

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
January 2020

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

January 2020
Happy New Year!

- 1/7 – Students return to school
2nd semester begins
- 1/9 – Winter Break Bingo cards are due
- 1/14 – Ready, Set, Kindergarten! 6 pm
- 1/20 – School closed, MLK Day
- 1/21 – Report cards go home
SAC Meeting 5:30pm
- 1/23 – Class Picture Day
- 1/31 – Sea Turtle Character Assembly 1:55pm

Looking ahead...
February 2020

- 2/3 & 2/4 – Vision & Hearing
- 2/5 – Family Math Night



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 Tuesday, January 21st.

With January focusing on the character trait of Self-Motivation, it is also the perfect time to discuss new goals for the remainder of the school year and what we can do to achieve those goals. Academic goal discussions might focus on MAP assessments, running record levels, completing math homework or daily practice. Another important goal to focus on may be related to social/emotional development: one random act of kindness each day, using encouraging words, cooperating with others. These small daily gestures can greatly impact a student's self-esteem and peer relations, which in turn can lead to improved academics as well.

On Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00pm we will be hosting Ready, Set, Kindergarten. We welcome all parents of 2020 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!

Finally parents, please see the last page of our newsletter for this year's survey information.

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

Best wishes to all of our families for good health, peace, joy and success in 2020!

Ms. Palmer
Principal

PTA NEWS:

Welcome back SHES families. We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday break and many good memories were made. With the new year upon us, we have some exciting news to share. Thanks to all your hard work and generosity, the PTA was able to purchase 40 new I-Pads and cases for our students' use. We were also able to purchase a large printer for our teachers and staff so they can create poster size materials for their classrooms. With technology always changing (and breaking – lol) it is awesome that we can provide our students and teachers with the technology they need to be successful. Thanks to everyone that helped the PTA raise the funds needed to make these purchases for our school.

As always, we have a few fun events planned. Please join us for our Family Math Night on Wednesday, February 5th. The PTA will provide dinner for the family and the teachers will provide ways to promote math skills through fun family activities. In addition, we will have a short general PTA meeting. Look for RSVP flyers to come home with your student soon. We hope you can join us.

Also coming up in February is our annual Jog-A-Thon. This is our second fundraiser of the year. While technological improvements are always needed, we also recognize the importance of physical activity. That is why the PTA partners with our very own PE department for this exciting fundraising event. Half of the proceeds from this event goes directly to our PE department. If you are interested in helping recruit sponsors or even helping the day of the event, shoot us an email and we will get you in touch with our team lead. We always need your help to make these events enjoyable and successful. Thank you in advance!

Finally, we are also planning a family spirit night at McDonalds so please look for information to come soon regarding this event.

Please know that we are always looking for ways to improve. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

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December Character Winners:

Kindness:

Amelia Peterson
Tristan Rocke
Clara Weston
Edin Topalli
Lillian Tanner
Liyana Horne
Bowen Ellis
Luke Larsen
Anisa Jacaj
Arturo Cruz-Mejia
Javier Hernandez
Ilana Brown
Kaiden Smith
Noella Moiescu
McKenna Williams
Taksh Kenneth Patel
Yoselyn Martinez-Duran
D'Miya Hart
Sofia Bardelli
Kamila Thanasi
Tedan Nemeth Potak
Noelle Parsons
Emma Manzi
Isabella Bosso
Melith Pere-Cruz
Kinley Adang
Landon Delfin-Hall
Hailey Patton
Selma Dizdarevic
Isabella Brown
Mekhi Crews
Sidney McLaughlin
Kendall Lindsey
Elena Tickner
Matthew Allender
Le'Shanti Robinson
Arlind Shala
Zachary Chichester
Trinity Veasley
Adelyn Troutman

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

SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!

The Tickner Family
The Ostoski Family
Victory Martial Arts
Pro Green Pest Control

Volunteer Corner!

Happy New
Year to our
amazing
volunteers!
Be on the
lookout for
the emails
requesting
volunteers!
2020 is sure
to be packed
full of
events that
need YOU!



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Kiwanis Student of the Month: January Connor Tuttle!

It is with great pleasure to nominate Conner Tuttle for the December 2019 Kiwanis Kid of the Month. Since Conner arrived at Safety Harbor Elementary in the fall, he has shown nothing but kindness and self-motivation. In the classroom, he is determined and never gives up no matter what the challenge. On campus, he has made many friends and is always setting a good example for others, which shows his tremendous integrity. We are all so happy to have Conner at our school and know that he will continue do amazing things throughout his life.

Congratulations, Conner! Keep up the great work!
---Mrs. Belejchak

Clinic News!



We could use gently used socks and NEW underwear
for both boys and girls.

Large size socks and small size underwear.

Thanks so much!





Happy New Year KKIDS families and SHES Community,

In December we gathered, wrapped, and delivered 60 packages to Children's Home Network. Thank you for your kindness and making this amazing task happen. Children's Home Network was so grateful to receive these needed supplies and the thoughtfulness especially.

We have made a difference in the lives and hearts of these children and young adults. Thank you for getting your children to KKIDS. This is truly a beautiful way to form them into the young adults that will be our leaders one day. See you on the 2nd Friday in January where we will plan a new project in our community. We Build.

Thank you-

Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Collova, Mrs. Gazlay, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Troutman

Parent Survey

Many of our parents share their excitement and appreciation for our community school on a regular basis. Please take a moment to document and share your insight and suggestions as we value your opinion! To complete the survey, please go to:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/122707/36810>

Frequently asked questions about taking the survey.

The link above is unique to our specific school. It is available in multiple languages.

If you have students in more than one school, we ask that you take the survey for each school

Key words in the survey questions that commonly confuse respondents are defined below:

Governing Body is the school board

Stakeholders include staff, students, parents, community members, and anyone with a vested interest in the school

Thank you!

