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# NEWSLETTER

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## **Thank You!**

On behalf of the School Board, teachers, and the staff of Sharon Elementary School, I would like to thank you and the Sharon community for approving the school budget at Town Meeting. We strive to provide a positive environment for our students for them to learn and grow. Your support makes this possible. Thank you!

## **School Board Meetings**

Regular School Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. We alternate locations between the Newton School in Strafford and at the Sharon Elementary School, so make sure to check our Facebook page or read our agenda posted in the entrance of the school. We encourage parents and community members to attend these meetings to stay informed on our work in the school, but also on the Act 46 process. If you cannot attend but want to stay informed on our work, minutes can be found on our website at [www.sharonelementary.org](http://www.sharonelementary.org).

## **SBAC Testing**

When we return from break, classes will begin taking the state wide SBAC assessment. This is for grades 3-6 in the content areas of literacy, math, science(5th) and physical fitness(4th). We ask that you help your child be their best selves during this time. A well nourished, well rested child will be able to give their best effort!!!

## **One Planet Summer Camps**

We are pleased to announce that Sharon One Planet Summer Camp registration is now open! One Planet, with the support of Sharon Elementary School and the Town of Sharon, is offering a full-day program with rich and varied summer activities for students currently in grades K-6. The program will run June 25 – August 3, 8:30-4:30pm. We do expect to fill all of our available slots this summer, so if you are interested in enrolling your child, please do not wait! We will open enrollment to non-residents starting May 1st. Application can be found on our website and has been sent home in your kid's backpacks.

## **Act 46 Update**

The Sharon School Board has submitted paperwork to the State to be considered a stand-alone district. The School Board met on March 20th with Rebecca Holcombe, Vermont Secretary of Education, to discuss why the board has come to this decision. The Sharon School Board has heard from parents and community members that the current model under which we operate is the reason why many families have chosen to live in Sharon: parents want Sharon to remain a PreK-6 with School Choice. The Board has heard you loud and clear, and relayed the message to Secretary Holcombe. We will update you and the community as soon as we know more about the status of our case.

## Baseball Season

I am looking forward to another exciting season and hear that Sharon has lots of players this year! The game schedule has recently been shared. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the season please email: Sharonrecdept@gmail.com, and also follow them on their Facebook page "Sharon Recreation Department" for news and updates.

## Fresh Fruit and Veggies

Our school qualified for a grant through the state that will provide fresh fruits and veggies for morning and afternoon snacks. This will be offered to all kids for the remainder of the year. We will have a menu so parents can see what we are offering, but in general it will be very simple and nutritious.

## Outdoor Education Plans

For the past two years, the teachers and support staff has been working on a plan to introduce more outdoor learning opportunities into the curriculum. After a year long class with two local experts, we are confident that we will be offering an outdoor component to our regular classroom setting. The 4th Graders will lead a weeklong test run of our plan at Downer Forest (DATE?). We will hold an informational session about our plan during Farm & Field Day in June.

## Things To Come

Things to look forward in March-April:

- April 16-20: Spring Break
- April 27: VSO Fanfare Brass Trip, 10:15 a.m.
- May 10: Spring Concert
- May 11: Preschool Screenings (Call for time)
- April 30 - May 31: SBAC Testing for Gr 3-6

## Community Events

- Every Thursday at 3:00 pm, Lego Club meets at the Baxter Memorial Library
- **Seven Stars Arts Center** offers a range of classes for adults and children. Visit their website at [www.sevenstarsarts.org](http://www.sevenstarsarts.org).
- **Raven's Wood Outdoor School** for Renegades is offering camp during the April Break. Visit their website for more information: [www.ravenswoodindependentschool.org](http://www.ravenswoodindependentschool.org)
- The Sharon Academy's Gala of Gratitude, April 28th, 7-10 pm
- **ArtisTree in Pomfret** has April break camps. Go at <http://www.artistreevt.org/> for more information
- Still looking for a fun activity for your child this Spring Break?
- This is the last chance to sign up for our April Vacation Art Camps at **Craftstudies @ The League of NH Craftsmen in Hanover**.
- Register online or call the office for assistance: 603.643.5384
- Morning Camps, 9am - noon:
- Mixed Media: Adventures In Collage For Ages 8-10 w/ Lynn Sheldon
- Afternoon Camps, 1pm - 4pm:
- Wheel Throwing With Ara for Ages 11-13 w/ Ara Cardew \*Only two spaces left.
- Five Days Five Projects Ages 12-14 w/ Margaret Sheehan