

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
May 2020

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

5/4 – 5/8

Teacher Appreciation Week

5/18 – 5/22

SHES Virtual Talent Show

5/29- Last Day of School

Report cards posted on Focus

**End of year processes will
be shared when available.**

Summer Bridge registration is temporarily suspended. More information to follow.

Remote Learning May 1st – 29th

Reach your teacher:

9:00am – 11:30 am

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Virtual Front Office Hours

8:30am-3:30pm

727-724-1462

Ms. Palmer: ext. 2020

Tech Help: ext. 2029

Secretary: ext. 2005

Registration: ext. 2007



Happy May Safety Harbor Elementary families!

Principal's Pen

With all of our extra time at home, I do hope you are spending time outside and enjoying this amazing weather, and I do hope that this newsletter finds you safe and healthy!

First and foremost, **THANK YOU** parents for your consistent involvement as we continue teaching and learning remotely. With just 4 short weeks of school left in the 2019-2020 school year, we are continuously committed to planning and delivering engaging and relevant curriculum. **As always, but now more than ever**, we know our students can only be successful with your support. Please continue to encourage your scholar to log into Teams daily, participate in attendance, live lessons, class meetings and completing and turning in assignments. Please note that **academic grades are still being given for assignments, so participation is key!** Progress reports were sent home this past week and grades can also be monitored on FOCUS. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Next week we are excited to celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8th.)** Please help us to thank our amazing faculty, teachers and support staff, for their dedication to our students and families each and every day, in person or virtually.

I know there are many creative ideas out there but here are a few suggestions to share your appreciation virtually:

- Drop off or mail a thank you card for your teacher by May 4th. A box is by the front office doors where you can drop off your card.
- Send an e-gift-card to your teacher or an e-greeting card
- Send a photo of your child saying "thank you", to Mrs. C. at carstensenc@pcsb.org by May 3rd. She is compiling a slide show to be shared with everyone on Monday, May 4th.

During this time of year, we begin to plan for the upcoming school year. We gather and utilize a variety of data and information as we begin the process of creating next year's class lists. **If you would like to provide input** into your child's learning style and classroom environment, please send me an e-mail (palmerce@pcsb.org) no later than **Friday, May 8th**. While we do not take specific teacher requests, we understand that your prior experiences, successful (or not), would provide additional information in determining the best setting for your student's success. Information related to class placements will be shared prior to the end of summer break. As with each year, due to circumstances which are out of our control, changes can occur over the course of the summer and into the 10th day of school. Therefore, class lists remain tentative until after the 10 day count. If your child will not be attending SHES next year, or you have an address change, now is the time to contact Mrs. Merz, at extension 2007, with the school they will be attending.

Finally, I would like to thank our phenomenal PTA for all they have done this school year, especially Mrs. Cristy Rittenhouse, our current PTA President for leading the way! A slate of officers will be presented soon, and voted on at our May 6th PTA Virtual General Meeting. Additional information about the meeting will be forthcoming.

Families, we know that current events have been a challenge for all, in a variety of ways, and impacting some families in greater ways than other. We are here for each of our Sea Turtle families. Please do not hesitate to reach out for support whether it's an academic need or social/emotional need. We are in this together and together we continue to make SHES Shine!

May Character Trait:
Caring, being kind,
friendly, considerate
and willing to listen,
give and share.

Ms. Palmer, Principal

April Character Winners for Self-Control:

Raelan Melchert
Drew Nguyen
Brie Ann Batista
Eard Shala
Emma Busek
Aidan Lewin
Decker Demko
Ivy Putnam
Milana Delio
Jolene Suhanovsky
Giovanna Sanchez
Leo Higueros
Kathleen Couch
Belinda Ascencio Hernandez
Clover Hogue
Justice McMillian
Caleb London
Isli Heba
Miriam Rashid
Dylan Jacobson
Tejaswini Rele
Caleb Rodriguez-Earle
Emily Turcotte
Sophie Pacheco
Lily Mander
Jacob Pedigo
Trenton Andringa
Selma Dizdarevic
Chloe Sabor
Jasper Hogue
Brion Osgood
Nazareth Galvis
Alex Collova
Ruby O'Connor
Weston Folger
Mariana Cruz-Martinez
Presley Tokotch
Jacob Batista
Ashlyn Wolfe

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



PTA NEWS:

Well SHES' families, I know this is not how we wanted to finish out our terrific school year but here we are. The last day of school is only a few short weeks away and while we didn't get to do everything we had hoped, we sure did do a lot this year thanks to all our wonderful families. On another positive note, we are ending the year in a great position to kick off next school year with a bang!

A few housekeeping items. First, due to the current circumstances and too many unknowns out of our control, we will not be able to print this year's yearbook. We are as disappointed as all of you and please know we did not come to this decision lightly. A lot of work went into the yearbook and we are very disheartened that it will not come to fruition. If you ordered a yearbook and paid by check, the checks will be shredded. If you paid with cash, we will reimburse you as soon as arrangements can be made for pick up once schools re-open.

Next, the PTA is moving forward with elections for next year's Board. We will be hosting an electronic general meeting and elections via Zoom on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. An email will be sent to all PTA members with an invite, so please keep an eye out for an e-mail shortly.

Finally, National Teacher Appreciation week is May 4 through 8. While we know it is hard to shower our teachers and staff with appreciation from afar, we still hope that each of you find a unique way to send a message to your teachers and staff and thank them for all their hard work. None of our teachers ever expected to have to teach digitally and we certainly do appreciate the work they have done to help transition to this new way of learning. We know our families are creative and will come up with ways to shower our beloved teachers and staff from afar!

Thank you SHES families for a wonderful school year. It is hard to believe that we have already come to an end. The Board wants to thank all of you for making our elementary school one of the very best in the county. Thanks to you, SHES is an awesome place to learn and grow. We look forward to another great year. Until then, hang in there as we finish off the school year and have a fantastic summer!

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**Thank you SHES
Classroom
Partners!!!**

Tampa Bay

Masonic Lodge

The Putnam Family

Emerson & Valentine

The Novak Family

Starbucks Coffee

Walt Disney Co.

The Garden Shed Florist

The Salvation Army



**Kiwanis Student of the Month: April
Thomas Walker!**

I selected Thomas Walker as the 5th grade Kiwanis student of the month for April. Since the day Thomas joined our school, I have been amazed and impressed with his talent as an artist. He has such creative ideas and expresses himself through art like no one I have ever taught. His creations are uniquely Thomas.

Earlier in the year, Thomas was selected as an outstanding artist in the Pinellas county Kids-Tag competition, where students designed vanity license plates for on-line sale. This contest was adjudicated by professionals outside of our school, only confirming my opinion that Thomas was a true artist, with a very creative way of expressing his ideas.

Now that we are having our art class from home, I have been even more impressed with Thomas. He is definitely self-motivated, and he works very hard to achieve his goals. He has learned how to use art as a way of dealing with difficult situations like the one we are all experiencing now. He creates his own artwork, outside of my assignments, to help release his anxiety over our new social distancing situation. We could all learn from him.

I know that Thomas has all the character traits of a Kiwanis award winner. He is kind, and honest, and helpful. He is respectful and hard-working. He is responsible and determined to succeed. Congratulations, Thomas, on being the "Kiwanis Student Of The Month".

Ms. Ross
Art Specialist



SHES Virtual Talent Show

May 18th - 22nd

Parent permission required to participate. Acts must be submitted by May 11th. See Peachjar flyer for more details or contact the front office.



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Dear Safety Harbor Sea Turtle Families,

The K-Kids Facilitators wanted to take this opportunity to say how much we miss our K-Kids Members and families. Although this isn't an ending to the school year that anyone could have predicted, we know that our members learned enough this year about community, kindness, and compassion to continue their good deeds of work all on their own. Once our communities start opening back up, there will be plenty of opportunities to show and share how much we love our citizens and community. Thank you so much for a wonderful and rewarding K-Kids school year!

Sincerely,

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

Volunteer Corner!

Congratulations to SHES 2019 / 2020 Volunteers of the Year!

MARLEY SMITH
KRISTEN PENNA
RICHARD "MR. MONEY" SALLADIN

Thank you to all SHES Volunteers!
Hats off to you for another amazing year!

