What’s Happening at SHES in September...

3rd- No School
4th- PTO Skate Night 6-8
4th- PTO 101/ PTO Meeting 5:45/6:30
7th- Grandparents Day
*15th- PTO Carnival 1-4
17th- No School
*17th- SHES Night @ Sr. Burritos
19th- Picture Day
24th- Social Media Night- SHHS Auditorium 6:30
*Passport Event

Get to know your PTO...

Kristen Powell, President

I have a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Washburn University and a Pharmaceutical Doctorate (PharmD) from KU. I manage the Genoa Healthcare Pharmacy at Family Service and Guidance Center. I serve on the Kansas Pharmacists Association Board of Directors and sit on the Kansas Board of Pharmacy’s Rural Nursing and Pharmacy Technician Task Force. My husband and I are volunteer staff members for Christian Challenge, a college student ministry at Washburn University and we lead our College Sunday school class at church. I also lead a bible study for sorority women at WU during the school year. I have served as a Grade level rep and VP for PTO. I have 2 awesome girls, 4 and 8-year olds (Pre-K and 3rd at SHES). Our family loves to play games and watch movies together.

She is AWESOME!

PTO’s Passport to the Classroom...

ECSE

We are off and running learning the classroom routine and rules. We are spending a lot of time learning about Green Choices and Red Choices and they are doing great with it. Our classes are different this year. We only have 3 year olds in the morning and 4 year olds in the afternoon, which is allowing us to run 2 separate curriculum. We will begin our letter of the week in September along with our handwriting program.

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Preschool

It’s been so exciting to see the all-day 4 year old Pre-K happening here at SHES! Students are doing an excellent job learning about the routines and procedures of school life. We are also working hard to learn the rules of our classroom and how to be a kind friend. We are exploring different writing utensils and types of art as we join in with Kindergarten to learn about colors. In Pre-K, we are also working hard to recognize our first name and identify the letters in our name. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Kindergarten

Right now all of Kindergarten is doing a color unit and we have color days when the whole school can participate by wearing clothing of that color. We are also starting our Animated Alphabet curriculum that helps teach letters, sounds, and pre-reading skills – to reading skills. (Writing too!). Some recommendations for home activities would be reading to your child every night! Practicing cutting and writing! (Writing Names is a great start!) Self-help skills like zipping book bags, putting papers into folders and putting things back where they belong. Our first field trip coming up is Oct. 5th to the Discovery Center.

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First Grade

We are currently working on practicing the SHES expectations and learning the routines in our classrooms. We are spending a few weeks reviewing the consonants and their sounds before we dive into vowel sounds. We have also started Second Step (our social skills curriculum). All three classes are really diving into our new math resource Eureka. All three classes will take the reading and math MAP tests in the next few weeks. At home parents could really reinforce the SHES expectations.

There are some important dates for parents to know about! The reading MAP test is scheduled for August 29th, Math MAP is on September 5th and Pancake Day is September 12 (Parents don’t need to do anything for Pancake Day, this is just a fun day in 1st grade!)

Grade Level Rep- Kristina Collins- collins.kristina10@yahoo.com

Did you know?...PTO

This year, PTO has expanded the Grade Level Representative Position. Each month, your Rep will be in contact with your teachers, making this newsletter possible! Have you ever wanted to surprise your teacher with a meaningful gift? Your Rep also has a list of their favorite things, to inspire some awesome and much deserved recognition.

Ask your Rep what you can do to show your teacher some Thanks!
PTO Shout Out!

Thanks to these volunteers that helped during lunches...
Rebecca Brown
Tyler Powell
Allison Nincehelser
Jessica Frahm
Julie Hinrichsen

Thanks to these volunteers that helped run the Sneak Peek and Parent Info Night tables...
Kristina Collins
Jenny Mohan
Savannah Gonzales

Special Thanks to SHES Parent and Coach, Roberta Freeman and the Shawnee Heights Middle School Dance team for providing child care during Parent Info Night!

Second Grade
Second Grade is off to a great start! They are busy reviewing the SHES and classroom expectations and getting to know each other. They are talking about the rights and responsibilities of Citizens and are looking forward to starting their Plants/Animals Science kits soon.

In Math, 2nd Graders are starting with Geometry, and are reviewing attributes of 3-D and 2-D shapes.

2nd Grade is learning Reading and Math stations and will start Writing and Reading workshops after Labor Day. They are working on writing complete sentences and discussing how to do a good retelling in Reader’s Workshop.

Grade Level Rep- Christine LaFond- clafond2012@gmail.com

Third Grade
To help the 3rd grade students and their teachers have a successful year they need your support!

Teachers are asking for your help to ensure your child reaches their academic goals!

Students have been challenged to read each night
Practice Spelling Level 3 Core Words
Practice Math Facts
Go over any work sent home that needed rechecked

Grade Level Rep- Daphne Lauber- daphnelauber@gmail.com

Fourth Grade
This month in fourth grade we are working on getting to know one another and getting used to our new schedules. In ELA we are working on reading intensely and how to grow our ideas from a “small seed” to flourishing ideas. In math, we reviewed math concepts and have begun to work on geometry. We are starting with identifying different types of lines, rays, points, and angles. In social studies we are reading and working on identifying relative locations based on a map. We are also discussing where the United States is, relative to other continents. We are starting on our social/emotional curriculum, Second Step. This week we talked about empathy and respect.

Grade Level Rep- Rebecca Brown- Rebeccahb08@hotmail.com

Fifth Grade
We are currently working on place value, decimals, and exponents in math, as well as learning about the Earth and the Sun in science class. Khanacademy.org is a great resource to use at home to help your student if they are struggling with math homework. Freckle.com has many different activities that kids love, and spellingcity.com can help your student if they are struggling with spelling. Anything that you can do at home to help your student develop a growth mindset is highly encouraged! Donations of candy/snack items for class store would be greatly appreciated.

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Sixth Grade
Math – We will be working on becoming fluent with division. We will work on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals and fractions. We will also work on finding the greatest common factor and least common multiple.
Science – We will be using a Foss science kit called populations and ecosystems. We will be working with milkweed bugs, terrariums, and aquariums.
Social Studies – We will be studying some of the world’s rivers and students will be working on PowerPoint/Google Slides presentations over them. We will then start our study of Mesopotamia.
Language Arts – We are reading and discussing the book Number the Stars. We are forming guided reading groups and book clubs.
*Parents could help by bringing items in for our class store. They could also help their children by asking them to bring home their math notebooks and having the students explain how they find the greatest common factor, least common multiple.

Grade Level Rep- Tasha Morrissey- tasha0510@gmail.com

There is no “I” in Team, but we sure are glad there is “U” in our Volunteers.