# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary March 2019

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# Principal's Pen

Dear SHES Families,

After a successful and busy February, SHES March Madness is upon us! National Breakfast Week, Field Day, and Drama Performance all within the next week! Followed by a wellearned Spring Break for our students and staff.

There's a lot of excitement in the Cafeteria as they're preparing for the big breakfast race next week! National School Breakfast Week, *"Start Your Engines"*, begins on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and continues all week. Did you know that every student in the district, at every school, every day is eligible for a free breakfast in our school Café? If your student isn't already joining us before school starts in the cafeteria, drop them off at 8:15am so they can enjoy a breakfast of their choice on us! Hot and cold selections are offered daily.

A big shout out for all those involved with planning Jog-A-Thon! It was a huge success due to the commitment that our parents make to support our students. Also, many thanks to our Kindergarten team and Mrs. Carstensen for a heart-warming Grandparents Day concert. This is always absolutely adorable!

At the beginning of April, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking their first state assessment, FSA Writing. We wish them much luck and encouragement. Their teachers have prepared them well and I am very confident that they will perform successfully. Please encourage your child to perform their best, incorporate the many strategies they have been practicing, and most importantly, use all the time allotted to them for the assessment. If you would like to get more information about FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) please visit the following link. <u>https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.stml</u> Please check the rest of our newsletter for other assessment "save the date" information. In order for your student to have the most beneficial testing environment and opportunity for success, it is recommended that no appointments are scheduled during the school day, and consideration for testing dates are made.

Finally families, the annual Exceptional Student Education parent survey conducted by the Florida Department of Education is underway through **Sunday, May 31**. The survey gives parents of students receiving special education services the opportunity to provide feedback on their school involvement and provide comments on their child's school. This type of parent input is critical in determining if the district will meet the requirements for the state's Annual Performance Report. The parent survey is available online in multiple languages at <u>www.esesurvey.com</u> or <u>www.pcsb.org/ese</u>. To request a hard copy of the survey, contact Marty Massimo, FDLRS Parent Service Specialist at <u>massimom@pcsb.org</u> or 793-2723 x2043

Enjoy this month and all it has to offer including Spring Break with your family!

Ms. Palmer, Principal

March Character Trait: Honesty Using truthful speech and behavior.

# Calendar

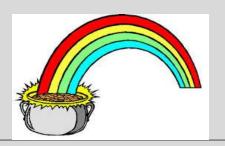


5/4-7	National School Breakfast Wk.
3/4	Safety Harbor Middle Expo, 5:30pr
\$/5	SHES Field Day
8/6	Drama Performance, 6pm
\$/7	End of grading period
\$/7	IMOMS, 7:55am
8/8	No School for Students
8/11-15	Spring Break – School Closed
8/19	SAC meeting, 5:30pm
/26	SMILE! Spring Pictures
/29	Report Cards go home
/29	SHES Sea Turtle Character
	Assembly, 8:45am

#### Looking Forward:

4/2	State Writing Assessment
	Ath and Eth Crade Students

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students 4/3-4 FSA English/Language Arts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 4/4 All Pro Dads
- 4/5 SHES Annual Autism Awareness Walk



SHES PTA www.ourshespta.org February Character Winners - Tolerance

Wyatt Danhour Jonathan Mangual **Clayton Broughton** Porter Kruger Jacob Dulong Brianna Armanious Anthony Testa Archer Dixon Jensie Kelley Xenia Augustyn Niles Inthivong Sofia Rioux Travis Batista Jackson Penna Kendyl Denison Darey Martinez Dylan Jacobson Lucy McKay Bryce Schinaman Olivia Kofoed Jacob Pedigo Angelina Caggiano Fred Suwan Julian Roberts Jace Gillespie Ireland Harrell Emma Cvihun Nathan Beftoulides Kobe Pepper **Gregory** Stokes Presley Tokotch Isabella Sanderson Alicen DeSander Jonathan Baron Eliana Just Avi Baudendistel Tessa Eaton Bianca Barrera Evinas Hoffman Jonathon Rothe



### PTA NEWS:

It sure is hard to believe that Spring Break is here already! Although this means we have one less week of school this month, March sure is busy. Just before Spring Break we will close out our Tervis Tumbler fundraiser. Thank you to each family for supporting our fundraising efforts in order to continue providing improvements, both academically and structurally, throughout our campus.

Yearbook sales will also begin this month! SHES students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to capture this years' memories by purchasing a yearbook. As an elementary school, we are very lucky to have a yearbook team made up of hardworking parent volunteers. The yearbook team not only strives to capture the highlights of SHES events, but also photographs the enrichment clubs and new students who would not otherwise have a school picture. Many hours are then devoted to arranging the pictures into a beautiful yearbook that our students, whether preschoolers or fifth graders, will treasure for years.

Although it is hard to believe, SHES PTA is already making plans for a successful 2019-20 school year. We are seeking nominations for PTA board members including president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Whether a parent, grandparent, teacher, community member, or business owner, the only requirement of serving on the board is to share the vision of making every child's potential a reality. If you or someone you know would be an asset to the PTA board, please fill out a nomination form or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto.shespta1@gmail.com">shespta1@gmail.com</a>.

Many thanks to Jared Vidovic, "Mr. J", and his wonderful Jog-A-Thon team! Jog-A-Thon was a huge success! The students, teachers, and parents enjoyed fantastic weather while challenging themselves to run / walk 'just one more lap' to benefit SHES PE department and PTA. Thank you to our many volunteers and families for making this event so successful. Wishing your family a fun and safe Spring Break!

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**SHES Classroom Partners!** 

The Belejchak Family, The Incorvaia Family, The Danhour Family, Kiwanis Club of S.H., Grandpa Phillips, Crooked Thumb, Oldsmar Wal-Mart!

Thank you!

## Volunteer Corner!

<u>Volunteers</u> <u>are required</u> <u>to log hours!</u>

Don't get purged out of the system for an inactive account!

Need help logging hours? Please contact Lisa Zollars in the front office!



Natíonal Breakfast Week March 4 - 7

Encourage your child to have a healthy complimentary breakfast in the cafeteria this week!

#### Kiwanis Students of the Month: Colette Kistulentz & Ilyana Calderon



Colette Kistulentz is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade student I chose as the Kiwanis student of the month. She stands out as an intelligent, highly articulate, self-motivated, and very creative student.

Colette shows her creativity in art class every week as she thinks outside the box and demonstrates unique solutions to solving artistic challenges.

She has had her artwork accepted in Pinellas county art shows and has represented our school with pride.

Colette also displays wonderful character traits. She is always respectful and kind to her teachers and classmates. She is a responsible student and is always ready to learn. It is my pleasure to honor Colette this month for her excellent character, artistic talent, and motivation to be successful in whatever she attempts.

Ms. Ross, Art Teacher

I would like to introduce my Kiwanis Student of the Month for music, Ilyana Calderon. Ilyana has been at Safety Harbor for 5 years. She has been a member of the band for the past 2 years, playing trumpet and percussion. As a member of the percussion, she has been helpful to the other students who are in 4th grade. She has also been a part of the 4th and 5th grade choruses. Two years ago, she became a member of the video club, earning awards for her produced videos. Ilyana has always been a terrific student in music and she is also a leader. Ilyana has always earned excellent grades in her classes. She is also very caring and compassionate friend. Ilyana has an older sister and a younger brother and is very deserving of this award.

Ms. Carstensen, Music Teacher



2018-19 State Testing Calendar – Safety Harbor Elementary Save the Date

Tuesday, April 2: State Writing Assessment (Grades 4 and 5)

<u>Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4: State Reading</u> <u>Assessment (Grade 3)</u>

<u>Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2: State Reading</u> <u>Assessment (Grades 4 and 5)</u>

<u>Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8: State Math Assessment</u> (Grades 3, 4 and 5)

<u>Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10: State Science Assessment</u> (Grade 5)



Dear Safety Harbor Sea Turtle Families,

K-Kids members are on a mission to raise money for our military families and veterans! Specifically, we have a goal to raise \$400.00 to donate to a local charity called the Fisher House. This facility is like a "home away from home" for families of Veterans and military service members receiving care at the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center. The members of K-Kids decided on a patriotic dog tag necklace to sell in which all proceeds from the sale of the necklaces will be used to support this special cause. You may purchase a necklace for \$2.00 at the K-Kids store on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15-8:35.

K-Kids members are hoping that all of our Sea Turtle families support us by purchasing a necklace and helping us to raise money for a very special organization. We hope to see you around campus showing your patriotic spirit!

#### Sincerely, Mrs. Baby

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