



SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter - February 2019

Dear Parents and caregivers,

We are excited to be heading into the second half of the school year. The days are getting longer, we hope your kids are using the opportunity to spend some time outside in the snow. Even though it is winter, we are continuing our Outdoor Program. On the day your kids go out with their classroom, encourage them to talk about what they have learned from their environment. On those days, instead of asking them 'how was school today?', ask them 'what did you do in the woods today? What did you build?' We hope your kids have been enjoying this exploration of their environment.

Sharon Hockey Tourney

4th Annual Sharon Hockey Tourney, Sunday, Feb 3rd, 10- 4PM. Sign up today.

- Family Oriented FUN- Encouraging mixed abilities, ages
- 6 person teams- 4-on-4, 2 subs, minimum of 2 kids. \$50 team registration fee
- Prizes for youngest team, best costume, winner of the cup!
- Proceeds benefit the Sharon Fire Department and the Sharon Community Rink.

Contact Steve at 763-8014 or gagliardones@gmail.com to sign up!

Sickness

Like most schools, we are seeing lots of faculty, staff, and students coming down with various illnesses. Please remind kids to wash hands, get extra sleep, drink a lot of water, and get as much outdoor play as possible. If your child does get sick, we ask that you keep him or her home for at least 24 hours after symptoms have gone away. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact the Nurse.

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. 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 sharonelementary.org.

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LEARNING COMMUNITY RESPECT

Town Meeting/School Meeting/Vacation

Our winter break is the week of February 25th with **a return day set for March 6th**. Our school budget meeting is on Monday March 4th at 7 PM. Town meeting is the following day here at school starting at 9 AM (with a free community breakfast starting at 8 AM). We encourage parents (children are more than welcome!) to be part of these events. This is a great lesson for kids about democracy in action. What happens at School Meeting on Monday affects your child's education: the school budget is voted on and School Board members are elected. Please attend if you can.

Learning Fair

Our learning fair will be structured differently this year. Over February Break, teachers will set up displays in the hallways outside their classrooms. We will open the two wings on the evening of our School Meeting and during the day of Town Meeting so community members and you can view our students' work and get a sense of what our Outdoor Education Program is all about. We hope you will be able to join us during this time and enjoy the hard work of our students.

Attendance Letters

We are a little more than halfway through the school year and as such, I will be sending out a notice to parents whose child has 10 or more absences and/or tardies. If you receive a letter and have not already been in contact with the school to discuss a plan, please do so. School starts at 8:00 AM and it is important for children to be apart of our morning routines.

Mark Your Calendars

- Feb. 11, 6 pm at **Baxter Library**: Monthly PTO Meeting
- Feb. 12, 5:30 pm: at SES, School Board Meeting
- Feb. 15: Half-Day (release at 12:15)
- Feb. 25- March 5: No school.
- March 4: No school. School/Town Meeting at 7pm.
- March 5: No school. Town Meeting day
- March 6: School in Session

Community Events

- Feb. 3, 10-4pm, Sharon Hockey Tourney
- Feb. 3, 8-1 pm, Antique Market at school
- Every Thursday, 5:30 PM, Pick-up Hockey at school.
- Baxter Memorial Library in Sharon offers free books, e-books, programs (such a Lego Club), DVDs, computer access to all. Visit their website for more information. www.sharonVTlibrary.com
- Seven Stars Arts Center offers a range of classes for adults and children.
- Artistree offers a wide variety of workshops for all ages. Visit their website at <https://artistreevt.org>.

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