

# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
Summer 2020 (June/July)

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## Calendar



*Mark Your Calendar:*

### Virtual Summer Bridge

June 8<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday – Thursday

Open to ALL students  
Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
students

To register please visit  
[reservation.pcsb.org](http://reservation.pcsb.org)

**Front Office Hours**  
Mon. - Thurs.  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
727-724-1462

**Ms. Palmer: ext. 2020**  
**Registration: ext. 2007**



## Principal's Pen

Happy Summer SHES Families!

I hope your summer is going well and that much time is spent relaxing, rejuvenating, reconnecting and reading! Virtual Summer Bridge is going strong and I am happy to see our students enrolled and participating in live groups with our amazing teachers! You can still join!

With each school year comes change and this year is no different. Good news for her, sad news for us....Mrs. Schultz, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher is retiring from serving the students of Pinellas County. Mrs. Schultz impacted the lives of our students for 17 years. We will miss her enthusiastic and smiling face here at Safety Harbor Elementary, but know that she will enjoy the next chapter of her life and new adventures! Congratulations Mrs. Schultz! We will miss you!

Parents, we know that you have many concerns and questions surrounding the re-opening of school as it relates to **COVID-19**. In an effort to gain your input, please visit [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) to complete a Return to School survey. The survey link will close by Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to hear from you! You can also find the most updated Health and Safety school related information regarding COVID-19 on the district website. If you still haven't picked up your child's personal belongings, please visit or call the front office during open office hours.

In today's newsletter, you will find links to Summer Learning Resources. **The single most important thing our students can do over the summer, in addition to having fun, is to read something on their level each and every day for a period of at least 30 minutes.** This will keep their "reading muscles" in tip-top shape as well as help them grow as readers. Research has shown that students who lack practice and reading resources over the summer tend to slide backwards in their reading ability. Did you know.....

- Differences in children's summer learning experiences during their elementary school years can ultimately impact whether they earn a high school diploma and continue to college.
- Children fall behind an average of 2 months in reading during the summer. And, summer slide is cumulative, with these learning losses building up each summer.
- Summer learning loss accounts for two-thirds of the 9th grade achievement gap in reading.
- Students from low-income households with access to books over the summer see significantly more gains in reading scores from spring to fall than students from high-income households with access to books and those from low-income households without access to books.

Let's work together to help our Sea Turtles reach their maximum potential in the summer and during the school year! Read something each and every day to keep the learning momentum going while still making time for summer fun!

Stay safe and healthy ~

*Ms. Palmer, Principal*

June Character  
Trait:  
Courage  
Being brave in  
difficult situations,  
challenging yourself!

## May Character Winners for Caring!

Ryder Schwartzkopf  
Lucas Southworth  
Michael Gahura  
Georgia Nugent  
Leonardo Bosso  
Gicelly Molina  
Lucia Nix  
Clayton Broughton  
Benjamin Hales  
Porter Kruger  
Joshua Jones  
Avery Berens  
Amira Neal  
Weston Bosch  
David Machado  
Flavio Funes-Espinoza  
Luna Chriss  
Melith Perez-Cruz  
Aubri Slocum  
Lorelei Trendelman  
James Rivero  
Madelyn Moynihan  
Emily Wolfe  
Jimmy Bles  
Adrian Bueno  
Theresa Cote  
Olivia Ostoski  
Luke Powers  
Graciana Rittenhouse  
Enes Bujupi  
Andrea Stout  
Elizabeth Rose  
Matthew Laugen  
Cassandra Douskos-Duarte  
John Putnam  
Hudson Melchart  
Joey Eanes  
Natalie Alling  
Dwayne Walton  
Emerson Rittenhouse

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
See our SHES Facebook post  
for everyone's photo.

## Kiwanis Student of the Month! Madison English

Madison is the perfect example of a student who is motivated, determined, patient, and bright. When it comes to academics, Madison excels in all areas and always makes herself available to support her peers in anything they need help with. Madison doesn't just settle for completing her assignments and projects, but she goes above and beyond to produce the highest-quality work. Her motivation to be successful challenges others around her to pursue excellence as well. Madison is not only an incredible student academically, but also personally and socially. Madison is able to lead and guide others with a gentle and kind demeanor. Madison takes pleasure in knowing that she gave her best effort and did what she could to show love to everyone she comes in contact with. One of the most special things about Madison is her genuine heart. Madison values genuine connection with others. Everything she says and does comes from a place of selfless love and care. Madison never seems to need praise and recognition for her efforts in order to feel valued and accomplished; however, I feel that Madison is the perfect student for this award as she deserves to be celebrated for the person she is. I have been so lucky to be her gifted program teacher for all these years and can't wait to see Madison flourish in middle school and beyond!

---- Ms. Kristen Conley



## SUMMER READING

Visit our SHES Website for resources to prevent the summer slide!

Here are a couple extra sites as well:

Read On The Go

<https://www.pcsb.org/domain/8110>

## Reading with the Rays!

The Tampa Bay Rays and Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program are proud to present the 13th annual Reading with the Rays program. This year's program, presented by Suncoast Credit Union, celebrates the theme Imagine Your Story. This year's program is available digitally.

Go to

<https://clients.tampabay.com/2020/raysreading/main/index.html>

to download the publication and game card.



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## **Nurse's Notes from Nurse Leslie!**

Hello Sea Turtles!!! YOU DID IT!! You made it to the end of this crazy different year and you finished strong! I am so PROUD of you! After spending the last few months sitting in front of screens, I want you to use this summer to switch gears. DON'T SIT....STAY FIT!!! Here's some tips to make this summer a healthy one!

### **HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER:**

**S – Swim!!** Make the most of living in Florida and have some water fun!

**U – Use sunscreen!!** At least 30 SPF. Reapply every 2 hours & after sweating or swimming

**M – Make sure there's a rainbow in your meals!!** Eat lots of fruits and veggies!

**M – More water!!** Water is life... Drink up and stay hydrated for a happy body

**E – Exercise!!** Go outside and get your heart pumping!

**R – Relax and read!!** Relax to allow your body to rest and read to exercise your brain!

Make good choices this summer. Be healthy and happy. I can't wait to see you all next year!

## **PTA NEWS:**

Welcome our PTA board for 2020-2021

President –  
Cristy Rittenhouse

Treasurer –  
Dave Blunier

Secretary –  
Kristin Bram

Vice President Communications –  
Candyl Eyster

Vice President Programs –  
Katy Wilson

Vice President Fundraising –  
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Hello K-KIDS! We thank you for your service this school year. We have enjoyed spending time with you and serving our community. We look forward to gathering with K-KIDS in the 2020-21 school year. K-KIDS is surely a service to your community that will be so needed as we return sometime in the fall. Our K-KIDS community consists of students from 2nd-5th grade whose parents are willing to get them to school early once a month, and also help with service projects. If you feel this would be something for your family, consider joining this awesome club. Thank you to our Fifth graders who have served for many years at SHES. We love you! WE BUILD!!!!

Sincerely,

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

## *Volunteer Corner!*

**Thank you to all SHES volunteers! Every time I send an email request for help, my inbox quickly fills up! Safety Harbor Elementary is NEVER short on volunteers! We are blessed to have such dedicated family & community members. Thank you for helping our school and students grow stronger each year! I look forward to working with each of you again during the 2020/2021 school year. Have a wonderful summer. Stay safe and healthy!**

**Sea Turtle Strong!**

Sincerely,

**Ms. Lisa**

