

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
September 2018

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Calendar



September

- 6 All Pro Dads 7:55am
PTA General Info Session 6:30pm
- 10 Parent Volunteer Orientation 8:00am
- 11 Middle School Volunteer Orientation 8:00am
Mid Grade Period Reports
- 12 3rd Grade Parent Info 7:45am
Student Picture Day
- 27 Reading Night & Ice Cream Social / Fundraiser Kick Off 5:45pm

**School Hours for
2018/2019 are
8:45am – 2:45pm**

**Campus opens for
breakfast at 8:15am**

SHES PTA
www.ourshespta.org

Principal's Pen

Welcome Back SHES Families!

Congratulations once again to our students, families and staff for earning the Florida Department of Education school grade of an "A"! A wonderful accomplishment for all. Let's keep this momentum going by encouraging everyone to start the year off right. Tips for home include establishing supportive processes such as setting aside an area to complete homework, organize backpacks, review and sign agenda books. Regular communication with your child's teacher is also very essential. Agenda books, e-mail, phone calls and parent conferences are all great ways to reach out for clarification or to gain strategies to support your student.

Literacy performance continues to be a primary area of focus for SHES, therefore daily reading at home is essential. Reading takes place in all curriculum areas and student success depends on the ability to decode, comprehend and interpret what is read. Planning a time to read to or with your child nightly, for at least 20-30 minutes, can make all the difference in your child's ability to tackle rigorous curriculum they will be encountering this school year.

Thank you again for a successful opening and special thanks to our PTA Hospitality Team and Board Members for hosting this year's Bingo for Books! Food, family time and fun was had by all and we look forward to many more events this school year and hope you will join us. Please check the remainder of our newsletter for important dates. Enjoy your week and I'll see you around campus!

Ms. Palmer

September Character Trait

Responsibility

Doing your best and taking ownership
of your words and actions!

August Character Winners -
Respect

Ezra Stokes, Tristan Roche
McKinely Loberg Logan
Tickner, Sophia Zemzicki,
Eliana Bayliss, Avery Berens,
Greyson Huber, Layla Stokes,
Victor Berrios, Josiah
Hernandez, Ariadne
Stonestreet, Skylar Brand,
Jayla Jackson, Annebella
D'Andrea, Olivia Incorvaia,
Mason Lopez, Gemma Wiley,
Ethan Velezquez, Jhaquez
McMillian, Mason Kearnes,
Victor Jimenez, Chelsea
Howell, Logan Callahan, Walt
Kent, Alex Penna, Joseph
Rodriguez, Jared Hernandez,
Aaron Hernandez, Rylie
Armanious, Thomas Walker,
Colby Burgett, Madilyn
Carter, Maria Guerris, Beckett
Tibbetts, Theo Stokes, Stella
Dirienzo, Jacob Cartagena

SHES PTA NEWS

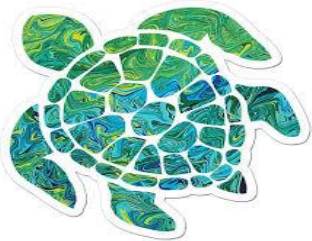
Welcome and Welcome Back to all our new and returning SHES families! Your PTA is off to a great start and we hope that you plan on being a part of our many wonderful programs this year.

Whether you enjoyed a bagel at the Boo-Hoo, Woo-Hoo Celebration, won a book at our annual Bingo for Books Family Night, or are gearing up for the ice cream social at Reading Night, we are thankful for your involvement!

We hope that you stopped by our booth at Open House and have had a chance to review the packet of PTA information that was sent home in your student's agenda. These resources will help you understand how PTA works to benefit all our children and how you too can get involved. If you have any questions / comments, please reach out to us at shespta1@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar for our annual **Reading Night and ice cream social on 9/27** and **Fundraiser Kick-off on 9/28**. Follow us on Facebook at Safety Harbor Elementary PTA and visit our website at www.ourshespta.org.

PTA's Vision: Making Every Child's Potential a Reality!



SHES CLASSROOM PARTNERS!

Become a Classroom Partner by financially supporting SHES! Please see Lisa Zollars in the front office for more details.



Important Clinic News!

Please return the yellow clinic card for your child that was sent home on the first day of school. This card contains important information needed in order to keep your child safe and have the most current contact information for you.

Please remember ALL medications (prescription and over the counter) must be signed in at the front office.

New Focus app gives parents better access to student information on mobile devices —

PCS is launching the Pinellas County Schools App to help parents stay connected to their children's education. The app, developed by Focus, helps families access student information on their cellphones and other mobile devices. Parents and students can still use the Focus website on desktop computers, but the app is designed to work better with mobile devices. Parents will receive real-time notifications of grades, attendance, upcoming assignments and test scores. Users will also be able to view school district news and Facebook posts, school messages, school menus, school bell times, the student calendar, family engagement opportunities and transportation information. Administrators can use the app to access student schedules and grades. Administrators and teachers will also be able to view PCS news, Facebook posts, Portal Messages and other links. The Pinellas County Schools App can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. The app is slated to go live by Aug. 13.

Volunteer Corner!



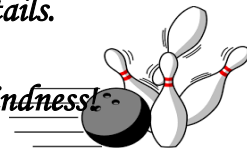
Become a SHES Volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer? Simply fill out the application and return to the front office with a copy of your ID.

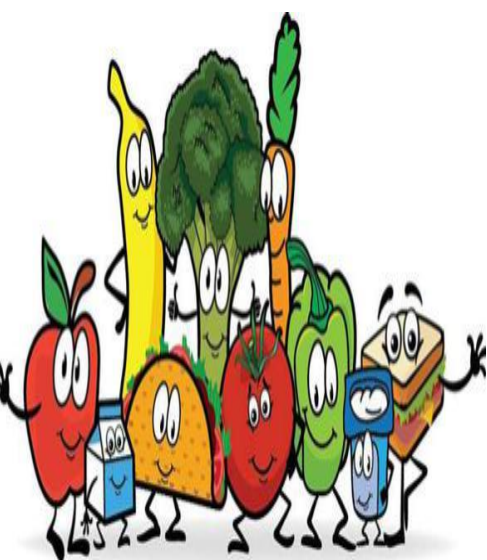
Volunteer opportunities: Field Trip Chaperones, PTA Events, Field Day, Media Center Assistant, Book Fair, Classroom Holiday Parties, Clerical Help... just to name a few.

See Lisa Zollars in the front office for more details.

SHES Volunteers BOWL us over with their kindness!



Thank you SHES Volunteers!



Breakfast: 8:15 – 8:35 am
Breakfast is FREE for ALL STUDENTS!

Lunch: \$2.00
Ala Cart Snacks: \$.50 - \$1.00
Friday Ice Cream: \$1.00

Apply for free or reduced lunch at www.myschoolapps.com

Add money to a lunch account by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com
You will need the students 10 digit student ID number

What's Cooking at SHES?

Coming Soon:



Conversations about school...

Support your child's education at home with conversations. Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, try some of these helpful conversation starters. "Let's see what you brought home today." "Show me what you have for homework." "Describe a book you enjoyed today." "Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about." "What was the most creative thing you did?" "How were you kind or helpful today?" Parent involvement is just as important as instruction in the classroom. Let's work together for school & student success!



YOUNG LEADERS HELPING OTHERS

In K-Kids clubs worldwide, more than 36,000 children are learning leadership through service. They're taking on the responsibility of running a K-Kids club as they plan and participate in community service projects. SHES K-Kids projects range from sponsoring children in need at Christmas or brightening the day of elderly nursing home patients with visits and hand-made tissue flowers to providing homeless children shoes and a holiday party. In big and small ways, they're changing the world around them. But the most significant change happens in the kids themselves.

WHO CAN JOIN: All former members of K-Kids are welcome to re-join. We also welcome first time K-Kid members from second, third, fourth and fifth grades. **Membership forms will be going home in the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for them.**

FIRST K-KIDS MEETING: The first K-Kids meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 14, 7:45 a.m. in Mrs. Troutman's classroom. This meeting will be held to discuss K-Kids officer nominations and the community outreach events and programs for the year. We will be having an additional meeting, the following Friday, Sept. 21, 7:45 a.m. in Mrs. Troutman's room. This meeting we will be electing new officers and deciding on our first community project.

**Everyday Counts!
Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow**

Excellent Attendance!

Being in school everyday means your child won't miss out on learning. Schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours.

School hours are Monday - Friday 8:45am - 2:45pm.

