



SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter - June 2019

The Sharon School Board, Superintendent, and I are pleased to announce that the hiring process has concluded, and we hired a new principal. **Keenan Haley**, who you all know as the current 3rd Grade teacher here at Sharon Elementary School, has decided after 18 years of teaching here, that he was ready to move on to a leadership position, and has accepted the position of principal. I personally couldn't think of a better person to fill this role. I have been honored to work alongside Keenan for the last 11 years, and I have no doubt he will make a great principal. His kindness, his clear vision for SES, his commitment to the school community will make him a good leader for the People Caring School. Please join me in congratulating him on his new position.

New Teachers & Staff

We hired a new 4th grade teacher, Emma Murray. Mrs. Murray will be replacing Mrs Hopkins who will now be the new School Librarian. We hired a new 3rd grade teacher, Alex Brands, who will be replacing Mr. Haley. We also hired a new night custodian, Crystal Camp. Mrs. Cheslee will also be leaving her teaching position, but will remain the preschool director. We are in the process of hiring a new preschool teacher.

Farm and Field Day

June 6th is our annual Farm and Field Day, which is a culminating event that celebrates our efforts to teach children about health and wellness through place-based education. Each class this year did at least one taste test, visited a farm of some kind and participated in different forms of place-based education. In an effort to celebrate and recognize this work, we host Farm and Field Day, where children will be working in groups and rotating through stations that are related to things you might experience on a Vermont farm.

Warmer Weather

It has finally happened, warmer weather has arrived. It is still sometimes chilly in the morning, so please ask your child to wear layers. Kids are still going in the woods, so make sure you are putting some bug spray and sunscreen in your kid's backpack, a hat, and appropriate shoes. We encourage kids and parents to do tick checks every day, as ticks can be present in the grass on the school playground too. Ticks are unfortunately part of our habitat. Don't let them prevent you and your family to enjoy the outdoors. Proper attire and regular checks are easy to do for you to enjoy what Vermont has to offer in the spring.

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LEARNING COMMUNITY RESPECT

Last weeks of School

The end of the school year is near (June 19 is our last day!). We see an increase in behavioral issues in all the classrooms as the end of the school year approaches, which is understandable as we have a lot of activities and special days added to our regular school days. We ask parents and guardians to insure that kids get enough sleep (9-12 hours), especially on days kids spend a lot of time outside.

The Sprouty

Mark your calendars! The Sprouty is Saturday, September 21, 2019

The Sprouty supports the Farm-to-School program at the Sharon Elementary School. The race is committed to bringing out community members and serious runners alike as we celebrate good health, local agriculture and the beauty of September in Vermont. The day includes a fun-run loop for kids around the elementary school with ribbons for all kids. No registration is required for the kids' fun-loop! Refreshments (including free smoothies) await at the finish area. Crepes will also be available for sale, made on site by the Skinny Pancake. Kids 12 and under register for free. Prizes are awarded to the top three male and female finishers in the 5K and 10K. Free lettuce plants from Dandelion Acres for all participants. Go to <http://www.thesprouty.com> to register and for more information.

Mark your calendars

- June 3: PreK Step Up Day
- June 4: All School Step Up Day
- June 6: Farm and Field Day
- June 11, 5:30 pm - School Board meeting
- June 13, 11 am: PreK Graduation
- June 13: River Day
- June 14: Sixth Grade Class Trip
- June 14: Preschool Screening
- June 17: Gr 3-5 Class Trip - Silver Lake
- June 18: 6 pm - Sixth Grade Graduation
- June 19: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Celebration/Report Cards. Dismissal at 12:15 pm.
- June 19: Community Potluck to celebrate Mr. Williams, organized by the PTO. 5-7pm. For questions, contact Nicole at eloquine@gmail.com
- September 21, 2019: The Sprouty

Community Events

- Seven Stars Arts Center offers a range of classes for adults and children. Visit their website at www.sevenstarsarts.org.
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