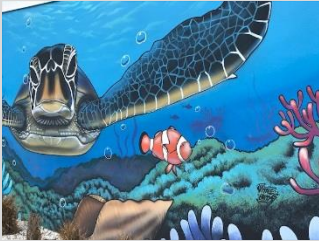


# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
November 2019

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## Calendar



### Mark Your Calendar:

November 2019:

- 11/5 Election Day
- 11/7 Mornings With Mom 7:55am
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Breakfast 7:55am
- 11/11 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Veteran's Day Concert, 6pm
- 11/11-11/15 – Book Fair!
- 11/12 SAC meeting, 5:30 pm
- 11/13 Great American Teach In  
Be a guest teacher! Contact the front office for more details.
- 11/13 Mid Period Report
- 11/20 Astro Skate – 2:55 – 6:00pm
- 11/22 Sea Turtle Character Assembly – 8:45 am
- 11/25 -11/29 – School Closed,  
Thanksgiving break

Looking forward: Dec. 2019

- 12/5 All Pro Dads, 7:55 am
- 12/12 Winter Concert –  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – 6pm  
5<sup>th</sup> grade – 7 pm

## Principal's Pen

Dear SHES Families!

Welcome November and welcome to a little bit of our cool weather! November always reminds us of the many people we are thankful for in our lives. In addition to my family and friends, I am extremely grateful for our dedicated staff and students, who give their best each day in supporting, planning, teaching and learning. I would like to share special thanks for the members of our school family, parents, faculty and community, that give the gift of time, to plan, organize and successfully host great events. Fall Festival was filled with fun activities that would not be possible without all the help we receive. All of our guests, current and past students had a terrific time!

Special congratulations to our very own Ms. Jyllene Vogel, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, for being our SHES 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year Nominee! Ms. Vogel is a dedicated instructor who not only works to be a dynamic instructor, but who has continued her personal learning with a focus on Educational Leadership aspiring to be an administrator in the future. Ms. Vogel consistently goes above and beyond to stretch student learning and encourages her students to be the best they can be from the first day of school!

Congratulations also to our Support Staff of the Year nominee, Kelly Hutchison, ESE Associate! Kelly has definitely shown that she goes the extra mile to assist in her assigned classroom with her students. This year she has been instrumental in supporting her classroom through some very challenging times. She knows her students and their specific strengths and weaknesses and what helps them to have a successful day. Keep up the great work everyone!

On another note parents, please note that ANY absence requires contact with school in the form of a note, e-mail or phone call with a reason for the absence. If the absence is related to a doctor visit, then evidence from the doctor's office is expected.

Finally, November is Florida Family Engagement in Education Month. Florida Family Engagement in Education Month celebrates the important role parents and families play in the education of children. When schools work with families to support learning, children are more motivated to succeed in school and in life. The Florida Department of Education has compiled a variety of [resources to support family engagement](#).

Check out our website calendar for the most updated events and information. I hope you each have a restful and very Happy Thanksgiving!!

November  
Character Trait:  
Citizenship  
Being law  
abiding &  
involved in  
service to school,  
community &  
country.

*Ms. Palmer,  
Principal*

## October Character Winners:

### Cooperation:

Rowan Vidovic  
Alisabel Rodriguez  
Amina Shala  
Katelynn Ostrofsky  
Vivian Gease  
Kyle Powers  
Ruby Vidovic  
Bailey Cunningham  
Harry Runnells  
Benjamin Nammour  
Jakim Escamilla-Hernandez  
Alex Williams-Vaden  
Troy Capiello  
Holden Demko  
Adea Topalli  
London Osborne  
Elena Douskos-Duarte  
Travis Batista  
Carson Walls  
Camilo Garcia  
Annabella D'Andrea  
Luke Laugen  
Bera Donovan-Dekkers  
Gracelyn Harrington  
Ameria Dixon  
Ashley McNeal  
Kylie Rogers  
Ryder Friend  
Andrew Williams-Vaden  
Morgan Taylor  
Joseph Rodriguez  
John Wesley Cardin  
Timothy Martinez  
Sydney Hickman  
Braydon Schultz  
Cassandra Douskos-Duarte  
Thomas Walker  
Gage Stephenson  
Riley English  
Genessis Godinez-Gomez

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

## PTA NEWS:

Where did October go? We hope everyone had the opportunity to take part in one of our many activities this past month: whether it was breaking boards at All Pro Dads, participating in National Walk to School Day, enjoying a super delicious Italian ice, or jumping, bouncing or dodging at Fall Fest - we hope you had fun!

As you may know, Fall Fest is a time-honored tradition. This year we were able to bring back the costume contest, add a haunted hallway, bring in dodgeball, splash our teachers, and add a sensory calming tent so all of our students and families could participate. We could not do this without all of you! As a PTA we wanted to take a minute to thank all the volunteers who took their time to make Fall Fest a success. Do you know that it takes more than 100 volunteers to make Fall Fest happen each year? Thank you to everyone that made a pumpkin, monitored a bounce house, decorated the Haunted Hallway, created a beautiful photo back drop, set up and cleaned up, and so much more. We also want to thank all the families, companies and community partners who sponsored either an activity or a family in need. With these sponsorships we are able to keep the cost of our festival low so all families can enjoy. Special thanks to our \$200 level sponsors: Master Restoration, Central Imaging High Field, Curlew Hills, and John and Barbara Duffy. It truly takes a community to put on this event each and every year. So thank you!

We also wanted to share exciting news about our PTA membership goals. This year the SHES PTA is participating in monthly Florida PTA membership challenges - October was the Grandparent Challenge. We surpassed our goal of 25 grandparent members this year! We really love our grandparent support. We are also so close to 100% staff membership. We wouldn't have such a great PTA without such awesome staff support. Remember, it is never too late to join the PTA (<https://shes-pta.memberhub.store/>).

Finally, thank you to each and everyone of you that participated in our Fall Fundraising Event. Thanks to you our fundraiser was as success and we can continue to serve the students and teachers at our school. Look for orders to arrive before Thanksgiving break. While October was certainly a fun-filled month, it isn't the only month for fun. Please join us for Mornings with Mom on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with a fun activity provided by Burn Boot Camp. Also, we will celebrate our Veterans and their families for all they do for our country. Please join us in the art room for a light breakfast and program on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:55am. We all know that November is a month of giving thanks. We hope you will help give thanks to our teachers and staff for all they do at our fall staff appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please look for a flyer to come home on how you can help us celebrate those that make SHES the best school in Pinellas County! As always, if you have any comments or suggestions please reach out to us at any time. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!

The McLain Family  
Lucile Casey, LLC  
Andrea Honan  
Backpack Lady

# Volunteer Corner!

Thank You  
Great American  
Teach In  
volunteers!  
Your support  
means the world  
to our Sea  
Turtle Scholars!  
Thank you for  
your time,  
knowledge &  
support! It is  
not too late to  
sign up! Nov.  
13<sup>th</sup>. See the  
front office for  
registration  
paperwork.



Volunteers  
don't forget to  
log ALL of your  
hours! Every  
minute helps  
SHES shine!



## Kiwanis Student of the Month, September:

### Trinity Veasley

The Safety Harbor Elementary PE team selected Trinity Veasley as the Kiwanis student of the month! Trinity was selected not only for her athletic abilities in PE but because of her attitude and personality each and every day. Trinity is always kind to her classmates and treats everyone with respect. Trinity greets everyone she meets with a warm smile. Trinity leads by example with a positive attitude on the PE field and also leads younger students as a Safety Patrol. The PE department is very proud of Trinity and look forward to watching her continue to grow and lead.

-PE Department

## Kiwanis Student of the Month, October:

### Isabella Sanderson

Bella embodies the core values that Kiwanis International represents. She is responsible, reliable and ready to learn daily. Bella treats everyone she meets with respect and kindness. She demonstrates a willingness to help others by giving and not receiving anything in return. Bella has a big heart!

I am truly honored to teach Bella. She realizes that what she says and how she behaves are representative of her character. She arrives to school each day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She goes above and beyond academically by being motivated by having a growth mind-set, a problem solver, and most importantly challenging herself in all areas. She notices her mistakes are a part of growing and gaining knowledge. There is no doubt in my mind that she will continue to achieve success in her life because she has the attitude and work ethic to succeed. She has already made her mark here at Safety Harbor Elementary and with me. I have enjoyed having Bella for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

-Ms. Brennan



**KKIDS has taken off with a great start this year, with great energy and stamina. We have a large group with great attendance and lots of energy. Thank you to the parents who are making this possible. You make KKIDS possible with your commitment and dedication.**

**In the October meeting we decided to get together small gift packages for Youth Support and Foster Organizations in our area to brighten the holiday season. Items will be determined in the November meeting.**

**Donations for this event will be arranged and assignments and responsibilities will be designated.**

**Parents will be needed in the December meeting to help carry out this task and reach our goal.**

**We are excited to share the feeling of pride that comes with helping others with you and your children.**

**We BUILD!!!**

**Thank you-**

**Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Collova, Mrs. Gazlay, Mrs. Hallstead, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Troutman  
See you all on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.**

A wooden sign with a white border and a dark brown background. The text "We are Thankful for YOU!" is written in a white, casual, handwritten-style font. The sign is mounted on a wooden post.



**Congratulations to:  
Jyllene Vogel  
Teach of the Year and  
Kelly Hutchinson  
Support Staff Member of  
the Year  
Safety Harbor Elementary  
2019 – 2020!**