

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Sharon Elementary School

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 14: No School
- Oct. 18: 6 pm: PTO **Free** Movie Night (*The Secret Life of Pets 2*, Free Popcorn and drinks.) Bring a chair or pillows to be comfy.

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

Have you filled out the free and reduced lunch application? You can find the form on our website. A family of 4 earning less than \$47,000 a year qualifies. We rely on accurate numbers for grants and state help. *Did you know? If you qualify for free and reduced lunch, the Montshire Museum offers 6-person yearly memberships for \$20?*

Families and Community members,

There's been a chill in the air and that means it's time to break out those cooler weather articles of clothing. As you all know by now, our students spend a lot of time outside, so it's super important that they are comfortable. We do have extra clothing here if students are not prepared, but please do your best to have them ready.

On October 9th, teachers from all the schools in the White River Supervisory Union met to continue their work on the literacy initiative. Teachers are learning a new instructional model. Having time to work with each other is critical in the development of a cohesive program throughout our SU.

On October 7th, the Garifuna Collective, a musical group from Belize, came to school to perform. It was amazing! Students and staff could not help but get up and dance listening to the beats and rhythms.

The staff would like to thank the PTO for their purchase of a new staff refrigerator! We have been using a refrigerator that was leaking for years. Now we have a new one that won't get our food wet!

One unfortunate piece of news is that I need to let everyone know about is that our new school counselor will be leaving us to attend to personal matters. We were very excited to be able to once again provide school counseling services. We will look for a replacement and let you know when that happens.

Please keep in touch and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Keenan Haley





Community Events

- Oct. 12, 9-11:30: Ashley Community Forest outing: Cellar Holes and Stone Walls, Paul Kristensen (Directions will be provided upon signup. Space is limited. To register, please contact Michael Sacca at mfsacca@gmail.com or 802.889.3210)
- Oct. 14 and 21, 7-8 pm: The Sharon Academy, Head of School Finalist Meet and Greet (Learn more at <http://sharonacademy.org/head-of-school-finalist-meet-and-greets/>)
- Oct. 15 and 22, 3:30-4:30pm: learn to juggle at the Baxter Memorial Library.
- Oct. 18, 6 pm: PTO is hosting a Free Movie Night (Life of Pets 2) at the Elementary School.
- Oct. 24: Informational Meeting/ Hearing on the Bond Proposal at Sharon Elementary School.
- Oct. 26, 5-6:30pm: Church Supper at the Elementary School.
- Oct. 29, 7 am - 7 pm: Vote by Australian Ballot on the Bond Proposal at Sharon Elementary School, 7am-7pm.



Staff Messages - Meg Hopkins

Hello! You may know me as the School Librarian but I'm also the school's MTSS (Multi- Tiered Systems of Support) coordinator. This means that I'm working with the teachers and staff to develop systems of support for the students at our school. One of my responsibilities is to schedule and facilitate EST (Educational Support Team) and 504 meetings. As part of that process you might hear from me. I look forward to working with the students, staff and parents in my new role as MTSS coordinator.

Raising Readers: Raise a reader by talking to them about the books they are reading!

There are two reasons why talking to your child about their reading is helpful. First, your interest in their growth as a reader has been shown to have positive benefits. So show you care by giving them your most precious resource, your full attention. In addition to this, today's literacy skills require students at all levels to talk about books deeply. Help your child explain his or her understanding of any given story in comparison to another. Have your child share a personal experience similar to a problem or theme within a story. So, show you care about their reading, encourage their thinking, and stretch their skills in talking about books!

This month ask your child: What read-aloud story have you enjoyed in school? Why did you like it? What types of books do you find most interesting? Does it remind you of any other books you've read?



PTO News

The PTO will be showing a free movie next Friday, Oct. 18 in the school gym, starting at 6pm. Come share a night with your community (this is a **family** event, kids need to be accompanied by an adult), the PTO will provide the entertainment and free popcorn. The movie is **The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)**. Bring comfy chairs or pillows, we hope to see you then!

The PTO is also hosting a bake sale at the rest stop on i89 in Sharon on Sunday Oct. 13, 8 am - noon, stop by and say hello on your way back from the Upper Valley! Contact Nicole at eloquine@gmail.com if you want to donate baked items.