

# Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary  
October 2019

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## Calendar



### Mark Your Calendar:

October 2019

- 10/2 National Walk To School Day – Meet at gazebo at 7:40am
- 10/3 All Pro Dads – 7:55am
- 10/8 SAC meeting 5:30 pm
- 10/11 End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- 10/14 School closed for students / Columbus Day
- 10/25 Sea Turtle Character Assembly- 8:45 am
- 10/25 Fall Festival – 5:00 pm
- 10/29 Report cards go home
- 10/29 Picture Retake Day – SMILE

Looking forward:  
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
- 11/13 Great American Teach In  
Be a guest teacher! Contact the front office for more details.



## Principal's Pen

Happy Fall Safety Harbor Elementary Families! We have quite an exciting and busy month coming up!

By this time in the school year your child should be spending time each day reading in their "just right books" not only at school but at home as well. Tracking reading on monthly reading logs or in agenda books is a great way to see how reading stamina grows across the school year. Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for periods of time without being distracted or distracting others. It is important to develop reading stamina in primary grades so that as text becomes more complex, students are able to hang on to what they are reading and build ideas through the text. Think about your own reading. You might feel like you get so engrossed in a book that you are "lost in the story". That is the feeling we want for our students as well as they develop this love of reading. You can help develop this at home by encouraging nightly reading and growing that time as the year progresses.

Along with our rigorous academic curriculum, students across the district just completed their first cycle of MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress). Students in First through 5th grade participate in this assessment 3 times per year. Kindergarten is twice per year. MAP, is a computerized adaptive test which helps us improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote and monitor a child's academic growth. Following assessments in Literacy, Math and Science, classroom teachers will share these results, along with other academic information through parent conferences. Please take the time to meet with your child's teacher as we value and appreciate your partnership in the learning process.

Another academic topic I encourage you to talk with your student about is their daily number routines. This is a vital element in our math block to help students develop number sense. Although just a few minutes of each day, students increase their math fluency and share strategy ideas.

October not only is bringing us a rigorous curriculum, it is bringing us some Fall Fun! Thanks to our amazing PTA, our Fall Fundraiser and Annual SHES Fall Fest is happening this month! Parent volunteers are always the key to each Fall Fest's success. We hope you will join us and consider contributing just a little bit of time volunteering for one of the many activities we will have that evening. Even just 30 minutes of volunteer time is helpful! Be sure to mark your calendars for this most special evening for our students. Thank you as always for all you do SHES Parents!

October  
Character Trait:  
Cooperation  
Getting along  
with others &  
working together.

*Ms. Palmer,  
Principal*

**September Character Winners:  
Responsibility:**

Kia Loberg  
Drew Nguyen  
Kenneth Tomita  
Ethan Jackson  
John Zemzicki  
Isla Schrayner  
Marlin Barnes  
Charlotte Romano  
Korina Orozco  
Eva Putnam  
Issac Diaz-Martinez  
Brianna Armanious  
Alex Minasian  
Madison Santiago  
Ethan Collashaw  
Zoey Lawson  
Sophia Beftoulides  
Sol Casilla-Hernandez  
Taylor Belejchak  
Riley Harrell  
Brayden Beadle  
Brinley Temperton  
Stella Pruitt  
Olivia Incorvaia  
Rose Tanner  
Vicente Cruz-Martinez  
Jane Thomas  
Gemma Wiley  
Stella DiRienzo  
Andrea Stout  
Alex Penna  
Kalina Vidovic  
Zoey Triplett  
Christopher Casilla-Hernandez  
Maya Radwanski  
Liam Farrell  
Annabelle Fredriksen  
Julia Morse  
Anna Cruz  
Jackson Walls

## **PTA NEWS:**

Can you feel it? The slight breeze in the morning? The cooler evenings? It's coming, it really is... Fall is almost here and when SHES Families think of Fall, they think of Fall Fest! Yes, October is the month of our long cherished tradition of Fall Fest, but before we get to Fall Fest we have lots of other exciting activities planned.

Wednesday, October 2 is National Walk to School Day. Please join us at the Gazebo on Main Street at 7:40am where students and families will walk to school together after learning some important safety tips from the Mayor and our very own Ms. Palmer. The very next day, October 3, we hope you join us for our first All Pro Dad's meeting of the year (7:55am in the Media Center). This is a great way to spend some time with your child (granddads, uncles, mentors etc. are all welcomed too) while having fun and meeting other families. The fun doesn't stop there. This month we are also bringing back Spirit Night! Stop by SnoBeach on October 7<sup>th</sup> anytime between 2:00 and 9:00 pm and enjoy a yummy ice, gelato or even a mini donut (if you haven't had one yet your are missing out). This is a great way to support our local businesses while also supporting your PTA. **Twenty-five percent** of all sales will be donated back to our school – just let them know you are with SHES (and spread the word to your friends and family). Finally, Friday October 25 is our annual Fall Fest. Please join us from 5 to 7:30 pm for a fun-filled night of bouncy houses, dodgeball, carnival games, cake walks, class pumpkins, costume contest, and so much more (this year you can come dunk water on some of your favorite teachers and staff!). Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Please mark your calendars now and we look forward to seeing you there. Finally, your student should have brought home our Fall Fundraiser information packet. This fundraiser is filled with a variety of items that are perfect for gifting (either for a loved one or yourself!). This PTA fundraiser is essential to continue offering family events, campus and classroom improvement projects, teacher and staff support, and so much more - all which makes SHES the great place that it is. Completed packets and payment are due on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, any student that sells 10 or more items will win a chance to visit the gaming truck on campus. We appreciate all your support!

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions please reach out to us at anytime.

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

## **SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!**

**The Danhour Family  
The Belejchak Family  
The Miller Family  
The Rudolph Family**

# Volunteer Corner!

Time to log your  
hours! Please  
take a moment  
to think of ALL  
the ways you  
have  
volunteered so  
far this year  
and help SHES  
shine by logging  
every minute!

Need help?  
Please contact  
Lisa Zollars in  
the front office.



## Duke Energy- GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN

Join us on Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Sign up today!

To register for the 2019 Duke Energy Great American Teach-In, please contact the front office.

Please plan to join us. The kids will love you for it!

You have the power to enrich a child's life – in as little as an hour. The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is part of Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. Sponsored by our company since 1994, it's a special opportunity for you to visit the public school of your choice and share what you know with a new generation.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019. Opportunities are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may choose to stay for an hour or for the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined strictly by what your schedule permits and what the teacher wants to accomplish.

Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference. Thousands of previous Teach-In participants have discovered the experience is truly rewarding.

### **Teach-In tips:**

- Plan for 20-35 students per classroom.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation, hobby or topic you plan to discuss.
- Keep the students' average attention span in mind: 10-20 minutes for primary grades and 20-45 minutes for intermediate grades.
- When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office to pick up your nametag. Someone will greet you and accompany or direct you to your classroom.
- If you plan to bring printed or audiovisual materials, please check with the teacher or school Teach-In coordinator in advance.
- Do not ask students for personal information, including their telephone numbers or addresses.



Do you like to make a difference in the world and make it a better place? You can start right here at Safety Harbor Elementary by joining the **Kiwaniis Kids Club**. We meet every second Friday of each month and share ideas on actions we can take to make our community stand out as an amazing community.

We had two meetings so far where we met, and one where students elected their peers as officers. We are excited about our focus this year, "Caring for Kids". The students voted to focus on children. There are so many opportunities right here in our community to do so.

It is not too late to join if you are interested. Email one of the Teacher Advisors with your name and reason for interest.

2019-20 KKIDS Officers:

Olivia Webb – President

Jackson Walls – Vice President

Alex Collova – Treasurer

Natalie Scott – Recording Secretary



Just a friendly reminder: All medications need to be signed in at the front office by a parent. Students are NOT permitted to carry medication while on campus. This includes any over the counter medicine. Please contact the Nurse Leslie Johnson with any questions.