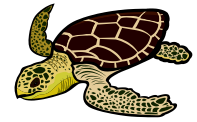
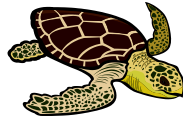




Safety Harbor Elementary

October 2016

NEWSLETTER



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Assistant Principal: Amy Stewart
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Mark Your Calendar

- 10/5 - Walk to school day, 7:30 am at the gazebo on Main Street
- 10/6 - iMoms, 7:45 am
- 10/7 - Spirit Stick Sales, 8:05 am
- 10/11 - SAC Meeting, 6 pm
- 10/12 - School closed for Students
- 10/24 - 10/28 - Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 - Picture Retakes
- 10/25 - Report cards go home
- 10/28 - Character Assembly 8:35 am
- 10/28 - Centennial Celebration Alumni Ceremony 4 -5 pm
Reception 5-6 pm
Fall Festival 6 -8:30



NEWSFLASH

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Dear SHES Families,

Thank you to those parents and staff members for your assistance and understanding with our minor weather emergency early last month. Although this was a minor emergency situation, it is an excellent reminder for all parents to be sure that information in FOCUS and clinic cards are updated with your most current phone contact information. Please contact the front office if needed for assistance.

Thank you also to all of our families who attended our Family Reading Night and to our staff members and PTA Hospitality team for hosting. Reading at least 20-30 minutes each day in a "just right" book is one of the most effective ways for students to increase their reading level and vocabulary. Parents of beginning readers are also highly encouraged to read aloud each day and ask questions to increase comprehension. If you were unable to attend the event, please talk to your classroom teacher about strategies that can help to increase your child's confidence and reading performance.

October is going to be one very exciting month for us! Our Safety Harbor Elementary campus has served students in Pinellas County for 100 years so we are celebrating our Centennial! This is truly an amazing accomplishment! Along with all the other activities we have scheduled for this month, please plan to attend our "Through the Decades" Fall Festival on Friday, October 28th. The fun begins at 6:00pm and it is surely to be a great time with music, games, inflatables, petting zoo and a variety of delicious food options. Please consider helping to make this a successful and fun event for our students by volunteering, even if just for an hour. I look forward to celebrating with you and your family!

Sincerely,
Cecilia Palmer, Principal

October 5, 2016 marks the 20th Walk to School Day celebration!

This day focuses on the benefits of walking and/or biking and raises awareness of the need for Safe Routes to School. Join the fun and meet us at the Safety Harbor Gazebo at 7:30am for some refreshments and a walk to school.



Safety Harbor Elementary
Centennial Anniversary!

1916 - 2016



Figure 1

Thank You Classroom Partners:

The Tuzzo Family

Colin Anderson

The Lane Family

Sydney Simons

Nemeth / Hardy

Crooked Thumb Brewery

The Ostoski Family

Lucile Casey

Oldsmar Wal-Mart

John & Barbara Duffy

Clearwater Toyota

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**October Commitment
to Character:**



**Getting along with others and
working together!**



**Pinellas County Schools Referendum supports
teachers and students**



The continuation of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, music and art programs; provides up-to-date technology; and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Pinellas County voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, including its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures to ensure money is spent as voters intended.

The Referendum provides classroom libraries filled with diverse and up-to-date materials and increased training opportunities for teachers. Children benefit from intensive reading programs, waived instrument rental fees, and paid admission for field trips to museums and art galleries.

All schools receive equitable funding for quality art supplies, equipment and technology that help students produce strong works of art. All elementary music classes receive musical instruments, and all schools receive music equipment to ensure equity among music programs in the district.

Eighty percent of Referendum revenue supplements teacher salaries, demonstrating the high value placed on keeping quality teachers in Pinellas.

The half-mill tax costs the average single family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County teachers and students. Learn more at

www.pcsb.org/referendum



A big thank you to our SHES family for supporting our fall fundraiser that will provide nearly \$10,000 in funding technology and programs for our students. Qualifying bonus winners will get to participate in Pig Races on October 7th and the Limo Ride to Chick-fil-A on October 14th.



Character Winners for September
RESPONSIBILITY

- Eliza Lane
- Emily Meyerhoff
- Amanda Vehorn
- Samiyah Martino
- Nicole Harter
- Peter Case
- Jayden Thielemann
- Sirena Anderson
- Emerson Rittenhouse
- Isabella Sanderson
- Lukas Geary
- Kayvon Boozarjomehri
- Mariah Williams
- Logan Callahan
- Rose Tanner
- Sophia Webb
- Jocelyn Ibarra-Hernandez
- Sophia Zemzicki
- Jessica Knox
- Cole Craig
- Miles Hevey
- Alex Collova
- Leena Higueros
- Aleksy Wills
- Tiarra Jones
- Annie Hilgeman
- Amanda Stewart
- Chandler Jean-Baptist
- Devianna Ramlal
- Lauren Guinther
- John Hinson
- Joshua Stewart

- Soren Colby
- Faith Costantino
- Katelyn Hurley
- Andrea Stout



Attendance Awareness 2016

Although attendance awareness was highlighted in the month of September for Pinellas County Schools, our focus on the importance of attendance continues! Attendance matters as early as Kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days or about 18 days in a school year. As of October 1st 2016 there have been 37 days of school. Missing 4 days puts a student over 10% missed instruction.

Attend every day, on time. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session. Set a regular bed time and morning routine. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

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PTA UPDATE

HELLO OCTOBER!

Still haven't joined the PTA? It's not too late! Membership forms are available in your child's agenda books or in the main office.



Please LIKE US on Facebook to get up to date information:
Safety Harbor Elementary PTA

The PTA has many exciting events coming up this month & we need Volunteers!!!!

October 5th is National Walk to School Day. Meet at the Safety Harbor Gazebo on Main Street at 7:30AM.

October 6th is the first iMoms meeting in the media center at 7:45am.

October 7th is Spirit Stick Sales from 8:05am-8:25am.

October 28th is our Fall Fest from 6:00-8:30pm.

If you would like to volunteer at any of these events, please contact jenfridmartinez@gmail.com

In order to be successful, we need the support and involvement from parents, students, faculty and staff at SHES! We encourage you to show your commitment by joining the PTA. You are always welcome to get involved. However, joining does not obligate you to attend meetings or volunteer if your schedule doesn't permit.

On behalf of myself and the entire PTA board, we are very excited to be celebrating our Centennial year and look forward to the many fun events ahead!

Jennifer Martinez, PTA President



SHES Annual Fall Festival will celebrate our Centennial Celebration.

"Through the Decades"

October 28, 2016
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please join us for all the fun!

