

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Sharon Elementary School

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Important Upcoming Dates

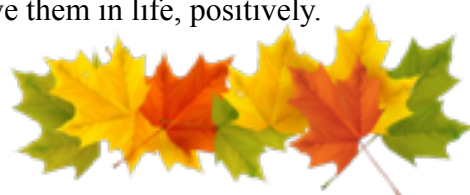
- Nov. 6, during Lunch, Taste Test (Maple Baked Beans)
- Nov. 7, 6pm: PTO Meeting
- Nov. 8, 12:15 pm: Early Release Day
- Nov. 9, 10 - Noon: PTO Annual Used Winter Clothes Sale
- Nov. 11, No School - Parent Conferences
- Nov. 12, 5:30pm at the Newton School in Strafford: Regular School Board Meeting

Is your family having difficulties to afford children winter gears this year? The PTO is having a Used Clothes Sale on November 9. Meg Hopkins will also send an email to all families to apply for new winter gears in the coming week. Stay tuned, and feel free to reach out to her if your family is experiencing hardship (mhopkins@sharonelementary.org)

Families and Community members,

As we move into the final week of October, it's safe to say that we are starting to hit our stride here at Sharon Elementary. At this point in the year students should have a solid understanding of classroom and overall school expectations. Often times these expectations can be a bit different from those at home. Please take a moment to talk to your child about what the expectations are at school compared to those at home. For example, when having a discussion in class, students are often asked to raise their hands if they would like to add to the conversation. At home, raising a hand to speak is most likely not the case. Navigating the expectations from one place to another is a skill that develops over time. Together, as teachers and parents we can help the students develop that skill.

Health and Wellness has been a theme at Sharon for a number of years. We pride ourselves in teaching children about choices that they can make in life that can lead to healthful outcomes. As you know, our children spend time in growing food in our gardens, harvesting food, cooking in classrooms, spending time in the outdoors learning and being active. One area of health that is not often talked about is emotional health. Many children need time and space to learn how to deal with an array of emotions that occur, especially in childhood. This year we have been challenged by the fact that we have been unable to provide counseling services. Please trust that we are actively looking to find a person who is qualified to offer services for our students. We know that positive emotional health, along with positive physical health, can put our students on the path to wellness that will serve them in life, positively.





Community Events

- Oct. 26, 5-6:30pm: Roast Beef 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.
- Nov. 4, 6:30 pm: Regular Selectboard Meeting
- Nov. 12, 7 pm: Planning Commission Regular Meeting
- Nov. 18, 6:30 pm: Regular Selectboard Meeting
- Every Wednesday in November 9-11 am at the Baxter Memorial Library: Fall Cafe. Enjoy free coffee, free cake, and connect with your community.
- Every Tuesday at 3:30pm at the Baxter Memorial Library: Learn to juggle! Free and open to all ages!



Finally, I'd like to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of David Armstrong. David lost his battle with cancer this week. David cared deeply about his family and his community. He was a coach to many children in Sharon. He will be missed and we will always remember his smiling face and positive attitude that he brought with him every day.

As always, please keep in touch and have a wonderful weekend,

Sincerely,
Keenan Haley

Polling Place

Tuesday October 29, voters in Sharon will decide if yes or no, they want to accept the Bond Proposal to repair the roads in Sharon. The Sharon Elementary School is the polling place for the town of Sharon, in the gym. This is a great opportunity to talk to your kids about the importance of voting, as they will be witnessing it during the whole day. Please be careful when walking your kids to and from school, as voters will be using our parking lot. The polls will be open 7 am - 7 pm, and registering to vote in Vermont can be done on the same day of voting. You can find more information about the Bond Proposal on the Town's website (www.sharonvt.net)

PTO News

Do you have gently, clean used children clothing that need a new home? Are you looking to purchase fall/winter coats, winter gears, clothes for your kids but don't want to buy new? Then consider donating and shopping at the Sharon PTO used Fall/Winter Clothing sale on Saturday, November 9, 2019, 10-2pm in the School gym. The PTO will be accepting donation of fall/winter clothes (pants, shirts, sweatshirts, dresses, coats, hats, mittens, boots, shoes, etc.) Thursday Nov. 7 and 8, after school m in the school gym. If you donate items, you will get 50% off your purchase on Saturday! (All items will be priced at \$2 a piece!) *If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the PTO at eloquine@gmail.com. The money collected will be used to buy new winter gears for kids in need.*