

Sea Turtle Times

Safety Harbor Elementary
September 2021

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Mark Your Calendar:

- 9/6 – Labor Day, School Closed
 - 9/9 – Mid Grade Period Report
 - 9/10 – Patriot's Day 9/11
Wear Red, White and Blue
 - 9/13 – Fundraiser Kick Off
 - 9/14- SAC Meeting, 5:15pm
 - 9/21- DADS bring your child to school day!
 - 9/23 – SMILE, Picture Day
 - 9/30- Character Assembly
- Looking forward:
10/7 – End of 1st Quarter
10/8 – School closed for students

Check our website for upcoming events!

September
Character Trait:
Citizenship

Being law abiding
and involved in
service to school,
community and
country.

Happy September SHES Families!

Principal's Pen

On behalf of our faculty, welcome to our newest SHES families and to our returning families. We have had a productive few weeks as we kicked off the 2021-2022 school year! It was wonderful to have our Sea Turtles back in the classroom, face to face and engaged in learning!

Thank you to all who made it possible for us to return in a safe way. Our Plant Operations team (Bill, JJ, Rodney and Troy) have worked hard to prepare and they continue to implement a cleaning regiment to ensure our staff and students are in a sanitized and healthy environment. Our instructional staff have also been back to the business of prioritizing academics and ensuring student safety.

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.

*Have a dashboard sign with your student's name and grade 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 at a bus stop, arrive to the bus stop on time and practice walking your route with your child. If walking your child to campus from nearby, utilize the crosswalks and crossing guards. For your child's safety please do not drop them off along the street on a sidewalk around campus, or illegally cross Dr. MLK Street without the use of a crossing guard and crosswalk.

Now that Open House is concluded, I hope everyone has a better understanding of what is expected from your child academically. Teachers will begin scheduling conferences as initial formative assessments are completed. In order to build comprehension and fluency in both reading and math, I highly encourage each parent to find time to listen to your child read each evening. Even in Kindergarten, students can retell what they see in the picture to build language, identify letters and sight words they are familiar with. Practicing math skills relative to your child's age is equally as important. Primary and intermediate students should focus on counting and practicing math facts to build fluency as well. And let's not forget Dreambox! Visit Clever to help your child access Dreambox so they can complete their required lessons each week. Parents are each child's first teacher, and we need to work together to ensure that the foundation is established to build upon.

Finally parents, please take the time to view the fabulous video that our PTA Board put together and join to support each students on campus! Thank you for all you do!

Ms. Palmer, Principal

SHES PTA News

August Character Trait Winners RESPECT

Weston Fowler
Elizabeth Tomita
Lucas Lovato
Marlowe Runnells
Joshua Carlisle
Vera Brown
Aubrey Ward
Nathan Vetter
Emily Sadler
Sloane Locke
Maya Walters
Liam Adams
Meyer Young
Alyssa Armanious
Carlos Ruiz Avila
Kenneth Tomita
Tanaiyah Thomas
Jonathan Mangual
Annabelle Bitner
Kenton Booher
Isla Schrayner
Michael Mendoza
Sarah Demillon
Yoselyn Martinez-Duran
Dean Jackson
Xenia Augustyn
Ester Llazi
Ethan Timms
Brayden Ison
Jasper Hogue
Todd Wright
Riley Wivholm
Delilah Kollore
Cameron Broome
Emily Knox
Zoe Maiden
Waldy Ricart
Jakobi McBroome
Charleigh Moul
Madison Castiglia

PTA is in full swing. Our membership drive at Back-to-School night was very successful and we currently have over 150 members! Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and grandparents that have joined our fabulous organization. We really enjoyed meeting new SHES families at Back to School night and BooHoo Breakfast. If you haven't joined PTA yet, it's never too late to become a member, and can be done through our school store: <https://shes-pta.memberhub.com/store> In our PTA school store, you can also buy a school t-shirt, Tervis tumbler, a newly designed car magnet, and other school merchandise. We encourage students and teachers to wear their school shirts every Friday to show school spirit!

Students will soon be bringing home information about the upcoming fundraiser. PTA is trying something a little different this year. There's no cookie dough or candles to sell! You just need to enter email addresses of friends and family to request donations, and that's it! PTA's fall fundraiser is where we generate most of the funds to serve you, your child, and your child's teacher for the entire year so we know you are excited to participate! Your child will receive prizes based on how many email addresses you enter, so do it as soon as you receive the information!

PTA is also starting to form the various committees that do the work of PTA. If you're interested in helping with events, fundraising, or serving on our yearbook committee, be sure to check the boxes on the "HELP WANTED" form that was sent home. Even if you're just curious about a committee, check the box! You are not obligated to volunteer but will be included in the communications for that committee. It's a great way to stay informed.

Lastly, we hope you are starting to feel at home at Safety Harbor Elementary. While we are choosing to postpone in-person PTA events currently for the safety of our families, we are still working hard to support students and teachers. We are having to pivot and modify some of our initial plans for the school year including our beloved Fall Festival. We are getting creative and thinking of new ways to create the home/school connection, so make sure you "like" the SHES PTA Facebook page so you are informed of all PTA opportunities including upcoming events like Bingo for Books. We're so glad you're here and look forward to a great year.

Your PTA President,

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**Thank you SHES
Classroom Partners!**

Michael Gamble

Helen Vieira

The Walls Family

The Rudolph Family

The Miller Family

**Students and staff
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>

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you returning volunteers for taking the time to reactivate your volunteer account.

This must be done before you volunteer for this school year. Please call the front office if you have any questions.

Please remember to log all of your volunteer hours. Every minute counts!



FSA Scores Are Available

<https://fsassessments.org/families.html>

Scores have uploaded into FOCUS, but more detailed/printed FSA reports will not be available to schools until after the first week in September. When posted on the DOE site, families can visit the above link for additional information about their student's performance.

Congratulations to our teachers and students for earning an "A"!!



More information coming soon about joining this amazing group.



Notes from Nurse Jen!

Head lice are most common in preschool and elementary school-aged children. Each year millions of school-aged children in the United States get head lice. Head lice are found worldwide, and anyone can get it. Head lice are tiny bugs roughly the size of a sesame seed. They are usually pale and gray in color, but their colors may vary. They feed on small amounts of blood on the scalp and can live up to two days without a blood meal.

Head lice live for about 28 days. They develop in 3 phases: egg (nit), nymph, and adult louse.

1. Egg or nit. Eggs or nits hatch in 6 to 9 days. Eggs are usually found within 4 to 6 mm of the scalp and do not survive if they are farther away.
2. Nymph. The nymph looks like an adult head louse but is much smaller (about the size of a pinhead [1.5 mm]). Nymphs become adults about 7 days after hatching.
3. Adult. An adult louse can multiply fast and lay up to 10 eggs a day. It takes only about 12 to 14 days for newly hatched eggs to reach adulthood. This cycle can repeat itself every 3 weeks if head lice are left untreated.

Regular checks for head lice are a good way to catch head lice early and avoid infestation. Below is a list of how you can check your child's hair.

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair.
- Look for crawling lice and for nits on your child's scalp a section at a time.
- Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly.
- Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks and be firmly attached to the hair near the scalp. The easiest place to find them is at the hairline at the back of the neck or behind the ears. Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair spray droplets. The way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles are not.
- Use a fine-tooth comb to help you search the scalp section by section.

*Always check with your child's doctor before beginning any head lice treatment such as medicated lice shampoos.

Other things to remember when treating head lice:

- Wash your child's clothes, bed linens, towels, hats and backpack in hot water and dry on high heat if they were used within two days of finding head lice.
- DO NOT spray pesticides in your home. They expose you and your family to dangerous chemicals and are not needed to treat head lice.
- Anyone who has come in close contact should be checked and treated when necessary.

COVID INFORMATION can be found on our district website at www.pcsb.org/covid19

Please keep students home if they are displaying Covid related symptoms. We encourage everyone to "Mask Up" at school! Reach out to Nurse Jen in our front office with any questions at 727-724-1462.