
NEWSLETTER

Outdoor Education

We have started our Outdoor Education component to our curriculum. All kids in the school are spending more time outside: this is not extra recess, just a different learning environment that will provide additional opportunities for kids to apply what they are already learning in the 'regular' classroom. We will continue going outside in all weather conditions, all year long. If you need gear (raincoats, gloves, hats, snowsuit, etc.), let me know so we can provide you and your child with options, at no cost to you, confidentially.

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. The Sharon School Board also meets other School Boards in Act 46 meetings. These meetings are also warned, and don't happen on a regular basis. We encourage parents and community members to attend these meetings to stay informed on our work in the school. If you cannot attend but want to stay informed on our work, minutes can be found on our website at www.sharonelementary.org.

Health and Wellness

Flu Vaccination forms are on our website, please fill them out if you would like your child to receive a flu shot, and bring the form back to Carol.

We are also reminding parents that we highly recommend teaching your children to do tick checks after their Outdoor Day. In the past few weeks, we have also seen kids with some rashes some attributed to chiggers, others to poison ivy. Taking a hot showers and scrubbing after going in the woods is always a good idea. Find more information on these on our website (under 'Our School', click on 'Health and Wellness'.)

Parent Conferences

Teachers will be contacting you soon, if it hasn't already happened, to schedule parent conferences, which will take place on Oct. 8th. The purpose of our conferences is to share with you what we see as strengths and challenges for your child or children. It is a great way to understand what is happening in the classroom and build a relationship with teachers. We try to be flexible when scheduling because it is important to us to have this time with you, and parents can request a meeting at anytime if you have questions or concerns. It would be great if you and your child could sit down beforehand to develop 3-5 questions together. Often times these questions get answered through dialog, but either way it shows kids we care about their interests and concerns.



Harvest Meal

We will be hosting our annual harvest meal on October 3rd., encourage your kid to sign-up for hot lunch that day! Mrs. Perry plans her meal that day with the idea of using foods from our gardens. In addition, each classroom will be preparing a taste test with food from our gardens for all kids to try. This is a great event and a great way to connect the learning to something the kids can touch, feel and taste.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school library Oct. 22 - 24. **It is open to all** and helps raise money for the library. Stop in to see a very good selection of kids' books as well as posters, pens, etc. We can take cash, checks or credit cards.

Mark your calendars

Things to look forward in October:

- October 3rd, Harvest Meal
- October 5th, No School
- October 8th, Parent Conferences (No School)
- October 9th, Sharon School Board Meeting 5:30pm
- October 19th, (rescheduled) All-School Hike at Downer
- October 22-24 : Scholastic Book Fair
- October 26th, In-Service (No School)

Community Events

- Oct. 13, Roast Beef Church Supper (at the School)
- Moore Rhythm Farm - Harvest Sale - Oct. 14, 10 am - 3 pm (follow signs from Moore Rd. in Sharon)
- October 14, 3:30 pm - Sharon Academy Information Program at TSA's High School.
- November 29, 5:30 pm- Upper Valley High School Fair at Hartford High School

