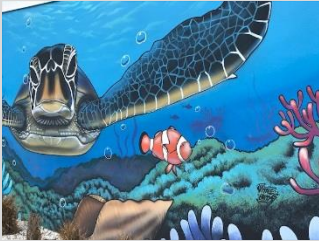


Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
December 2019

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

December 2019

- 12/4 PTA Bingo for Books 6:00pm
- 12/5 All Pro Dads 7:55 am
- 12/10 SAC Meeting 5:30pm
- 12/12 Winter Concert –
1st grade – 6pm
5th grade – 7 pm
- 12/18 Drama Club Performance
- 12/20 Sea Turtle Character
Assembly
End of 2nd quarter
3rd Grading Period Begins
- 12/23 – 1/6
Winter Break
No school for students!

Looking forward:
January 2020
Happy New Year!

- 1/7 Students return to
school
- 1/14 Ready, Set
Kindergarten 6:00 pm
- 1/20 Dr. MLK Day – School Closed
- 1/21 Report Cards go home for
Grading Period 2
- 1/23 Class Picture Day

Principal's Pen

Dear Safety Harbor Elementary Families,

We have much to look forward to and celebrate this month with our families and friends. With only three full weeks of instructional opportunities this month, we have much work to do as well. MAP testing began this week for Kindergarten through 5th grade and the grading period ends on December 20th. 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.

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!

For your child's safety, please be reminded that the only drop off is by parking and walking or driving through the car circle. We have received a number of reports regarding parents dropping off in unsafe locations, like the street or parking lots. Please help us to curb these unsafe practices and follow school processes to ensure the safety of each of our students.

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. **It is that time of year also! Please complete our annual parent survey at the link below. We look forward to hearing from you.**

<https://www.pcsb.org/parentsurvey> and select Safety Harbor Elementary.

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!

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

Ms. Palmer, Principal

November Character Winners: Citizenship

Gabriella Green
Jonathan Mangual
Constantine "Dino" Tsafatinos
Lucas Jackson
Quian Wareham
Logan Tickner
Eleni Damianakis
Michael Mendoza
Hadley Nugent
Carolina Miller
Giovanni Sanchez
Kylie Clouse
Tyonne Hartsfield
Paisley Kruger
Alaina Gutierrez
Claire Wilson
Trent Delvecchio
Olivia Scott
Dylan McCormack
Elliana Schultz
Mason Lopez
Sebastain Records
Dylan Armanious
Josiah Hernandez-Garcia
Angelica Sieradzki
Erina Maloku
Zoe Martin
Sophia Webb
Viliam Gahura
Jocelyn Ibarra-Hernandez
Bryan McGinnis
Allison Schuler
Camila Garnica
Chelsea Howell
Mackenzie Blunier
George Aylor
Natalie Scott
Amaya Brown
Olivia Webb
Noah Malice

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

PTA NEWS:

Welcome back SHES Families. We hope everyone had a relaxing Fall Break. First, the PTA hospitality team would like to thank each family who provided a yummy dish for our Staff Appreciation Luncheon. As always, the teachers and staff were very appreciative of all the delicious food – and there was A LOT of delicious food. Thank you for helping us make the teachers and staff feel appreciated.

In November, the PTA was also honored to host our annual Veteran's Day breakfast. Active and retired military members shared their history of service and enjoyed a delicious array of breakfast treats. SHES students involved in local Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups also did a wonderful job of posting the colors and beginning the breakfast with the Pledge of Allegiance. The 5th grade chorus also entertained our guests with several songs. It was a wonderful way to show our love and support for those that protect our country.

We know December is a busy month but we still have a few fun events planned. Coming up is a family favorite event: Bingo for Books. Join us on December 4th at 6pm for bingo in the cafeteria where winning players will be able to choose a book. Bingo will be followed by a special treat – Rita's Italian Ice. We hope we you can join us – please turn in your RSVP to make sure we have enough Rita's for everyone. Also don't forget that Thursday, December 5th is All Pro Dads in the cafeteria. Join your child in the Media Center for a light breakfast, fun project and quality time.

Finally, please don't forget to keep clipping those box tops and sending them in with your child. So far we have earned just under \$300. The top class will be announced the last day before Christmas break and every child in the winning class will be able to pick an item from the PTA treasure box. In addition, don't forget to download the BoxTops App on your smart phone and scan your receipts after each purchase. On the same note, if you use Amazon Smiles when doing your holiday shopping please consider choosing Safety Harbor Elementary School PTA as your charity of chose and a portion of all your purchases will be given directly to your PTA. Please spread the word with your family and friends.

Thank you to all that continue to volunteer your time and talents. We appreciate everyone of you. 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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SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!

Heritage United Methodist
The Sullivan Family
The Incorvaia Family
American Legion Post 238
The Hildick Family
The Fish Family

Volunteer Corner!

Happy
Holidays to
the amazing
volunteers
we have
here at
SHES! We
could not do
it without
you!



Volunteers
don't forget to
log ALL of your
hours! Every
minute helps
SHES shine!



Kiwanis Student of the Month: November Eva Velez

Eva Velez is an all-around top-notch student and my selection for Kiwanis Student of the Month. Her commitment to learning and to be a model citizen in our classroom makes her the perfect choice. Academically, Eva approaches every learning opportunity with a positive attitude. Even when the rigor of the fifth-grade curriculum becomes challenging, her dedication and determination is awe-inspiring. Eva's kindness shines bright and she is very well respected by her classmates. She adheres to all classroom expectations and encourages her peers to do the same. Eva deserves to be the Kiwanis Student of the month!

Her very proud fifth grade teacher - Mrs. Webb

Change your lunch plans. Change a child's life! Become a Lunch Pal Mentor!

Attend a mentor training workshop noted below:

12/03/2019 — Noon to 1:30 p.m. Community United Methodist Church of Oldsmar, 207 Buckingham Ave. E., Oldsmar

12/04/2019 — 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Pinellas Education Foundation, Fargo Conference Room, 12090 Starkey Road, Largo

12/11/2019 — Noon to 1:30 p.m. Pinellas County Schools, Administration Building, Room E111, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo

12/17/2019 — 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. City of St. Petersburg Water Resource Building, Conf. Room, 1650 Third Ave., North

Contact the front office if you need more information!



K-Kids will be meeting on December 13th, at 7:45am to complete our 2019 holiday service project.

We will be gathering to put together 60 holiday packages for foster children in our area. Parent participation to help with wrapping and facilitating this big project would be greatly appreciated to wrap and facilitate.

We are looking forward to gathering to bring joy to many this holiday.

**Thank you-
Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Collova, Mrs. Gazlay, Mrs. Hallstead, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Troutman**



**Happy Holidays &
Happy New Year to
all of our Sea Turtle
family members!**