February Edition

What’s Happening at SHES in February...

1st - PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off
5th – PTO Meeting 6:30pm- SHES Library
8th- PTO’s GLOW CRAZY Family Dance 6:30pm-8:30pm
11th - NO SCHOOL
13th - Turn in PTO Fundraiser sales
14th- Valentine’s Day Parties 3:30pm
19th– Conferences & BOOK FAIR 4-8pm
21st – NO SCHOOL/ Conferences & BOOK FAIR 8am-8pm
22nd- NO SCHOOL
TBA- Mom’s Night!

Upcoming March Events
4th- PTO Skate Night 6-8pm
5th– 1st/2nd Vocal Music Program SHHS Auditorium 7pm
6th– PTO Meeting 6:30pm- SHES Library
7th- Edward R. Pettit Scholarship Dinner & Basketball Tourn. 5-8pm
11th-18th NO SCHOOL

*Passport Event

SKATE TIME has begun! If you are available to help, please sign up via this link! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAFAF2EA7F58-skate

GLOW CRAZY! We still need volunteers to help this event run smoothly and safely. Sign Up Here! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4fa9aa23a6fe3-glow

PTO’s Passport to the Classroom...

ECSE
The kids came back ready to learn after Christmas break. We added 3 kids to our morning class following break. On January 10, we invited our moms for Muffins with Mom to celebrate moms and Letter M week. We are ending the month learning all about Kansas. The children are continuing to learn play skills, their pre-academics, and communication skills.

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Preschool
Preschool is beginning our I Build, I Create construction theme. During this theme, we will reinforce the shapes we already know and learn new shapes we see in our environment. Students will have lots of opportunities to be creative and build new things. Preschool is doing an awesome job mastering their letters and working on sounds too! We are also focusing on learning our personal information and sequencing during story time. It will be a great third quarter!

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Kindergarten
Kindergarten has been working hard with their letters and sounds, and now we are using them to read and write! We have also been working on learning about Kansas and all of the Kansas Symbols. We are so excited that we are almost at 100 days of school. We have a lot of activities planned to celebrate our 100th day of Kindergarten!
Most importantly we are looking forward to meeting with all of our parents at conferences in the February. So please mark your calendars for your conference time.

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First Grade
In math, the 1st graders are currently working on place value, greater than, less than and 10 more/less. In Language Arts, the focus is non-fiction and reading. All 1st graders were recently MAP tested in reading and math. They are currently learning about sounds and vibrations in science and they are learning about Kansas Day in Social Studies.
Bread Day will be January 29th and the 100th Day of School is January 30th!
They will begin Skate Time soon and we are still in need of volunteers to help with that! Also, the 1st grade store is looking to be a huge success, the first one is January 25th!
THANK YOU PTO for helping us fund this activity!

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Did you know?...PTO

PTO needs you! We are getting an early start on filling our 19’-20’ committees! Please let us know if you’re interested!

- Carnival, Book Fair, Basket Auction, Chili Feed, Movie Nights, Teacher Appreciation, P/T Conference Meals, Community/SHES Communications.
- Executive Positions that will be voted on in April are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Site Council.
PTO Shout Out!

January's Wellness Fair was a great event! Thank you to our Sponsors and Vendors and attendees that made this first-time event possible!

Special Thanks to
Amy Simpson- Jazzercise
Legacy Martial Arts
Pilates by AMY
and Mickey Simpson for leading our Family Knockout tournament.

Congratulations to our SPELLING BEE Contestants
GRAY and GAVIN! and Alternate LAURA!
We are P-R-O-U-D, PROUD of you!

SHES has TALENT!
Our kiddos are AWESOME! 2019 was a talent show for the books! From amazing acts to record audience attendance!
Thank you to our 6th graders! They worked all night serving dinner and selling concessions to raise money for their 6th grade graduation celebration!
Thanks to Stacy Brown and Family for leading the Talent Show!

Our PTO Catalog Fundraiser is going until Feb. 13th! Anyone who sells 10 items gets to attend an Ice Cream Sundae Party and can Pie Mrs. Hummer at the all school Assembly!

SPRING BOOK FAIR!
During Conferences, don’t forget to visit the book fair in the SHES Gym.
We are still needing some volunteers, if you’re able to please sign up here!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4fa9aa23a6fe3-spring

Second Grade
In Reading we have been working on learning about text features and how they help us to understand nonfiction texts. In Math we have been working on fractions. In second grade it is just an introduction to halves, thirds and fourths and separating shapes into these making sure the parts are equal. We will begin time this week. In Science we have been working on states of matter, we have specifically been working on identifying properties of liquids. We have begun new Reading center rotations where students are grouped across the grade level, not just within classes. So for example, students from one class may not see their teacher for guided reading. Rather, they might see another 2nd grade teacher in their classroom so that we can differentiate instruction even more to better meet the needs of all students. Skate time is coming up! We greatly enjoyed twin day! We have a field trip coming up April 16th to the Helping Hands Humane Society, to learn about the services they provide to the community (we learn about goods and services in economics) and we may also go to the Expo center for a presentation by the County Extension Office titled “From Farm to You” where we learn about the different ingredients in pizza and how they come from the farm and all come together to make the delicious pizza that we enjoy!
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Third Grade
Third graders are learning about area/perimeter and are making connections to geometry and measurement. They will be working on sequencing, cause and effect in the stories we read this month and will be learning some Valentine vocabulary words too. We are completing our On-Demand Informative Writing assessment and will then be teaching ways to improve their writing. They will be writing How to Blow a Bubble to learn more about technical writing and see the importance of writing clear directions. They will be reading and learning about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, and George Washington Carver to see how their contributions to society affected our nation. Motion and Matter science kits taught mixtures and solutions and our new kit will be about Water and Climate.
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Fourth Grade
In fourth grade, we are working on perimeter/area and division. Some of us have completed our mid-year MAPS testing and Reading level testing. We are excited to discuss student’s progress at parent/teacher conferences! Reminder that data binders are always available to go home and will need to be signed each month. Please ask questions if you aren’t sure about the data. Also, please ask for extra practice for your student if they have an area in which they are struggling. In science, we are deep into energy with magnets and magnetism. The students are having fun exploring with magnets. In reading and social studies, we continue to address the state standards with multiple research projects and project-based learning.
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Fifth Grade
Explorer Projects—students created and presented a Slides presentation to teach the class about a specific explorer
Cereal Box Book Reports are due Feb. 15th
Math—currently working on fractions
Reading—currently looking at some poetry, will be looking at some different types next week.
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Sixth Grade
In math students are finishing up the value of numbers unit which includes calculating percentages, and will be starting on algebraic expressions next. We are between science units, but will be starting our last major unit on weather and water. In social studies all 3 classes have either completed the study of ancient Egypt or will be completing the unit shortly, and the next major unit we will transition into covers ancient Greece, including its mythology and government. We have a new art teacher! The kids have done monochromatic self-portraits, and in conjunction with the study of ancient India, are creating colorful mandalas. We continue to do guided reading, and will be taking our on-demand writing assessment for informational writing. Those results will inform instruction for the following month as we continue to work on the mechanics and organization of writing narratives, opinion, and informative writing pieces. We are also finishing our unit on theme and beginning our unit on figurative language (similes, metaphors, hyperbole, etc). And for second step students are learning to analyze a problem by stating what the problem is, and identifying the perspectives of those involved. Instruction includes multiple options for solving a problem and understanding how to consider each option and decide on the best one.
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