

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
March 2020

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

3/5 All Pro Dads 7:55am
3/12 Astro Skate 2:55-6:15pm
3/13 3rd Grading Period Ends
3/13 Field Day
3/16-3/20 Spring Break –
school closed
3/23 School Closed for students
3/24 School Reopens
3/27 Character Assembly 1:55pm
3/31 Spring Picture Day SMILE!

Looking forward:

4/1 & 4/2 – 3rd grade

FSA-ELA test

4/1 – 4th & 5th grade

FSA- Writing test

Exact dates will be

**communicated by your child's
teacher.**

4/2 Mornings with Mom 7:55am

4/6 Report Cards Go Home

Principal's Pen

Dear SHES Families,

Thank you to all those involved in planning Jog-A-Thon last month! 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, as well as PTA and many of our staff members for hosting Math Family Night. This past Friday we also held our 3rd Annual Special Olympics including our Pre-K classes, with record participation and attendance by families. We are so lucky to have so much support from our school family!

Shortly after we return from Spring Break we will begin our Florida Standards Assessments. On April 1st and 2nd most 3rd graders will be taking their Reading FSA. On April 1st, most 4th and 5th grade students will be taking their FSA Writing test. Exact dates for students will be communicated by their classroom teachers. 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 and/or resources for FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) please visit the following link

<https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.stml>

Additional testing dates can be found on our school website and via a "Save The Date" on Peach Jar. 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, it is time for the Florida Department of Education's annual Exceptional Student Education (ESE) 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. Parents can take the survey at www.esesurvey.com or complete a paper survey distributed by their child's school. The survey closes May 31. If you have questions or need a paper survey, contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or MCMANNUST@pcsb.org.

We hope to see you for Field Day this Friday and also wish everyone a safe and restful Spring Break!

March Character

Trait:

Honesty

**Using truthful
speech &
behavior!**

*Ms. Palmer,
Principal*

Congratulations February Character Winners for demonstrating Tolerance:

Laura Hernandez
Lucas Southworth
Christopher McClain
Liam Jackson
Arthur Rose
Brooke Belejchak
Callan Helies
Logan Harrison
Harper Hogan
Areyonna Anderson
Montrae Murray
Noah Rittenhouse
Ariella Zabatani
Madison Eckstein
Marcus Larry
Ethan Timms
Patricia Anderson
Leo Kimmons
Darey Martinez
Nicholas Braden
Kendyl Denison
Sofia Otis
Ariana Tesanovic
Sienna Hurak
Jakim Escamilla-Hernandez
Krisely Pagan
Jacob Walker
Leni Franz
Waldy Ricart
Raegen McKeever
Mya Radwanski
April Mendoza
Andrew Naret
Lucas Enderle
Lainey McKay
Reed Parry
Kayden Blankenship
Logan Halvorsen
Coleton Bosch
Madison English

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

PTA NEWS:

Way to go Jog-a-Thon runners! It may have been a blustery day, but that didn't slow our students (and staff) down. Everyone ran and walked their hearts out during the annual Jog-a-Thon fundraising event. A big thank you to everyone that came out in the cold weather to mark laps and cheer on all our runners. This event could not happen without your help. Congrats to all our grade level, staff and classroom winners. Everyone should be proud of a job well done.

Our annual Math Night and Family dinner this past month was also a big success. We had approximately 200 people attend this fantastic night. We hope everyone enjoyed the pizza and salad dinner and learned some cool math games to play with their children. Thank you to all the teachers who worked so very hard to prepare this night for you.

Please also mark your calendars for our last big event of the year, Family Fitness Night, which will take place on Friday, April 24th. This is a brand new, free event for children and adults in which you will have the opportunity to try several fitness stations ranging from PE games to Folk dancing, martial arts to yoga and many things in between. There will also be chances for adults and children to win door prizes. More information to come but mark your calendars now for April 24th.

Finally, we need your help. First, we are in need of pictures for our yearbook! If you have taken any pictures please email them to Jennifer Martinez at jenfridmartinez@gmail.com. Don't forget to mention the grade level and teacher name when sending them. We appreciate your help. Look for yearbook sales forms to come home soon. Second, if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a board member or team lead for next school year, please contact our nominating committee. The PTA truly is a great way to get involved in your school. New ideas and fresh faces are always needed. There are many different ways to help so please contact our nominating committee to find out more. Don't be afraid to recommend a friend, or yourself! Please contact for more information:

Nominating committee members are:

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As always, we are always looking for your feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

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SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!

Salon West
The Beiter Family
The Jackson Family
The Walls Family

Volunteer Corner!

Got Hours?

Please remember
to log all of
your volunteer
hours! Every
minute counts!
Help SHES
shine!

We can't do it
without you,
now help us
show the
district how
much you
support our
school!



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Kiwanis Student of the Month: February Annabelle Fredriksen

I am pleased to announce that Annabelle Fredriksen is the Kiwanis Student of the Month for music. Annabelle is a bright, friendly, talented student at Safety Harbor Elementary. Annabelle has been at Safety Harbor Elementary for most of her elementary school years. Annabelle has always been a friendly student to others and makes friends easily. She is very inquisitive and loves to know how things work. Annabelle was a member of the 5th grade Chorus this year, even singing a solo in the concert. Annabelle was chosen with only 2 others from Safety Harbor Elementary for the All-County Elementary Chorus, which is comprised of 200 5th graders from elementary schools in Pinellas County. This chorus will be performing in St. Petersburg at the end of the month. In addition, Annabelle is dedicated to her church. She is a member of their youth handbell choir. Annabelle has been such a delight to teach. She is always eager to learn and will help whenever asked. I am so pleased to announce Annabelle Fredriksen as February's Kiwanis Student of the Month.

Ms. Carstensen



NEW CROSSING GUARD FOR SHES!

Safety Harbor Families, we are pleased to announce that the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department has added a crossing guard post at the intersection of 1st Avenue North and Marshall Street. This crosswalk will have a crossing guard from the hours of 7:50am - 8:50am and 2:35pm - 3:35pm. We are thankful for all of our crossing guards who help to keep our students safe as they walk and ride their bikes to school each day.



Dear Safety Harbor Elementary Sea Turtle Families,

The K-Kids members met February 21, 2020 to discuss their next community outreach project. Although we all recognize the need of resources for foster children in our community, our K-Kids members wanted to provide a craft and a little fun for these special children. K-Kids members will be purchasing 40 tie-dye kits with a canvas bag for each child to create their own unique tie-dye bag. We will be delivering these craft kits for the foster children of our community in early spring. If you would like to donate or help with our outreach project, please contact one of the K-Kids facilitators!

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



Clinic News!

The clinic is in need of Clorox wipes & flushable wipes. If you would like to donate some, please drop them off in the front office.

Thanks!



#everydaycounts

Did you know at least 10% of kindergarten and first-grade students miss a month or more of the school year?

Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem.

But absences add up quickly. And, these missed school days can have a big impact on your child's learning and overall health.

The article attached in the link below highlights 10 tips for parents regarding attendance.
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/school/Pages/School-Attendance-Truancy-Chronic-Absenteeism.aspx>