

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

- 2/1-5 National School Counselor Week!**
- 2/2 Report Cards Go Home**
- 2/05 – Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**
- 2/5 100th Day of School! 😊**
- 2/9 Virtual SAC Meeting**
SHES February SAC Meeting 2-9-2021 5:30pm
- 2/11 PTA Virtual Bingo Night & General Meeting, 6:30 pm**
- 2/12 Mid Grading Period Reports Go Home**
- 2/15 President's Day No School for Students**
- 2/26 Virtual Character Assembly**

Looking forward:

**3/15-3/19 – Spring Break
NO SCHOOL**

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

Happy February SHES Families,

Principal's Pen

We are quickly approaching our 100th day of school! Quite an exciting milestone in an otherwise unique year! We are so very excited to have the majority of our Sea Turtles back on campus! In January our amazing teachers wrapped up our second round of district assessments and have been taking time to review data, and with students set goals for this 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. Grading period 2 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, February 2nd. Please take time to review these with your student, celebrate successes and set goals. It is very important that communication occurs between you and your child's teacher, so you, as a parent, are fully aware of your scholar's strengths and areas in need of improvement so we can work as a team to support their needs. Regular daily attendance, checking Portal, and reviewing returned assignments are all ways to ensure that your scholar is performing successfully. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teacher!

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in grades 3-5 will begin taking place in early April. In addition to information shared by the classroom teacher, parents can visit the Florida Department of Education site <https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.html> for practice tests and general information. Reading and 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 4th and 5th grade 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 soon with testing windows which will help with personal planning and scheduling for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

Ready, Set! Kindergarten! was very successful again this year, even in the virtual setting! Kindergarten registration is now open. Reach out to our front office for information. Also, this month PTA will be hosting a Virtual Bingo for Books night! I hope you will join us for the fun. Check out the invitation in this month's newsletter!

Finally parents, community members and virtual mentors, thank you as always for your continued support in these trying times. Our SHES Faculty members are working hard to meet the needs of our students after a very inconsistent lapse in face to face instruction. Your positive words and gestures of encouragement are uplifting and very much appreciated. You help SHES to shine!

Ms. Palmer, Principal

SHES PTA News

Character Winners for January! Self-Motivation

Milania Andolino
Jayden Larry
Kingston Pendergist
Anthony Babiy
Karina Souder
Wyatt Danhour
Sam Roza
Tanaiyah Thomas
Billie Wilson
Olive Dumphy
Jessica Torres-Moreno
Marlin Barnes
Noah Loughrey
Aiden LeMons
Anisa Jacaj
Kyle Powers
Brody Pilcher
Luna Chriss
Joshua Jones
Lola Marti
Archer Dixon
Braydon Ison
Trent Delvecchio
Lily Danhour
Dominic Lawson
Jayla Jackson
Olivia Incorvaia
Sol Hernandez-Casilla
Kendyl Denison
Taylor Belejchak
Jason Harville
Rose Tanner
Chloe Sabor
Selma Dizdarevic
Emerson Tokotch
Andrea Stout
Alex Collova
Kayvon Boozarjomehri
Reed Parry
Cassandra Douskos-Duarte
Elena Tickner

Hello Safety Harbor Sea Turtle families. One month of 2021 is already over and we hope the new year is treating you all well. Unfortunately, COVID continues to limit our ability to meet in person. While we had high hopes that we would be able to offer some of our traditional programs and activities second semester, it does not appear we will be able to do so. Hoping next school year we can return to "normal" and look forward to providing some of our time honored traditions once again.

Until then we do have a couple of virtual programs to share with you this month. First, we will be hosting our annual Bingo for Books on February 11 from 6:30 to 7:30. Please register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094EADA828A4F49-virtual>. We will provide bingo cards for all family participants so all you will have to do is log in! Books will be distributed at school following the event. We will host a short general PTA meeting and then play three rounds of family fun bingo. We hope you can join us.

In addition, we are happy to share a family Valentine's activity, inspired by one of our very own SHES students. Please check out the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WcQfP9j6qjjZtWGBr9CEXasYESHI0Pbw/view?usp=drivesdk>.

We hope you enjoy this easy way to share love and encouragement with those in your house.

We are also happy to announce that we plan to offer a yearbook this year. It will be a modified version with less candid shots (again, thanks Covid) but are excited to be able to provide something. Please keep your eye out for more information.

We know Spirit Nights cannot be the big gatherings we used to have, but we can still support our school and local business while hosting a socially distance spirit night. Please join us on Thursday, March 4th at Nona's pizza. A proceed of all dine-in or take-out orders will be donated to our PTA.

Finally, while it may be hard to believe, it is time to start planning for our PTA board and committee leads for next school year. Our board meets once a month and helps plan and implement our school events. Positions include President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising, Communications and Programs, just to name a few. Not ready to commit to monthly meetings? We have many positions for committee leads as well. Some of these include Hospitality, Staff appreciation, Mornings with Mom, All Pro Dads, Fall Fest, Jog-a-Thon, Yearbook and Head Room Representative. If you have any interest in any of these positions, please reach out to us. We would love to have you.

As always feel free to reach out to us with any comments or suggestions. If you have an idea for a virtual activity that you would like to lead, do not hesitate to let us know that too!

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motivation

Thank you SHES
Classroom Partners!

The Novak Family

The Ostoski Family

The Dixon Family

*Bright Eyes
Family Vision*

Staff and students
sincerely
appreciate your
support!



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

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

Volunteer Corner

If you have been able to volunteer by assisting a teacher, classroom or department from home, please remember to log your hours! Every minute counts! We appreciate your support during this very unique school year! Hope you see you all back on campus SOON! 😊



Perfect Attendance ROCKS!
(Online and Traditional)
Everyday counts for every grade level! Help SHES shine by attending from bell to bell.

Annual ESE Parent Survey is underway

It is time for the Florida Department of Education's annual Exceptional Student Education Parent Survey. Each year, the department surveys parents of students with an individual education plan (IEP) who receive special education services to determine how well schools are promoting their involvement in their children's education.

If your child receives special education services, make your voice heard. Take the ESE Parent Survey.

Feedback helps the state and the school district improve educational services for children with special needs and their families. The survey is confidential, but Pinellas County Schools receives overall results and improves ESE services based on parent feedback. As a result, the district has created a helpline to assist families with navigating special education services and implemented options to make ESE Advisory Committee Meetings accessible to families throughout the county.

Parents can take the ESE Parent Survey at www.esesurvey.com or complete a paper survey distributed by their child's school. The survey closes May 31.

Kiwanis Student of the Month!



January – Emma Cvihun

Emma is my choice for Kiwanis Student of the Month.

She is very self-motivated, inquisitive and eager to learn. If she is faced with a challenging task, she is determined to figure it out and doesn't let frustration get in her way. She is always asking questions to deepen her understanding of everything we are learning in all subject areas. She is such a well rounded student! Emma's dedication to her learning is what made her stand out as my selection for this month's Kiwanis student. She strives for perfection and works even harder to get it. Sometimes too hard!

Emma is not only an amazing student, her good character is something to be admired. Emma always presents herself with a smile and a kind demeanor. She gets along with all of her classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand for myself or one of her classmates.

Her drive to learn and succeed is outstanding! I could go on and on about how amazing she is. I am lucky I get to be her teacher this school year and know we will see great things from Emma in the future!

---Mrs. Tickner – 5th grade teacher



Notes from Nurse Jen!

Remember National Children's Dental Health Month with these Oral Hygiene Tips:

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, but you and your children should think about Dental Health all year long. It's a great opportunity to make sure you're on top of your child's dental hygiene.

Here are some ways you can be proactive about your child's oral health:

Don't Wait

As soon as your child's first tooth appears, you can start oral hygiene practices, wiping their teeth clean with a damp cloth or soft brush before moving to a toothbrush.

Practice Proper Brushing Technique

You can help your young child brush their teeth with training toothpaste and a small toothbrush.

Teach Children to Brush Twice Daily

For school-age children, brushing with a fluoride toothpaste will keep away tooth decay. Children should also be flossing twice a day to remove plaque between teeth before it hardens into tartar.

Help Your Child Keep a Balanced Diet

The dentist can partner with you to create a plan to keep your child's mouth healthy. In everyday life, a balanced diet of vitamins and minerals, calcium and phosphorous not only helps general health, but it can also help keep their teeth strong.