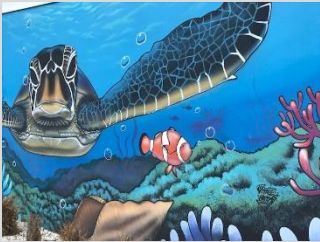


Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
January 2019

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Calendar



Jan. 2019 – Happy New Year!!
1/8 - School Reopens
1/15 – SAC meeting – 5:30 pm
1/16 – Ready, Set, Kindergarten-
6pm
1/18 – Report Cards come home!
1/21 – School Closed
MLK Jr. Birthday
1/22- Smile! Class Picture Day
1/25 – Sea Turtle Character
Assembly - Auditorium
Pre-K – 2nd grade 8:45am
3rd – 5th grade 10am
1/31 – PTA General Meeting &
Family Math Night 5:45pm
1/31 & 2/1 – Hearing & Vision
Testing

Looking Forward:

2/1 – Crossing Guard
Appreciation Day!
2/7 – All Pro Dads – 7:50am



Principal's Pen

Happy New Year and welcome back SHES families,

On behalf of our faculty, we hope that you had a wonderful break full of fun, relaxing and memory making moments. Thank you to our PTA, all volunteers, students and staff who helped to make the events prior to break a special time for our school community.

With a new grading period beginning today, it's the perfect time to reinforce positive work habits as it relates to completing class work and homework and making time to read something each day to promote fluency, comprehension and a love for reading and writing. Report cards for quarter 2 will be going home on Friday, January 18th. This is also a good time to discuss new goals for the remainder of the school year.

On Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00pm we will be hosting Ready, Set, Kindergarten. We welcome all parents of 2019 incoming kindergarten students to gain information about the SHES kindergarten experience. We will tour classrooms, begin the registration process and answer questions that parents may have at this time. If you have an incoming kindergarten student please join us for this important session.

Looking ahead, state assessments will quickly be approaching for our 3rd through 5th grade students. One great resource to help them to prepare can be found at <https://fsassessments.org/> We look forward to working together to help your students grow their learning and their confidence!



Parents, please keep the family of Mrs. Karen Peters in your thoughts as she lost her battle with cancer on Friday, December 28th. Our beloved Mrs. Peters touched the lives of many, many students and families at Safety Harbor Elementary. We will forever hold her bright light, enthusiastic spirit and loving nature in our hearts and memories. Donations can be made in Mrs. Karen Peters' memory to the HPH Hospice Marliere Care Center.

<https://lifepathhospice.chaptershealth.org/HPHGeneralDonation>

Ms. Palmer, Principal

SHES PTA
www.ourshespta.org

January Character Trait:
Self-Motivation
Working in a careful & consistent
manner without giving up!

2018-2019 Safety Harbor Elementary Arrival and Dismissal Processes

In an effort to keep your child safe, we have the following policies and processes concerning arrival and dismissal. With a new semester beginning, please take a moment to revisit these processes to increase safety and efficiency for all families during these important times of day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

STUDENT ARRIVAL PROCESS

Before 8:15 a.m.: **Students are not allowed on school grounds unless enrolled in the YMCA, under parent supervision, or have prior permission as member of a club.**

South and West Walkers/Bike Riders enter campus through the South/Kindergarten Pod gate only utilizing crossing guards. Secured bike parking is available.

Please do not cross MLK with your child at 6th Avenue near the car circle exit and where no crossing guard is present.

It is dangerous due to the constant flow of traffic and does not demonstrate safe pedestrian behavior.

North and East Walkers/Bike Riders arrive on campus at the front of the main building near the bus lane, entering in the East/Media Center gate. Secured bike parking is available.

8:15 a.m.: Students may go to the cafeteria for breakfast or they must go to their designated waiting area until the 8:35 a.m. bell. At 8:35 a.m. students may go to classrooms, where teachers will greet them.

STUDENT DISMISSAL PROCESS

2:40 p.m.: Patrols report to duty. Day Care vans, Bus Riders and Car Riders are dismissed from classrooms. 2:45 p.m.: Walkers, bike riders and YMCA students are dismissed. North and East Walkers/Bike Riders exit campus at the crosswalk at the East/Media Center gate. South and West Walkers/Bike Riders, exit campus at the crosswalk at the South/ Kindergarten Pod gate.

3:00 p.m.: Patrols are off duty. All students should be off school grounds unless in the YMCA program or participating in an after school program.

CAR CIRCLE AND PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

SAFETY FIRST AT SAFETY HARBOR

Refrain from the use of cell phones and smoking, in the car circle, including the use of vapor products. There is no smoking allowed on school board property.

Pay attention to your driving by maintaining a safe speed (speed limit is 5 miles per hour). Stop at all stop signs.

Watch out for pedestrians in crosswalks.

RESPECT

In the morning and in the afternoon, there is One Way traffic around the perimeter of the campus during specific times.

Please be courteous to all motorists and staff members.

Pull all the way up to the vehicle in front of you, before dropping off and picking up your child, leaving no gaps between cars, especially once you entered the car circle.

With multiple adults on duty monitoring student safety, drop off each morning is the entire length of the car circle, including Kindergarten. Students should disembark at the first place your vehicle stops in the car circle where a guardrail opening is visible.

Delays due to selective colors/locations requires your vehicle to stop multiple times in the car circle, therefore delaying drop off for others.

RESPONSIBILITY

Be on time to drop off your child in the morning. According to Pinellas County Schools Student Code of Conduct, **a student is tardy when he/she is not in his/her seat when the bell rings at 8:45 a.m.**

The car circle gate closes promptly at 8:45 a.m. and students arriving after the gate closes need to go to the front office to get a tardy slip with their parent.

Be on time to pick up your child in the afternoon. **Students should be picked up from school no later than 3:15 p.m.** School ends at 2:45 p.m. Staff members are on duty until 3:15 p.m. Parents that have not picked up their child by 3:15 p.m. will need to come in and sign their child out.

Place a sign on your dashboard or rear view mirror that clearly states your child's name and grade. Please leave this visible until your child is in the car and you exit the car circle.

Thank you!

We Need Your Vote Today!

Wendy Stryker, 4th grade SHES teacher, needs our vote to become this year's Pinellas County Teacher of the Year Facebook Fan Favorite sponsored by the Tampa Bay Rays!

How to vote:

- Go to the Pinellas Education Foundation Facebook page.
- Like the page.
- Go to the Dec. 13 post regarding Teacher of the Year Fan Favorite.
- Find Mrs. Stryker's picture and "like".

Your vote will be registered after you have liked both their page and her picture.

Thank you for your support! (Voting ends Jan. 18)



(Direct Links)

<https://www.facebook.com/pinellaseducation/photos/a.10156975346103656/10156975347168656/?type=1&theater>

December Character
Winners-Kindness

Brie Ann Batista
Dakota Wojtecki
Vivlan Gease
Korina Orozco
Ilana Brown
Noah Rittenhouse
Ethan Visbeck
Arlella Zabatanl
McKenna Williams
London Osborne
Lucas Sanderson
AJ Stuckey
Bella Rose Silms
Kyla Garver
Joshua Stewart
Miriam Rashid
Rawan Suwan
Ameryla Larson
J'aolani Morad
Jacob Walker
Kylie Rogers
Olivia Ostoski
Ayden Thompson
Angelina Pena
Elizabeth Rose
Ruby O'Connor
Mannon Baltrusaitis
Marlah Williams
David Bryan McGinnis
Makayla Ortega
Serenity Crawford
Marlana Cruz-Martinez
Nathan Austin
Maya Radwanski
Evan Warford
Sophia Karikas
Reagan Tancreti
Jack Guy
Kerrigan Armstrong
Ell Meyerhoff

*SHE'S CLASSROOM
PARTNERS!*

American Legion, Post #238
The Sullivan Family
The Beiter Family
Rosemary Woodbury



Happy New Year from SHES PTA!

Welcome to 2019 SHES families! We ended 2018 with a fun and busy month! The students had the opportunity to shop at the holiday gift shop during the final week of classes and spent over \$4000 on gifts for their loved ones. The PTA sponsored the shop as a give back, choosing not to make a profit in order to keep the gift prices affordable for all the students. We hope that everyone who participated had a fun time shopping and that their recipients enjoyed their individualized holiday gifts.

We also submitted our first grouping of Box Tops for Education toward the end of the year and are expecting a check for \$734; way to go SHES families! We will continue to collect throughout the remainder of the school year and hope to have an even bigger final submission. Each month, awards are given to the class that collects the most Box Tops as well as the top student in each grade level. At the end of the year, the class with the highest overall collection of Box Tops will win a party, so keep clipping. Neighbors, relatives, and co-workers are all great resources to help increase your chance of winning a monthly prize.

PTA will start off the year with an exciting Super Cool Science show during the character assembly on 1/25. Students will learn amazing facts about science through cool experiments and demonstrations. After the show, students will have an opportunity to purchase a variety of science kits, all \$10 and under, to continue their science fun and learning at home. More information will be sent home with your student.

We will finish off the month on 1/31 with our Family Math Night and PTA General Meeting. Please join us for dinner with your family and valuable math lessons provided by SHES teachers and staff; it is always a fun time!

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The Vision, Hearing and Body Mass Index screenings which are required by the State of Florida for all public school children will be performed at SHES on January 31st and February 1st. Kindergarten students will receive Vision/Hearing screenings, 1st grade will receive Vision/Hearing and BMI, and 3rd grade students will receive Vision and BMI screenings. Students who are new to Pinellas County since the last screening will also receive screenings. **If you do NOT wish for your child to be screened, you must notify the School Nurse IN WRITING at least 1 week prior to the screening date.** Your child will bring home a letter on the day of their screening with the results of the screening.

Volunteer Corner!

Why log your
hours?

We track all school hours to show student and school impact in all volunteer areas. This data collection is sent to leadership at the Admin Building and the State FLDOE.

Help SHES
shine by
logging ALL of
your volunteer
hours!

SHES
Volunteers
ROCK!



Kiwanis Students of the Month: Samantha Fernandez

Samantha Fernandez is an all-around top-notch student and my selection for Kiwanis Student of the Month. Her commitment to learning and to be the model citizen in our classroom makes her the perfect choice. Academically, Samantha approaches every learning opportunity with a positive attitude. Even when the rigor of the fifth-grade curriculum becomes challenging, her dedication and determination help her overcome the hurdles. Her peers look to her for guidance and advice on a regular basis. Samantha'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. Samantha deserves to be the Kiwanis Student of the month!

Her very proud fifth grade teacher - Mrs. Webb



Need a New Year's Resolution?
Perfect Attendance ROCKS!
Every day counts!
School hours are 8:45 am –
2:45 pm





January is National Mentoring Month!

Thank you to all the mentors we have at SHES! Staff & Students thank you for your support!

Interested in becoming a mentor? In as little as 30 minutes a week, you can change the life of a student! Contact Lisa Zollars in the front office for more information.



Dear Safety Harbor Sea Turtles,

We want to thank all of the Kiwanis Club members and parents that came to the December 14th meeting and participated in putting together 75 hygiene bags for Veteran's that currently reside at the Homelessness Empowerment Program Facility in Clearwater. Through teamwork and dedication we were able to make a small difference in someone's life during the holiday season!

The next meeting will be Friday, January 11, 2018 at 7:45am. This will be a general meeting in which we will brainstorm and develop new ideas on our next community outreach project. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Baby Mrs. Collova Mrs. Gazlay Mrs. Troutman



Have a Parent Portal?

**View student grades, attendance, even items purchased at lunch!
Stop by the front office to get set up.**

This information cannot be given out over the phone or via email.

Stay informed with a parent portal!