



SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter - April 2019

School Announcement

After 27 years as the Sharon Elementary School librarian, Catherine Freese has decided to retire at the end of this year. Words fail me to express how grateful I am to have had the chance to work with her, and sad for the school as we go forward. She is a gentle soul, a calming voice, and a person who always considers the thoughts and feelings of others. Her calming influence on kids and staff will be missed. Personally, I will miss our Monday morning rendition of sports center, recapping all major sporting events that occurred over the weekend. Others will miss her constant smile, warm tea, and zen-like atmosphere she creates. Thank you, Mrs. Freese, for 27 years of caring for the kids of Sharon.

Spring School Concert

As you probably know by now, the annual Spring Concert will be hosted on two separate nights depending on what grade your child is in. On Wednesday April 10th, the preschoolers - Grade 2 will perform. On Thursday April 11th, Grade 3 - 6 will perform. As school population has increased over the decade I have been a principal, the building and parking lot unfortunately have not. We want parents, family members, and community members to still

be able to attend these concerts, in a safe and comfortable environment. We hope this will not cause any hardship, especially for those who have kids in different grades, forcing you to attend both nights. Thank you for your understanding. We hope you will enjoy the concert.

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 an email has been sent to parents. It is also available in the office, please stop by if you need a copy.



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School Lunch Survey

If you haven't already done so, please find and fill out our school lunch survey on our website or stop by the office to get a copy. Please note that this is an anonymous survey that we hope to get information from to make positive changes to our program. We greatly appreciate your feedback and welcome constructive criticism. Please take the time to discuss these questions with your child/children when you fill it out in Google forms. Hard copies are available upon request and will be kept in the office. We will review the information and report to parents and students any new and exciting changes to our program as a result of the survey information.

SBAC Testing

When we return from break, classes will begin taking the state wide SBAC assessment. This is for grades Gr. 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! If you have questions about these assessments, please contact me.

Baseball Season

I am looking forward to another exciting season and hear that Sharon has lots of players! 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.

Mark your calendars

- Wed. April 10th - 6-7pm (grades preK - 2)- Concert will run 30-40 minutes
- Thursday, April 11th - 6-7pm (grades 3-6) - Concert will run 40-50 minutes
- April 12th - Half-Day (release at 12:15pm)
- April 15th - 19th: Spring Vacation (School resumes on April 22nd)
- April 22, 6 pm - Monthly PTO meeting - all are welcome!

Community Events

- April 6, 5-6:30 pm - Roast Beef Church Supper at school - Adult \$10 / Children \$5 / free under 6 - Take-out available.
- The Sharon Academy's Gala of Gratitude, April 28th, 7-10:30 pm
- Seven Stars Arts Center offers a range of classes for adults and children. Visit their website at www.sevenstarsarts.org.
- ArtisTree in Pomfret has April break camps. Go at <http://www.artistreevt.org/> for more information

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