

# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
February 2020

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## Calendar



### Mark Your Calendar:

February 2020

2/3-2/7 School Counselor  
Week

2/6 Mornings w/ Mom  
7:55am

2/7 Mid Period Grading

2/11 SAC meeting  
5:30PM

2/13 Kindergarten  
Grandparent  
Valentine Concert  
6pm

2/17 School Closed

2/21 Jog-A-Thon

2/28 Character Assembly,  
1:55pm

Looking ahead:

3/5 All Pro Dads, 7:55am

3/12 Astro Skate 2:55pm-  
6:15pm

## Principal's Pen

Happy February SHES Families,

We have had a busy 2020 so far! The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, Report Cards, and Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Oh my! Thank you so much to our PTA for organizing and hosting our Family Math Night event tonight! We look forward to seeing everyone for pizza and math fun! In January our teachers wrapped up our second round of district assessments and have been taking time to review data, and with students, set goals for this next grading period. Our cycle assessments help teachers determine the progress on student mastery of the standards as well as determining the direction of instruction in the classroom. It is very important that communication occurs with your teacher so you, as a parent, are fully aware of your scholars' strengths and areas of improvement so we can work as a team to support their needs.

In an effort to plan for one of the upcoming state assessments, please note the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Writing will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. FSA for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure that students are in attendance.

Writing assignments sent home by teachers are one way students are preparing, in addition to what is happening in their classroom. **An important piece of information to have as a parent is that the writing score a student earns is part of a student's overall ELA (English/Language Arts) FSA score.** So the writing assessment is just as important as the reading portion.

A "Save the Date" timeline will be sent home with the remaining testing windows that take place in April and May, which will help with personal planning and scheduling for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Finally families, we have many exciting activities planned for the month of February and we hope that you will be available to participate. A big thank you in advance to "Mr. J" and the Jog-A-Thon team. Our students are getting lap ready for a successful event! Parents, if you plan to attend Jog-A-Thon with your child during their PE time, remember to arrive a little early for check in at the front office. All parent volunteers must be registered through Lisa Zollars. Look for other events on our website calendar and in our newsletter. Thank you as always for all involved in planning and volunteering to support these events! You help SHES to shine!

February Character  
Trait:  
Tolerance  
Respecting the  
individual differences,  
views & beliefs of other  
people.

Ms. Palmer,  
Principal

**January Character Winners:  
Self-Motivation:**

**Brian Goulart  
Belen Bauer  
Krish Patel  
Cora Faust  
Annabelle Bitner  
Dean Collova  
Phoenix Gondi  
Brady Earner  
Ali Laaroussi  
Jack Mander  
Lucas Sanderson  
Caden Union  
Kaitlyn Ostoski  
Sophie Valentine  
Amani Brown  
Jeffrey Naret  
Kasra Boozarjomehri  
Josiah Lee-Allen  
Joseph Jones  
Karla Temoxtle-Santiago  
Kaitlyn Reardon  
Anton Johnson  
Jackson Penna  
Brycen Bosch  
Jared Hernandez  
Giovanni Colarocco  
Emerson Tokotch  
Alan Jayden Vargas-Calderon  
Alexandra Dulong  
Gabriel Adams  
Madison Castiglia  
Jiya Patel  
Jada Cadwell  
Logan Callahan  
Emma Cvihun  
Keeghan Tennian  
Sebastian Tyler  
Ella Khokhar  
Eliana Just  
Leyla Acar**

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

**PTA NEWS:**

Can you believe we already celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school? Wow! While we may have less than half of the school year remaining, we still have many exciting things planned. First, we like to thank the over 100 families that joined us for our spirit night at McDonalds. It was a big success. Spirit nights are a wonderful way for students and families to spend time together outside of school while raising money for our school. Thanks to all of those that came out, we were able to raise nearly \$350 just by having fun and eating dinner. We plan on hosting one more spirit night before the end of the year so keep an eye out for that when the times comes!

The students (and faculty) enjoyed a special treat sponsored by the PTA at last month's character assembly - Didgeridoo Down Under. It was a unique show combining music, culture, science, comedy, character building, anti-bullying, environmentalism and audience participation. How's that for one event? Plus saying the word, "didgeridoo" is just plain fun.

Looking ahead, we hope you can join us for SHES' annual Math Night and PTA dinner on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This evening is a great way to learn how to support your child by making math fun while enjoying a free, yummy dinner provided by your PTA. Even if you did not get a chance to RSVP we still hope to see you there.

Mornings with Mom will meet this month in the media center on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't been yet, it still isn't too late to join the fun. The morning begins at 7:55am with a light breakfast followed by a family friendly craft.

Also coming up is our last fundraiser of the year – the annual Jog-A-Thon. On Friday February 21, students in all grade levels will participate in what has become one of the favorite events of the year. Family and friends sponsor students based on the number of laps they think they can walk or run during their scheduled PE time. Male and female students with the most laps will be awarded a prize for each grade level. Participating teachers and staff are also eligible to win a prize! As always, to make this event successful we will need many volunteers to track laps during the event. More information on how to volunteer at this exciting event will be sent home soon. It is a really fun way to spend the day!

Finally, it is time to place your merchandise orders as we will be making one final order before the end of the school year. Orders are due by Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Check out our website and Facebook pages for the order form (it was also sent via PeachJar) or order directly online at: <https://shes-pta.memberhub.store>. In addition, yearbooks will also go on sale this month. Our SHES yearbook is a great way to capture the memories from the 2019-2020 school year. Look for a flyer to come home soon! If you have any pictures you would like in the yearbook, please send them to [jenfridmartinez@gmail.com](mailto:jenfridmartinez@gmail.com). Please just label the subject with grade and teacher name. We are always looking for more pictures.

As always, we are always looking for your feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

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## Kiwanis Student of the Month: February Serenity Crawford!

When I was asked to choose a student of the month for Kiwanis I reflected on which one of my fifth graders consistently meets Safety Harbors school wide expectations of being responsible, respectful, ready to learn, and always safe. I instantly realized that although all of my students strive to do their very best, Serenity Crawford represents these traits not only in the classroom, but throughout Safety Harbor Elementary.

Serenity exhibits responsibility and respectfulness by being a Safety Patrol at Safety Harbor. Everyday Serenity is at her post on time, greeting students and staff with a friendly smile and ready to keep our students safe. I know that I can count on Serenity to take her responsibilities seriously.

Serenity showcases the trait of being ready to learn on a daily basis as well. She consistently makes the most of her learning opportunities and always strives to do her best. She is a wonderful role model for her peers and shows them that through hard work and perseverance anything is possible!

Finally, Serenity is always safe at Safety Harbor. She follows classroom rules, processes, and procedures to ensure that a safe learning environment is maintained throughout the classroom and campus for herself and everyone around her.

This was a great honor recommending one of my students for this amazing award. I am so thankful that I can be a part of Serenity's educational journey and can support her in all of her endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Troutman

## Clinic News!



Needed!

New underwear for boys and girls.

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front office!



Hello KKIDS Families-

We met in January to brainstorm some ideas and get motivated by a Kid President video, on ways that we can change the world one small step at a time. We came up with some pretty cool ideas, from item drives, to providing reading materials, to donating used items to those in need in our community service organizations.

The children were enthusiastic and motivated to start the year with sharing what was in their hearts. Our February Meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:45 in the Media Center. We will decide our next project and will separate responsibilities to make it happen. Parents, if you want to help you may want to attend to see if you can offer assistance in the planning stages, so we can carry out a great project for March.

We Build! KKIDS Officers and Members Thank you for your continued support!!!!  
Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Collova, Mrs. Gazlay, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Lyons and  
Mrs. Troutman

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from bell to bell! 😊**

**Thank you!**

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