What’s Happening at SHES in October...

2nd — Offsite PTO Meeting @ Celtic Fox 6:30pm
9th. — 3rd/4th Grade Music Program @ SHHS Auditorium 7pm
12th. — Doughnuts with Dad (K-2) 8:15am-8:45am
15th. — No School
19th. — Box Tops Due

*19th. — SHES Movie Night showing Monsters University @ 6:30pm

24th. — Conferences 4pm-8pm^
25th. — No School/Conferences 8am-8pm^
26th. — No School
31st — Halloween Parties 9:15am-9:45am

*Passport Event
^Stock the Teachers’ Lounge! Snacks can be left at the PTO table or in the office.

PTO’s Passport to the Classroom...

ECSE
We began doing our letter of the week this month. The afternoon class does a home letter bag to bring and share with the class. We also have implemented doing board games with the kids a couple times a week to help with turn taking, waiting and communication skills. The kids really enjoy these games. We will host Donuts with Dad the 1st week of October to celebrate dads and letter “D” week. We are also in the process of planning our field trip to the pumpkin patch. Look for that information soon.

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Preschool
This month, preschool began to work on letter recognition and letter sounds. We are learning two new letters each week. Our classroom activities have been centered around learning about each other’s families, friends, pets, and neighborhoods. Students continue to do an excellent job using calm down breathing techniques and using their words to problem solve. We had our first visit from Boomer the Bear and the Topeka library and we are looking forward to a trip to the pumpkin patch in October.

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Kindergarten
We are excited to go on our first field trip this year! We will be going to the Discovery Center on Oct. 5th, hopefully we will have nice weather! We are still working on learning all Animated Alphabet Letters and Sounds, we are using the ones we have learned to start reading and writing words! In Math, we have focused on numbers 1–5 and will continue to build on those. We are also introducing flat and solid shapes, which means we might also be working on 6 since one of our shapes has 6 sides. In Science we are working on our Trees Kit and we are all excited to start watching the leaves change colors and “fall” to the ground! In Second Step we are working on using our “Assertive Voice” and asking for help when we need it. We can’t wait to meet with all our parents during our parent teacher conferences and share all about our students! These 12-hour days are long for us, however we love the opportunity to make important connections with each family. Please, make these meeting a priority for you as well!

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First Grade
The first graders continue to work hard! In math, they are working on building fluency with addition and subtraction to 10. This includes number bonds, story problems and missing addends. In reading and writing, they continue to read and write fiction stories and discussing habits that “good readers” do. Science is currently focused on air and weather as well as working with parachutes and balloon rockets. Different themes for the month will include bats, skeletons and spiders.

Our Pancake Day was a success - A fun day coming up in October is Pumpkin Day!

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Did you know?...PTO
The October PTO meeting will be taking place offsite at The Celtic Fox! Join us October 2nd at 6:30!

Don’t Forget to ask your Rep what you can do to show your teacher some Thanks!
PTO Shout Out!

Thanks to Kelly Robbins for helping during lunches in August...

Thank you to Raquel Barajas and the Carnival Committee for another amazing Carnival!

General North
Jr Barajas
Joe Balandran
Jennifer Taylor
Tasha Morrissey
Shannon Eastman
Suzanne North
Dorothy Williams
Elise Thompson
Krista Engel
Alicia Guerro-Chavez
Roman Chavez

Are you interested in helping plan the 2019 Carnival? Contact PTO President, Kristen Powell thunderboltppto@gmail.com

SHES Is Styling...

Spirit wear orders have gone home with students! Thank you for supporting SHES PTO with your purchase! Special Thanks to Krista Engel for coordinating Spirit Wear.

Are you interested in helping with Spirit Wear next year? Contact PTO President, Kristen Powell thunderboltppto@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone that came out to Senor Burritos for SHES Night!

Second Grade

In Reading Workshop, they are working on using strategies to decode tricky words they come upon while reading. In Writing 2nd Graders have taken their on-demand Narrative Writing pre-assessment (which means that students were instructed to think of something that happened in their lives and write a story about it in a 45 minute span, thinking about how to write a good beginning, events in order, a good ending, and thinking about conventions such as spelling and punctuation.) and they are just beginning Narrative Writing. They are continuing to learn about rules of spelling and spelling commonly used sight words as Spelling Words. In Science they are learning about lifecycles by utilizing Meal Worms and Brassica Seeds and will soon receive Painted Lady Butterfly Caterpillars to observe their lifecycles. In Social Studies they will soon be learning about transportation, then and now. September 28 they will be taking a Field Trip to the Kansas History Museum to learn how transportation has changed throughout the times. Parents, please keep an eye out for Data Notebooks that have come home and please review and return them. Students have been working hard to set goals and record their baseline data to hopefully see growth when they are sent home in October. Please encourage reading and filling out/returning reading logs, working on weekly Spelling words, completing 2nd Step HomeLink’s, and any Math homework that you may see come home. Next month classrooms may be ready for a second round of snacks so be sure and keep that in mind when you’re shopping.
Grade Level Rep- Christine LaFond- clafond2012@gmail.com

Third Grade

Third graders are working to learn 2s, 5s and 10s multiplication facts by the end of the quarter. Each Friday students write their parents a letter, and parents should write a letter back to their child. To meet their reading goals for the quarter they practice finding character traits, summarizing important story events, and making predictions for better comprehension, reading both at school and at home.
Third graders learned about 9/11 and are also working on Fire Safety posters. Each classroom will have a winner. The Grand Prize winner receives a trip to school on a fire truck in October. The posters will be judged later this week.
Grade Level Rep- Daphne Lauber- daphnelauber@gmail.com

Fourth Grade

This month in math, we just completed our unit on geometry which included, symmetry, angles, identifying lines, rays, and points. We have just begun our numbers and operations in base ten unit. This unit will encompass addition (with and without carrying), subtraction (with and without borrowing) and place value up to the millions place. This month in ELA, we learned the writing process and worked with narratives. This week we will complete our narrative writing and will be assessing students using on-demand writing. This month in Science, we are investigating soil and its properties. We will continue with soils, rocks and landforms into the month of October. This month in Social Studies we are working on the American Landscapes and investigating elevation in relation to landscapes.
Grade Level Rep- Rebecca Brown- Rebecca08@hotmail.com

Fifth Grade

We are working on multiplication in math including area model, strategies for mental math (breaking apart the numbers). In language arts we are working on figurative language and narrative writing. We also have guided reading going. In science, we are studying moon phases and the solar system, parents may have seen a Night-Sky log coming home as we explore the phases of the moon. In social studies we are researching Native Americans and creating Google Slides presentations.

Parents please work on multiplication facts with your student at home.
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Sixth Grade

This month 6th grade is working with decimals and fractions in Math. In Language Arts we are completing an On-Demand narrative writing task where the students write for 45 minutes. We score them with rubrics and find our strengths and weaknesses as a grade level. We will then create lessons to focus on the areas we need to improve. We are also starting up book clubs with our 6th graders. One of our other units of study is author’s purpose. Science we are continuing with our populations and ecosystems kit. We are currently recording the life cycle of milkweed bugs and looking at ecosystems. Students are also researching and creating Ecosystem PowerPoints. We have been finishing up rivers presentations and are starting our study over Mesopotamia in Social Studies. In DARE students are still working with Deputy Anderson and Ms. Fleming. Dare Graduation is scheduled for November 30th.
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