Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary November 2021

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Mark. Your Calendar:

11/9 SAC meeting, 5:30 in person / Media Center 11/10 Mid Period Report 11/11 Veteran's Day 11/16 9am SHES "In Your Neighborhood" Tour Date 11/17 Great American **Teach In** 11/18 PTA Staff **Appreciation Luncheon** 11/19 8:45am Sea Turtle **Character Assembly** 11/22-11/26 **Thanksgiving Break School Closed** 11/29 - School Reopens

Looking forward: 12/14 SAC meeting 5:30pm 12/17 End of 2nd quarter 12/17 Character Assembly 8:45 am 12/20-1/3/22 – Winter Break, **School Closed** 1/4/2022 – School reopens for students

> November Character Trait: Responsibility

Doing your best & taking ownership for your words & actions!

Welcome to November SHES Families!

This month 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 can give the gift of time, to plan, organize and successfully participate in special events, including our recent fundraiser, the Scarecrow Stroll (Third Grade Team) and last Friday evening's Safety Harbor Elementary PTA Pumpkin Decorating raffle at the Main Street Gazebo! A great time was had by all and each classroom pumpkin was unique and adorable! Thank you to everyone who made it possible. You are so greatly appreciated!

We have many exciting things happening over the next couple of weeks. The Great American Teach In spotlights the many career options that are available to our students. Also this month is a new opportunity for new families "In the Neighborhood" to tour our campus. On November 16th, at 9:00am, new parents who may be considering enrolling their students in Safety Harbor Elementary can check into the front office, receive some schoolwide information and tour our campus. Reach out to our front office for more information about either one of these events.

Congratulations also to our Support Staff of the Year nominees, Nurse Jen Miller and Ms. Nermine Salama, Medical-Behavior Assistant! Both Nurse Jen and Ms. Nermine contribute to the our students daily by ensuring they receive the support and care needed to have a successful day! Be sure to congratulate each of our nominees when you see them! We are so proud of them both and their contributions to help SHES Shine!

Finally, Veteran's Day is November 11th! Our students have been working hard to create thank you cards for a special event being held at Daydreamer's Café on November 11th. Our 5th Grade Chorus will be singing at Daydreamers at 9:30am and at the City of Safety Harbor Veteran's Day Celebration at 11:00am at the Safety Harbor Marina. Thank you to Ms. Ross and Mrs. Carstensen for your involvement so our students can participate in honoring our active and veteran military service men and women!

Families, continue the hard work of learning and remember to check out our website calendar for the most updated events and information. I hope you each have a restful and very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Fondly, Ms. Palmer, Principal





Principal's Pen

October Character Trait Winners Tolerance

Laila Lewis Lewis Larson Aralia Gutierrez-Johnson **Owen Sweeney Colt Wilson** Maria Garber Lincoln Pearlman Bryce Ngo **Paulino Demillon Mendoza** Yhante Webb Reina Haxholli Jonathan Mangual Scarlett Lovato Karina Souder Landon Bell Ma'lani Higgins **Mason Chance** Amelia More Korina Orozco **Gicelly Molina** Pedro Bernal -Demillon Charlotte Romano Alisa Maho Joshua Jones Imanol Cruz-Mejia **Belinda Ascensio** Marcus Kearnes Sophia Zemzicki Milli Martin **Kylie Clouse Aaliyah Breon Aubrey Patillo** Sienna Hurak **Kendyl Denison Eloise Rose** Annabella D'Andrea **Hailey Patton Daren Justice** Chloe Sabor Ethan Salazar Jared Hernandez

Nathan Vetter – Safety Award

SHES PTA News

Wow sea turtles, the numbers are in, we raised \$30,560 during our fall fundraiser! That is by far the most we've ever raised during a fundraiser. Congratulations! YOU ARE AMAZING, INCREDIBLE AND SIMPLY THE BEST!!! Fundraiser prizes have been distributed so hopefully your student is enjoying talking on their banana phone! We also earned \$6112.10 to spend on recess equipment – we are so excited to provide new equipment for our students to enjoy their outdoor recess time. Please share the great news with your family and friends who participated in our fundraiser and give them a big THANK YOU!!

You should have received a packet of PTA information in your child's backpack a few weeks ago. We've had so many orders for our special order tie-dye t-shirt and can't wait to see our students and teachers rocking their new groovy threads. Also in the packet was our "help wanted" form which lists all the ways you can be a part of PTA. If you want to be more involved at SHES, send back the form with your contact information and we will find a place for you to use your gifts and talents to benefit our school. Even if you have been a volunteer before, please fill out the form. We look forward to growing our team of volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers – thank you to everyone who helped make pumpkins, move pumpkins, and raffle pumpkins for the pumpkin decorating contest at the downtown trick-or-treat event. We had such a fun time bringing this tradition back with a little twist! I think the community loved seeing the creativity of our sea turtles! Thanks for your participation!

Lastly, in the spirit of thankfulness, PTA is hosting our annual Fall Staff Appreciation Luncheon in partnership with Daydreamers Café on November 18th. We always request families send in a dish, so break out the recipe books! If you'd like to help with planning the luncheon or could help serve on the 18th – send us an email at shespta1@gmail.com. Denise Demko, Hospitality Chair, will be sending information home soon! We want to show our SHES staff and teachers how much we care.

As always, thank you for all you do for our school!

Your PTA President, Valerie Brown

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Students and staff appreciate your support!



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

https://shespta.new.memberhub.store/store

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Why are hours logged important?

Data is how we verify our funding requirements for the Lunch Pals mentoring program. Data is one of the factors used to determine the effectiveness of your volunteer program, and how it supports student achievement. The volunteer/mentor/tutor program is a factor in student and school success. Family Engagement can also be tracked in the

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Data points can be used as part of the information needed in the school accreditation, in the Five Star and the Golden School State Awards.



K-KIDS News!

K-Kids is a student led organization for elementary students in grades 2-5. The local Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor serves as our sponsor and will be active in our meetings and activities. K-KIDS works to choose a focus that will benefit our community and work at touching as many lives, through service, as we can.

Meetings will be held the second Friday of every month at 7:45am.

The K-KIDS club is one that encourages and welcomes parent involvement to help with completing projects, when the time is feasible, in our current health climate.

If you wish for your child to be a part of this group, be on the lookout for more to come. WE BUILD!!!!!



Kiwanis Student of the Month:

SHES PE Department would like to nominate Zarek Blankenship!

Zarek is a joyous student who seems to always make the right choice. Out at PE, it doesn't matter what the activity is, or who he is playing with, you can see Zarek truly personifying the concept of "Spirit of the Game". Zarek does this by always trying his best, following the rules, encouraging his classmates/teammates, and all while having a great time. Zarek is a happiness spreader and we are thrilled to nominate him for this award!

PE Department

Notes from Nurse Jen!

Help Stop the Spread of Germs!

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw it into the trash.

If you don't have a tissue, use the inside of your elbow.

Avoid touching any area of your face.

Don't share personal items.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home if you are sick. Only leave the house if you need to see a doctor.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

You can sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while washing your hands.

Take care of your immune system by eating nutritious foods, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep.





