

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
September 2019

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Calendar



Mark Your Calendar:

School Hours:

8:15am Campus Opens

8:35am First Bell Rings

8:45am Tardy Bell

2:55pm Dismissal

September 2019

9/2 School Closed – Labor Day

9/4 Volunteer Orientation – Youth

9/5 Morning with Mom 7:55

9/10 SAC Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Girl Scouts Info Mtg., 6-7 pm

9/11 Patriots Day –
Wear red, white & blue
Volunteer Orientation – Adults
8:00 – 9:00am

9/12 Mid Period Report
Individual Student Picture Day

9/17 Reading Night, PTA Dinner- 5:15pm

9/25 DADS take your child to school day!
Breakfast open to ALL DADS,
7:45am

Dedicated Achievement
Demonstrates Success

9/27 Sea Turtle Character Assembly
8:45am

Looking forward:

10/1 National Walk To School Day –
Meet at gazebo at 7:50am

10/3 All Pro Dads – 7:55am

**September is
Attendance Awareness
Month! Be on time and
in school each day!**

Principal's Pen

Dear Safety Harbor Families,

Thank you for a wonderful opening to our school year! Thank you also for your commitment to support your child's success by: reviewing their agenda books daily, checking grades on FOCUS, reinforcing expectations and communicating with the classroom teacher, joining and participating, when possible, in events sponsored by our dedicated PTA. Our first couple events, Mornings with Mom and the PTA Information Meeting, following our Kindergarten and Pre-K Open House were well organized and well attended! Please be sure you are looking out for our Reading Night / PTA Dinner invite which is always a big hit! We look forward to seeing everyone on September 17th!

Now that everyone is familiar with arrival and dismissal processes, we have just a couple of minor suggestions to make things go more smoothly. Please refrain from using cell phones and/or smoking in the car line. Pull up to the most available loading/unloading space in the circle, leave no space between you and the car in front of you, and finally, have a dashboard sign with your student's name printed in large letters. Thank you to those parents who are being patient and courteous to staff members and fellow parents as we safely load and unload students each day. Another important topic to consider this time of year is student safety when arriving or departing from school or the bus stop. If meeting primary students, arrive to the bus stop on time and practice walking your route with your child.

Communicating behavior expectations for your scholars is extremely important as well. Our Safety Harbor Sea Turtle Traits are reinforced and celebrated throughout the campus and the school day! Commitment to character traits that make up our Guidelines for Success include: Safety First, Being Respectful, and Being Responsible and Ready to Learn! Each month at our Sea Turtle Character Assembly we celebrate students nominated by their teachers for demonstrating our character trait of the month on a consistent basis.

Finally families, MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing begins next week. This is our district common assessment that is given 3 times a year to gauge growth and progress. Your teacher should have communicated an assessment date so that you can encourage your student to take their time, follow directions and perform to their best ability.

Thank you again for a successful opening and I look forward to seeing you at some of the events we have planned in September. Please check the remainder of our newsletter for important dates. Enjoy your week and I'll see you around campus!

*Ms. Palmer,
Principal*

**September
Character Trait
Is Responsibility:
Doing your best
& taking
ownership for
your words &
actions**

**August Character Winners:
RESPECT**

Jaden Larry
Egypt Robinson
Anthony Tarantino
Lucy Schaber
Savannah McCormack
Edwin Angeles-Martin
McKinley Loberg
Sarah Demillon
Reese Morales
Coby Craig
Joshua Jones
Brayden Ison
Greyson Huber
Archer Dixon
Xenia Augustyn
Marcus Kearnes
Imanol Cruz-Mejia
Cameron Broome
Skylar Brand
Cresencia Rocke
Audrey Visbeck
Todd Wright
Chaucer Frazier
Sofia Rioux
Cole Craig
Ava Cunningham
Robbie Halstead
Olivia Kofoed
Mason Kearnes
Jared Hernandez
Ireland Harrell
Le'Santi Robinson
Reed Parry
Sarah Blair
Julian Roberts
Jake Parsons
Isabella Sanderson
Emerson Rittenhouse
Kaden Tucker
Caylee Rudolph

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

PTA NEWS:

Can you believe over two weeks of school have already gone by? We hope that everyone is settling back into the school routine. Now it is time to mark your calendars for couple fun events planned for this month. Thursday, September 5th is our first "Mornings with Mom" (formerly I-Moms) meeting at 7:55am in the Media Center. Come enjoy a light breakfast and a craft while enjoying quality time with your child. "Mornings with Mom" will meet four times this year, come to one or come to all, just come and have fun! Also this month is the annual Reading Night and family dinner. Join us on September 17th for a PTA sponsored dinner followed by informational reading tips by our very own exceptional teachers. We will also be kicking off our Fall Fundraiser this month so keep an eye out for information and catalogs to come home at the end of the month. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and we look forward to your help! Finally, looking ahead, our annual walk to school event will take place on October 2 at the Safety Harbor gazebo on Main Street. We hope to see you there.



**Every Friday is School Spirit Day!
Do you need a new SHES T-Shirt?**

Visit the link below!

<https://shes-pta.memberhub.store/>

**SHES Sea Turtle Classroom Partners!
Susie Johnson
Heritage United Methodist
Lincare, Inc.
The Linehan Family
Thank you!**

Volunteer Corner!

Volunteer
Orientation
for adults:
Sept. 11th -
8:00am

Volunteer
Orientation
for youth:
Sept. 4th -
8:00am

Bring your
questions &
suggestions!

Light
Breakfast
Snacks Served



Bus Transportation News:

Find out now if your student's bus is going to be delayed

Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department is implementing a new system to inform you when your child's bus is going to be delayed. Our school is part of a pilot effort to use a system called Bus Bulletin.

The Bus Bulletin notification system will notify schools, parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes. If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost to you for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive either text messages, phone calls, and e-mails or all of these options.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold. Your privacy is protected.
- **Please note:** this system is not related to Pinellas County Schools new emergency text message communications through SchoolMessenger.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit:

www.BusBulletin.com/parents.

If you need assistance with registration, call Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.



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 work 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. September will be the only month where we meet twice. One to meet members and then to again conduct elections for student KIDS officers.

The K-KIDS club is one that encourages and welcomes parent involvement to help with completing projects. We will not need parent participation at every meeting, but you are always welcome if you wish you attend.

Our first meeting will be on September 13th at 7:45 in Mrs. Troutman's room. If you wish to sign up be looking for a sign-up sheet in your child's agenda book.

WE BUILD!!!!



Please join us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/shesseaturtle>



Parents are welcome to join their student for lunch at the picnic table area on Mondays. Please sign in at the front office.

Your driver's license will need to be scanned each time you come on campus.