

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
May 2021

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Mark Your Calendar:

- 5/4 & 5/5 5th Grade FSA Reading
- 5/11 & 5/12 4th Grade FSA Reading
- 5/12 National School Nurses Day
Thank you Nurse Jen!!
- 5/13 & 5/14 3rd Grade FSA Math
- 5/18 & 5/19 5th Grade FSA Math
- 5/20 & 5/21 4th Grade FSA Math
- 5/25 & 5/26 5th Grade FSA Science
- 5/28 Virtual Character Assembly
- 5/31 Memorial Day – School Closed

Looking Forward:

- 6/1 BMX Virtual Assembly
Sponsored by SHES PTA
- 6/8 8:55am 5th Grade Students
Drive Thru & Moving Up
Events
- 6/9 Last Day of School
Dismissal at 12:55 pm

[Summer Bridge Information & Registration Link](#)

June 21st – July 15th
8:30am – 1:30pm

Summer Bridge and YMCA is on
our SHES Campus for
Rising K through 4th Grade
Sign Up Today or Call the Office

**May Character
Trait: Caring!**
Being kind, friendly,
considerate &
willing to listen, give
& share!

Happy May Safety Harbor Elementary families!

Principal's Pen

Here we are SHES families! The last full month of the 2020-2021 school year! It is hard to believe it! First and foremost, **THANK YOU** parents for your consistent involvement as we persevered through this unique year of learning. With just 27 school days left in this school year, we are still consistently 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 attend daily arrive on time and complete their class and homework assignments. This is the final grading period of the school year, **so let's finish STRONG!** Additionally, Summer Bridge registration is still open if your child could benefit and keep their learning momentum going, sign up today or call the front office for assistance. Summer Bridge is FREE and includes a FREE breakfast and lunch!

Next week we are excited to continue celebrating **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7th)**. If you haven't done so already, I hope your family will take an opportunity to reach out to your AMAZING teachers and support staff and thank them for their daily dedication to our students and families each and every day, in person or virtually. We know that our teachers are Superhero's – so let's show them some **Superhero Appreciation - Spirit Week style!**

- **Monday** – Dress like your favorite Superhero, because teachers are Superhero's too!
- **Tuesday** – Wear your teacher's favorite color to school to honor him/her.
- **Wednesday** – Compliment your teacher and support staff member's Superpower when you see them around campus
- **Thursday** – Draw a picture of your teacher as a Superhero and decorate it with words that remind you of them.
- **Friday** – May's Character Trait of the Month is Caring – do something that is kind, considerate and thoughtful for your teacher.

A most sincere thank you to our current PTA board for making everyone here on our staff feel special with daily treats over this last week! Special thanks to Mrs. Cristy Rittenhouse, our current PTA President, for leading this amazing group of parents and helping our school to maintain some sense of normalcy for the sake of all stakeholders. It meant more to us and our students than you know! A warm welcome (or welcome back) to our 2021-2022 PTA Board members.

As we approach the end of a school 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 10th**. 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. 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.

We started this year together, and we will finish it together....very soon. Feel free to reach out if needed, and together, we continue to make SHES shine! Happy Mother's Day to all on May 9th!

*Mrs. Palmer,
Principal*

SHES PTA News

Character Winners for April! Self-Control

Kai Loberg
Henry Powers
Savannah Earner
Alisabel Rodriguez - Smallwood
Joslyn McNeal
Anya Tesanovic
Ariana Sharxhi
Isabel Scandone
Alexandaniela Asencio-Hernandez
Juliet Adams
Isaac Diaz
Dean Collova
Brody Pilcher
Cora Loizides
Breanna Alvarez
Jax Ruberto
Aaron Paulino
Eliana Bayliss
Maylien Warren
Belinda Asencio Hernandez
Patricia Anderson
Mariya Fancher
Ariella Zabatani
Joseph Jones
James Rivero
Emily Knox
Sol Hernandez-Casilla
Declan Chopping
Ameryia Larson
Morgan Taylor
Damya Walls
Theresa Cote
Mason Kearnes
Macie Huegel
David Bryan McGinnis
Chris Casilla Hernandez
Elizabeth Rose
April Mendoza
Mariyah McBride
Kendall Lindsey

What an awesome month we had! Thanks to everyone who donated to our Staff Appreciation Luncheon. While not our traditional luncheon, we were still able to show our hard-working staff how much we appreciate them by providing a delicious pizza lunch from The Nona Slice House. Your PTA also showered teachers and staff throughout the week with other surprises every day. Thank you to those that help make our SHES Staff Appreciation week a success. If wanted to send a personal gift to your teacher but did not get a chance to do so, that is ok. National Appreciation Week is May 3rd through 7th.

This past month we also had a successful Spirit Movie “Night” with Gigglewaters. Three nights of movie fun and yummy snacks and food. What a great way to raise money for our school – partnering with our very own local businesses while having fun with friends and family. Thanks to all of those that attended. We hope to have this event again next year.

Finally, we want to thank all those families that participated in our Family Virtual Scavenger Hunt and General Meeting. We hope families had as much fun running around the house as we did. We are super excited to announce our PTA Board for next year – it will be bigger and better than ever. There will be such a nice mix of “veterans” and “newbies.” So it is sure to be a fantastic school year. Thank you to each and everyone that is willing to spend their time to make our school even better.

President - Valerie Brown

Treasurer - Christine Putnam

Secretary - Katy Wilson

Vice President Communications – Kristin Bram Tsafatinos

Vice President Programs – Janell Chenier Porter

Vice President Fundraising – Kristen Penna

With only a few weeks left in school we are looking forward to ending the school year on a fun note. We will be hosting a virtual assembly in June to celebrate the end of the school year and the end of the testing cycle. Our students will watch an empowering anti-bullying video produced especially for our students by famous BMX rider, Matt Wilhelm. While this certainly was anything but a traditional year, it was still a successful one and we look forward to an even better year next year!

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**Thank you SHES
Classroom Partners!**

**Wawa
Michael Gamble
The Rudolph Family**

**Staff and students
sincerely
appreciate your
support!**



Sunday, May 9th

We would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts and special people who help to take care of our Sea Turtle scholars!



**Do you need a SHES
T-Shirt for Friday
Spirit Days?
Visit
PTA Member Hub!**


<https://shes-pta.new.memberhub.store/store>

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you virtual SHES mentors, PTA & classroom partners! Your support during the 2020/2021 school year has made all the difference in the world!

We could not do this without you!



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[will extend](#) universal free lunch through
the next school year.
Breakfast & Lunch at SHES for
2021/2022 will be FREE!

Kiwanis Student of the Month!



April– Cassandra Douskos-Duarte

When I was asked to choose the student of the month for Kiwanis I reflected on which one of my fifth graders consistently meets Safety Harbors school wide expectations of being responsible, respectful, ready to learn, and always safe. I instantly realized that although all my students strive to do their very best, Cassandra Douskos-Duarte represents these traits not only in the classroom, but throughout Safety Harbor Elementary.

Cassandra exhibits responsibility, respectfulness, and ready to learn by being an exceptional student at Safety Harbor. Everyday Cassandra enters the classroom promptly at 8:15 a.m. prepared for the day and ready to take her learning opportunities seriously. Even when the rigor of the fifth-grade curriculum becomes challenging, her dedication and determination help her overcome the hurdles. Cassandra is respectful and has impeccable manners that are evident during classroom discussions. In addition, she is a wonderful role model for her peers.

Finally, Cassandra meets the last SHE Turtle expectation of always being safe at Safety Harbor. She follows classroom rules, processes, and procedures to ensure that a safe learning environment is maintained throughout the classroom and campus for herself and everyone around her.

This was a great honor recommending one of my students for this amazing award. I am so thankful that I can be a part of Cassandra's educational journey and can support her in all her endeavors.

Mrs. Troutman – 5th grade teacher

Notes from Nurse Jen!



***Important Medication Reminder**

Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer. Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epinephrine Devices. *Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 12:00 noon without exception.*

***Summer Safety**

Summer is a favorite time of year for children and adults of all ages. The long days of summer are often filled with swimming, cookouts, travel and outdoor fun. But summer can also carry danger for children. Drowning incidents increase during the summer months, and the hot sun puts kids at risk of sunburn, dehydration and heat-related illness.

Whether kids enjoy summer at home, on the road or at camp, below are some safety tips to keep your family healthy and happy.

- *Follow pool rules and closely supervise children when in or around the water.
- *Make sure children take water breaks and wear lightweight clothing when playing outside. Learn to recognize the signs of heat stroke.
- *Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- *Protect your skin from sun. Apply sun screen with SPF 30 or higher, reapply every three hours.
- *Enjoy fireworks safely to prevent injury.

These are a few ways you can stay safe, prevent injury and accidents while having fun in the sun.

Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/index.htm>