well-deserved Winter Break, SHES PTA will also be hosting the Wonderland Holiday Shop. The shop will be open from 12/17-12/20 and is filled with a large selection of reasonably priced gift items, starting at just 50 cents, for students to purchase for their friends and family members. More information will be sent home with students closer to the shop dates.

As we approach the half-way point in our school year, PTA would like to thank the classroom representatives for all of their help this year! With each teacher having very busy schedules, room representatives are an essential key to keeping fellow classroom parents informed. We appreciate the time you spend sending e-mails, coordinating celebrations, and helping teachers with special tasks.

In addition to the upcoming Wonderland Holiday Shop (12/17-12/20), we also hope to see you at this month's iMoms meeting on 12/6. SHES PTA wishes you and yours a fun and safe Winter Break!

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Clinic News!

SHORTS NEEDED!
Elastic waist band preferred.
All sizes needed!
New undergarments needed,
small sizes please!

Volunteer Corner!

Students and Staff would like to thank all the guest teachers SHES had for The Great American Teach In. Everybody had a wonderful time and your support is greatly appreciated!

No need to log hours for GATI. They have already been entered for you!



Kiwanis Students of the Month:

Natalie Brock

It was my pleasure to nominate Natalie Brock for the Kiwanis Student of the Month for November. I have worked with Natalie for almost a year and have seen so much growth academically and mentally. Natalie has become a leader in our reading, math, and writing groups. She has especially excelled in the area of writing. She has developed a love for writing, and it shows. She often comes to me to show off her latest writing piece that she creates on her own time. I am very proud of how far she has come and very excited to see her transition into a mature middle school student. Keep up the good work, Natalie! The future is very bright!

Sincerely, Brittany Belejchak



<u>Congratulations to SHES Teacher and Support Staff member of the year!</u>

Teacher: Mrs. Stryker – 4th grade teacher and PCSB Top Ten Finalist! CONGRATS!

Support Staff: Coach Fish – PE Department







Lunch Pal Mentors Needed... especially male mentors!

Make an Impact - Become a Mentor!
We need Lunch Pal mentors! Especially MALE
Lunch Pal Mentors! Become a registered
volunteer, attend a mentor workshop, change the
life of a student! It is that easy! Only 30 minutes a
week during lunch! Any day of the week! Contact
Lisa Zollars in the front office for more details!

Dear Safety Harbor Sea Turtles,

Hello K-KIDS. What a great meeting last month greeting our Veterans and making them feel appreciated. We are so lucky to live in a place where our very own community members choose to protect our country. Thank you for sharing your smiles and appreciation.

We will meet for our December meeting on Friday December 7th at 7:45, where we will assemble 75 hygiene bags for the HEP-Homeless Empowerment Program, a non-profit in Clearwater. Parents who attended the November meeting took home a leaf with what they will donate for the bags. If you did not get a chance to choose a leaf and would like to donate, feel free to contact Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Troutman, Mrs. Collova, or Mrs. Gazlay. Parents, this would be a great meeting to attend as we have a lot to accomplish that morning in a short amount of time.

Again, thank you for your support. WE BUILD!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Baby Mrs. Collova Mrs. Gazlay Mrs. Troutman

