

Sea Turtle Times

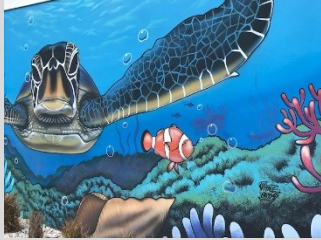
Safety Harbor Elementary
October 2020

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

10/5 – Wear **Blue** this Monday
National Bullying Prevention and
Awareness Month

 Wear **PINK** every Wednesday
To raise Breast Cancer Awareness

Wear your school T-shirt (or school
colors) on Fridays to celebrate
School Spirit!

10/13 Virtual SAC Meeting 5:30pm

10/23 – End of 1st Grading Period

10/26– School closed for students
(Teacher Work Day)

10/27 – 2nd Grading Period Begins

Looking forward:

11/3 – Report Cards Go Home
11/23 – 11/27 – Thanksgiving
Holiday- School Closed

Front Office Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
727-724-1462

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

Welcome Fall and welcome cool weather!

Principal's Pen

Cool weather is not the only thing to appreciate this month! **We are appreciating our teachers who have been doing an outstanding job delivering instruction and balancing the demands of simultaneous instruction.** Definitely not an easy task! Although things have been progressing nicely, we all agree that there is no replacement for the caring connection, academic support and peer relationships that students gain in the face to face traditional setting. On behalf of our SHES teachers and faculty, we are excited about **welcoming back more of our SHES Sea Turtles to campus** in the very near future! Parents can now visit this link and **request a change in learning options** for your student(s).

<https://www.pcsb.org/learningoption> The link will be open until **Tuesday, October 6th at 11:59pm.** Any parent who submits a request to change their child's learning option will receive communication from me by October 19th or sooner. It is our goal to accommodate any requests submitted while still maintaining our safety protocols. Our students on campus have done an excellent job wearing their masks and maintaining social distancing to the greatest extent possible.


The 1st grading period is quickly coming to a close and I would like to encourage all parents to visit your child's **FOCUS** page to ensure that you are aware of your child's current academic performance as it relates not only to English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, but to Art, Music and PE as well. **Grades are being collected for each of these content areas whether your child is in the traditional setting or the My PCS Online setting.** If your child is missing assignments or not performing at grade level for any content area, **communication with the teacher is vital.** Our teachers have been diligent in making phone calls and sending e-mails to parents of students impacted. **Parents are every child's first teacher!** Please reach out if you have any questions or if your child is struggling.

October is a busy month for awareness. This month is **National Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month.** This national campaign encourages action to prevent bullying in schools, communities and online. Sometimes there is confusion between conflict and bullying. Conflict is a normal part of life, whereas bullying is a harmful form of peer abuse. Conflict is generally not a repeated behavior, and there is a relatively equal balance of power between those involved. Bullying would be identified with the following criteria:

1. There is always a power differential between the bully and the victim that is acquired through physical size, strength or status.
2. There is intent to harm; the child who is bullied is put in the position of oppression by the child who bullies.
3. Finally, bullying is a repeated rather than singular event.

Adults can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it and teaching strategies on how to stand up to it safely. Also consider, what role is my child playing in this conflict and/or bullying? **If bullying is suspected,** visit our district website to report incidences or to seek additional resources. <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3639>

Also shared in our newsletter this month is information about Hispanic Heritage Month and Red Ribbon Week!

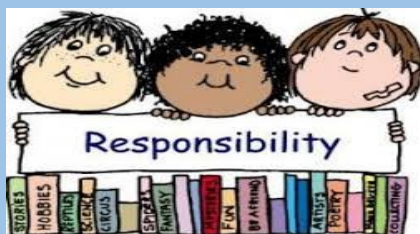
Finally parents, October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month . Breast Cancer continues to impact the lives of many, including members of our SHES Sea Turtle family and community. Please keep all those impacted in your thoughts and **wear PINK on Wednesdays for the month of October to raise awareness!**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Our office number is 727-724-1462 or feel free to e-mail me directly.

Ms. Palmer, Principal

Character Winners for September! Responsibility

Antonio Figueroa
Nathan Sweeney
Elizabeth Tomita
Lucas Southworth
Michael Gahura
Liam Adams
Caleb Rudolph
Cecilia McCarthy
Kobe Mayer
Kenneth Tomita
Coby Craig
Bowen Ellis
Korina Orozco
Sarah Demillon
Juleanna Trevino
Jhaila Lee-Allen
Isaac Diaz
Devyn Bailey
Xenia Augustyn
Kylie Clouse
Gabby Zimmer
Elona Cubaj
Ethan Collashaw
Joshua Jones
Luke Laugen
Rhys Lim
Olivia Incorvaia
Noelle Parsons
Kaitlyn Reardon
Cruz Triplett
Cole Craig
Joseph Pham
Kinley Adang
Ryder Friend
Jared Hernandez
Andrea Stout
John Wesley Cardin
Sarah Blair
Mackenzie Blunier
Camila Garnica
Faith Natal



SHES PTA News

Over a month of school has already gone by. Whether in person or virtual, we hope that everyone is finding their routine and all is going well. We cannot thank our teachers and staff enough for all they have done. This year put them in a difficult position with expectations to manage more than normal and they have risen to the occasion. They have done a fantastic job and we know things will only continue to get better as time goes on. Thank you, families, for showing your support, patience and grace to our awesome teachers and staff.

I know many of you have missed our monthly Morning with Moms and All-Pro Dads meetings. While we cannot meet in person, we hope to continue both programs in some fashion until we can get back to meeting in person. This month Morning with Moms will post an activity that you can do with your children at your convenience. Please look to our PTA and SHES Facebook page and website the first week of October for more information.

In addition, during the week of October 19th we will be hosting a virtual Halloween themed story time and craft with a special surprise guest reader! The craft will require basic supplies, but we will have some supplies available for pick up outside the front office for any families that may need them. Please look to our Facebook page and website for more information to come on this event as well.

Some of you might be aware that our very own local restaurant, Gigglegaters, has been doing their part to show appreciation to teachers and staff throughout our community. Safety Harbor Elementary teachers and staff have been chosen to receive free lunch this month. They are currently collecting money to help support this cause. While this is not a PTA event, we do want to help make this lunch possible for our well deserving teachers and staff. If you would like to contribute to this event please go to <https://gigglegaters.com/> then to "Order to Go"; find the drop down for "Choose a Menu" and click on "Giggles for Good." From there you can click on Feed the Teachers in \$5, \$10 or \$15 increments. Once the goal is reached, Gigglegaters will provide the staff at our school a well-deserved lunch!

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that even though we cannot meet person, you are still able to show support for your PTA by becoming a member. Membership fees are \$5 per person and can be purchased electronically at: <https://shes-pta.new.memberhub.store/store>. Please note, there is a small processing fee when purchasing online. If you would like to join the PTA but are financially not able to at this time, please reach out to us and we will be happy to assist (shespta1@gmail.com). Our goal is for all our families and staff to be a part of your PTA.

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

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<http://www.ourshespta.org/>

FB: Safety Harbor PTA <https://www.facebook.com/safetyharborpta>



**Thank you SHES
Classroom Partners!**

*Arrow & Jade
Photography
The Demko Family
The Walls Family
The Tsafatinos
Family*

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



**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

**Guests will teach a class VIRTUALLY! We will help you!
More details to follow as soon as possible.**

We would love to have you join us online!



Does SHES and Pinellas County Schools have your most updated contact information in case of an emergency?

The school district needs accurate contact information to send parents phone calls and emails about COVID-19 updates, severe weather and other emergencies.

Please update your contact information. Parents can contact their schools or use the Student Reservation System. Here is the three-step process:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username and password. If you do not have a parent ID or forgot yours, you can get help at your child’s school. Make sure to present a valid photo ID.
2. Select the option: “Change Phone and Email Address Only”.
3. Enter your child’s name and date of birth or student ID number. Update your phone number and email address.

Other important forms can be accessed and completed at this site as well such as the clinic card.



K-Kids will return to meetings and activities as soon as possible. We will keep you posted. In the mean time, keep being young leaders by helping others when you can!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Gazlay, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Lyons

Red Ribbon Week

October 26th-30th has been designated as "Red Ribbon Week." The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people each year during Red Ribbon Week. We have planned some events this year for the week of October 26th – October 30th:

Monday, 10/26– No school for Students

Tuesday, 10/27 – "Wear Red Day"

Wear Red to show your commitment to living a drug-free life.

Wednesday, 10/28 – "Use Your Head, Don't Do Drugs"

Wear a crazy hat or crazy hair.

Thursday, 10/29 – "Sock it to Drugs Day"

Wear crazy or mismatched socks to show your support for Red Ribbon Week.

Friday, 10/30 – "Real Superheroes Don't Do Drugs!" (Character Assembly)

Wear your favorite superhero shirt or outfit to show that you are a real superhero!



Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting their original artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest. In addition, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award. The deadlines for the artwork, essay contest, and Excellence in Education Award are included in the **extended deadline, due 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, October 15, 2020**. To learn more about Florida's rich history of contributions by Hispanic-Americans and for more information about the art, essay and educator contests, please visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Volunteer Corner!

Please take a moment to reactivate your volunteer account for this school year. We will begin having volunteers help from home very soon! ☺ I will be reaching out to you via email requesting help. If you are NOT reactivated for this school year you will NOT get the request for help.

Thank you again for your support and patience.

Sincerely, Lisa Zollars

