

# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
November 2020

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## Calendar



### *Mark Your Calendar:*

- 11/3 – Report Cards Go Home  
**ELECTION DAY!!**
- 11/9- Writing Assessment  
Window Opens (Dates  
provided by classroom  
teachers)
- 11/10 – SAC Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
- 11/11 – Veteran’s Day  
**SMILE! Individual  
Student Picture Day!**
- 11/18 – Great American Teach In!  
Mid Period Report
- 11/20 – Virtual Sea Turtle  
Character Assembly
- 11/23 – 11/27 – Thanksgiving  
Holiday- School Closed

### **Looking forward:**

**12/21 – 1/3/2021 – Winter  
Holiday, School closed**  
**1/4/2021 – Students Return –  
School Re-Opens**

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

## Principal's Pen

Welcome to November Sea Turtle Families!

I hope you are looking forward to a couple of days of cooler weather this week! I know I am! October was missing a great annual tradition for SHES, of course due to COVID, we were unable to host Fall Fest. As unfortunate as that is, we are reminded in November to count our blessings! I am extremely grateful for the health of our students and dedicated staff, who give their best each day in supporting, planning, teaching and learning. This year especially due to COVID-19, our instructional staff has gone above and beyond the call of duty to implement simultaneous instruction to meet the needs of our students and keep their academic and social/emotional well being at the forefront. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation I have for this group of individuals. They are our very own daily superheroes! Please take a moment to thank your teachers this month! With only 127 students remaining online, we are looking forward to everyone returning. If you are ready for your student to return to traditional school on campus, please send an e-mail to [palmerce@pcsb.org](mailto:palmerce@pcsb.org).

I would also 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 our events this year. Spooky story time, Mornings with Mom and our upcoming fall staff luncheon all are a bit different under our current circumstances, but even more meaningful. Thank you to our PTA team members for going the extra mile for our SHES families and staff!

Special congratulations to our very own Mrs. Debbi McVeigh, Pre-K teacher of students with Autism, for being our SHES 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year Nominee! Mrs. McVeigh is a dedicated instructor who works tirelessly with our youngest students who are learning to grow into Kindergarten ready Sea Turtles!

Congratulations also to our Support Staff of the Year nominee, Sara Davies. Mrs. Davies! Mrs. Davies, our schools Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. She demonstrates great character, a kind spirit, true leadership and is always offering support where needed. Mrs. Davies works with our students with the greatest needs, and consistently expects good behavior from them.

Last, but not least, congratulations to Meyghan Byrne, Emerging Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Byrne is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher who has been with us for 2 short years. Her students wholeheartedly agreed that she is very deserving of this recognition and she couldn't be happier with her decision to pursue education as a career!

Finally parents, be sure to encourage your children during our upcoming fall writing assessments and remind them to apply all the knowledge they have gained so far this school year. Communication with your child's teacher during this assessment period is important so you are aware of testing dates and processes. I hope you each have a restful and very Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Ms. Palmer, Principal*

## Character Winners for October! Cooperation

Hadley Beaver  
Kent Kelley  
Ava Ison  
Hunter Stidham  
McKenna Adang  
Ariana Mezquite-Botho  
Blin Rrustemi  
Mason Chance  
Carlos Ruiz-Avila  
Tanner Perrino  
Reagan Halstead  
Savannah McCormack  
Callan Helies  
Annabelle Bitner  
Ca'Neylla Union  
Michael Mendoza  
Jakim Escamilla  
Gavin Rubalcava  
Zoey Lawson  
Marcos Perez-Duran  
Adea Topalli  
Jack Lawson  
Holden Demko  
Jasper Hogue  
Kinsley Sanders  
Shelby Walsh  
Brinley Temperton  
Darey Martinez  
Max Szabo  
Dylan McCormack  
Jacob Walker  
Sophia Webb  
Alexandra Dulong  
Landon Larsen  
Morgan Taylor  
Charlie Wilson  
Le'Shanti Robinson  
Priya Jayanna  
Jayden Vargas-Calderon  
Angelina Pena  
Mekhi Crews



## SHES PTA News

Who is ready for some cooler weather? Well November is already here and hopefully some cooler weather will come soon. While we all missed Fall Fest this year, we hope you had a chance to watch the virtual story time with Officer Terry and were able to submit some pictures of your own pumpkin creations. If not, it's not too late. Just visit our website for the link to the virtual story time and craft at <http://www.ourshespta.org/>. We also hope you enjoyed the virtual Mornings with Mom craft which also can be found on our website. Please keep your eye out for more virtual events.

We are also working on a Winter Wonderland event in conjunction with the City of Safety Harbor. We hope to "Light Up" our school on Friday, December 4. We will be needing your help to decorate the front of our school. We are still working on the details and will send out more information closer to the event.

November is the month we usually host our first staff appreciation luncheon. In "normal" times, families supply lunch and dessert items to treat our well-deserved teachers and staff. This is a favorite event for our teachers and staff. Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are unable to do our traditional luncheon. Instead we will be providing our awesome staff with a boxed lunch. If you are interested in sponsoring a lunch, please head to our memberhub website (<https://shes-pta.new.memberhub.store/store>).

Finally, we recently sent home a flyer via PeachJar on ways you can support your PTA. Whether it be through membership, box tops, amazon smiles or merchandise, everyone can support the PTA during these unusual times. A flyer with more information can be found on our website; membership and merchandise can be purchased through our online memberhub store.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us at any time! We look forward to hearing from you.



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### Accidents Happen!!

Please consider donating new, unopened packages of boys and girls underwear to the clinic.

We are in need of the following sizes.

XS = size 4      S = size 6-8  
M = size 10-12      L = 14-16

**Thank you SHES  
Classroom Partners!**

*The Tickner Family  
The Beiter Family  
Salon West  
The Brehm Family  
The Maho Family*

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



Individual Student Picture  
Day is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

**My PCS Online Students**

please make a reservation at the  
link below.

[My PCS Online Student  
Picture Day Sign Up](#)

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

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

# **Duke Energy's Great American Teach In**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Please join us virtually to guest teach.  
Please contact the front office if you are interested in joining us  
virtually for this exciting day! 727-724-1462.  
Please do so no later than Friday, November 13, 2020.



## **Congratulations!**

*2020 / 2021 SHES Employees of the Year!*

**Debbie McVeigh  
Teacher of the Year!**

**Meyghan Byrne  
Emerging Teacher of the Year!**

**Sara Davies  
Support Employee of the Year!**



# Kiwanis Student of the Month!

## October – Zoey Triplett

Zoey Triplett was chosen for the Kiwanis award because of her unbelievable selflessness. Zoey, on many occasions, will choose to work with our Special Education class out at PE, where she helps them to perform the tasks at hand, and talks to them with positivity, often pumping up their confidence. Zoey is also a hard worker. No matter what the activity is, you will always see her trying her best, with a smile on her face. The PE team could not be any more proud of Zoey for her amazing kindness, selflessness, and grit. Congratulations Zoey on being the Kiwanis Student of the Month. Thank you for setting such a great example for your classmates!

--PE Department



### Notes from Nurse Jen!

#### What is hand washing?

**Hand washing** is the process of cleaning hands with [water](#) and [soap](#). It is done to take off dirt, [germs](#), and [poisons](#). Germs and poisons cause [diseases](#) and other health problems. Germs are [bacteria](#), [viruses](#), or [fungi](#). Some infections are not stopped by [antibiotic](#) drugs. Hand washing prevents lots of new disease spread. Not washing hands before cooking or touching food is [risky](#).

#### When do you wash your hands?

Always wash hands:

- After using the toilet, urinate, or defecate.
- After touching an animal or pet, such as a dog, cat, or turtle.
- Before and after touching or helping a sick person.
- Before making or cooking food.
- After touching uncooked [meat](#), [fish](#), or poultry ([bird](#) meat). Some uncooked foods carry diseases.
- Before eating to prevent contamination of food from germs found on your hands.
- After blowing one's nose/or sneezing into his/her hand.

#### Steps to washing hands:

1. Use soap and warm (running, if available) water.
2. Wet hands and add soap. Rub wet hands strongly with soap **outside** running water for more than 10 seconds.
3. Rub all parts of the hands again and again. Clean all dirt under fingernails.
4. Then rub hands under running water again and again to take off all soap.
5. Dry hands using a clean cloth or paper.
6. If your hands are being washed many times every day you may want to use moisturizing lotion to prevent the skin from drying out.

For more information on hand hygiene for children, go to: [https://kids.kiddle.co/Hand\\_washing](https://kids.kiddle.co/Hand_washing)