



Shohola Elementary Newsletter

December 2020



Events in December & January

- 12/23 Winter Recess Begins
- 1/4 Return from Winter Recess
- 1/5 Virtual PTA Meeting
- 1/11 1980s Spirit Day
- 1/26 1990s Spirit Day

February's Events:

- 2/2 Virtual PTA Meeting
- 2/15 No School
- 2/20 100th Day of School

Safety Update:

- In December we conducted the mandated fire drill
- Please remember if you are going to visit the school, please enter through the front doors, get buzzed in, and sign-in at the desk.
- If you are dropping you child off for a morning activity, please do not leave until you see you child with the appropriate staff member.
- Officer Scott has visited each bus to remind the students about safe bus conduct

Support Network

- If you or your family is in need of any support, please contact the guidance and nurse's office.
- Feel free to reach out to me as well if there is ever anything I can do to help.



From the Office of Mr. Weston

Reflections from the Principal

I can't believe that December is coming to an end. I want to thank everyone for pitching in and doing their part to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. There is no way we could have remained in-person learning for this duration without everyone's diligence. Thank you very much!! Our children are truly benefiting for all of these efforts and sacrifices.

In December, I was able to visit the classrooms to continue the Principal Reading Visits. We have read *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies*, *Click Clack Ho! Ho!, Ho!*, and *Grumpy Badger's Christmas*. For the upper grades, I have been reading *Charlotte's Web* with the Third Grade, *Island of the Blue Dolphins* with the Fourth Grade, and *Where the Red Fern Grows* with the Fifth Grade. These are classic novels that all elementary students should experience. We read portions of these novels on a weekly basis.

While all of the buses basically arrive to the school right at dismissal, and been pulling out right around 3:40, we must be prepared for weather delays and closures. Please have an emergency plan ready in case we experience some form of change to our usual schedule. Also, while we have had very few bus referrals, but please remind your children about safe and appropriate conduct on the bus. I know this is a repeat from last month's newsletter, but looking at the long-range forecast, it appears appropriate.

Clearance Reminder:

If you wish to volunteer during the school year, you must have up-to-date clearances. This is a Commonwealth Law. For a list of the clearances and the procedures on how to obtain these clearances, visit our District's Website.

PTA

The PTA will have a general meeting on 1/5 & 2/4 @ 6:00. Please come out and join if you can. The PTA is a great opportunity to get involved at SES. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. If you haven't joined the PTA, please do so.

Happy Holidays!!!

If there is anything I learned from this year is that life is a gift and time is the most precious commodity on Earth. Even though we are faced with unique challenges this holiday season, please be creative and find ways to spend time with your loved ones. Build special memories that will last a lifetime!! I wish you nothing but peace, joy, love, and happiness this holiday season!!

