

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 16: Yankee Candle orders due for PTO Fundraiser
- Sept. 16, One Planet fall program starts. Registration can be found on our website
- .Sept. 18: Summer Reading Field Trip to Montshire
- Sept 20: Half-Day, release at 12:15pm
- Sept. 20: T-Shirt Orders are due.
- Sept 21: 8th Annual Sprouty! 9am, at the Sharon Elementary School for a 10K Run and 5K Walk/Run, and Kid's Fun Run. There will be music and food, as well as a gift for every runner. Visit thesprouty.com for more info.
- Sept 25.: Picture Day

We now have an active and updated calendar on our website, visit sharonelementary.org to see all the dates for the school year!



Families and Community members,

The school year is off and running! Students have been getting to know their new teachers, learning classroom and school-wide expectations, as well as reconnecting with classmates. All of this can be both exciting and overwhelming at times. I hope that together, we can all help our children transition back to being students who are eager to learn and feel supported and cared for.

One area that students seem to have difficulty learning at the beginning of the year is behavior expectations. Coming back to school means that individuals are now being asked to become a member of a group. Learning the behavioral expectations of a place is important in any environment, and knowing that some rules in one place are not the same for another place, is important. I encourage all parents to discuss classroom expectations with their child's teacher.





Community Events

- Sept. 14, 5-6:30 pm: Church Supper at the Elementary School.
- Sept. 15, 2-4pm: Rug Hooking & Fiber Crafts at Baxter Memorial Library
- Sept. 15, 7pm: Music by Libby Kirkpatrick and Bill Lauf Jr. with opener, Jenna Rice at Seven Stars (more information at <https://www.sevenstarsarts.org/concerts.html>)
- Sept. 16, 6:30 pm: Regular Selectboard Meeting at the Town Office (find agenda at sharonvt.net/documents)
- Sept. 17, 6pm: Baxter Library Trustee Meetings at the Baxter Memorial Library
- Sept. 18: 1st Installment of Property Taxes are due! (see sharonvt.net for more info.)
- Sept. 21, at 7pm: Bill Cole at Seven Stars (more information at <https://www.sevenstarsarts.org/concerts.html>)
- Sept. 22, at 4 pm: All-Comers Jam (more information at <https://www.sevenstarsarts.org/concerts.html>)

Over the course of a school year, there are issues that come up that need attention. The beginning of the year has seen bussing challenges, misunderstanding about the school calendar and hours of the school day. I understand that many of these issues can be quite frustrating from a parent's perspective. Please know that we are open to feedback and are always working to improve all areas of our school. If you would like to discuss any issues with a teacher, or me, please contact us via phone or email.

I'm excited to begin my new journey as the Principal of Sharon Elementary. I believe that this school is truly a special place because of the staff and community working together with student learning at the forefront of our thinking. Our school can and will send students to the next levels of education that are thoughtful, respectful, inquisitive, capable and kind. It's a long journey, but a journey that we are all willing to take.

Sincerely,

Keenan Haley
Principal

School Day Schedule

Doors Open at 7:15 a.m, and breakfast is served from 7:15 to 8 a.m. Morning Recess starts at 7:30 am.

The first bell rings in the morning at 7:55am, which is designed to let folks know that it is time to transition from the playground and gym to the classroom. A second bell will ring at 8:00am, which signifies the official start of our school day. School Day Ends at 3 p.m. (on half days, school ends at 12:15pm) We ask that you wait in the gym if you are picking a child up as our front lobby is very crowded and can be confusing to navigate for young children. The travel circle out front is also an issue and we ask that you do pay close attention to the bus stop signs and flashing lights. Many children are also crossing the road during this time and we ask that you drive cautiously slow.

