

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Sharon Elementary School

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 9, 10 - Noon: PTO 2nd Annual Used Winter Clothes Sale. All items are \$2 a piece or \$1 if you donated items.
- Nov. 11, No School - Parent Conferences
- Nov. 12, 5:30pm at the Newton School in Strafford: Regular School Board Meeting
- Wednesday Nov 27: No school, Thanksgiving vacation starts (Monday Dec. 2: School resumes)

More Free & Reduced Benefits!

Got a child taking the SAT? Fees are reduced or waived for SAT test and college application fees.

Comcast Internet Essentials low-cost, high speed internet access.

Applications are on the bulletin board or on our website: sharonelementary.org

Families and Community members,

And here we are, it's already November! As we enter our darkest time of the year, it's nice to know that our students continue to shine brightly! As I walk around from room to room, getting to see what amazing work our students are doing, I can't help but feel a sense of pride to be a part of this wonderful school. Are things always smooth and hassle free? No. But, for the most part, your children are doing their job and doing it well.

Many of you have already been in touch with your child's teacher to set up a conference. We have set aside November 11th as a day for parents to come in and meet with teachers. If this day does not work for you, please make an alternative date with your child's teacher.

Last Friday I attended the Wellborn Ecology Conference. This conference is centered around Place-Based Learning, using our natural environment as a classroom. Our school is seen as a model school when it comes to this. Your support and enthusiasm for getting our children outside the walls of school to learn not only academic content, but to be physical and work on social and emotional skills, is amazing.

I already mentioned the November 11th is parent conference day, but, just as important, it is also Veteran's Day. Please take some time to talk to your child(ren) about what Veteran's Day is and the significance of it. And, if you can, thank a Veteran in your life.

I've been meeting with Mrs. Perry weekly about our cafeteria. We are striving to make the food that we serve at school nutritious and delicious. Over the course of the year, classes are conducting taste tests to expand the palates of the children





Community Events

- Nov. 9, 2 pm: Weatherization Program: Step Up to Button Up, Sharon Elementary School Gym
- 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!



and to see if we might add new foods to our menu. This year we have already tested kale frittata and a three sisters soup (corn, beans and squash). Both were well received and will now be on our lunch menu monthly! This week we taste tested maple baked beans with hotdogs. Results of this taste test will be out soon.

Within the next week I will be meeting with our bus drivers to discuss a possible new parking system during afternoon pick up. If you pick up your child during the afternoon, you may see this change. Please help us by adjusting your parking when needed. There will be some sort of sign or cones that will indicate where not to park.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and comes back to school on Tuesday energized and ready to give their best effort!

Sincerely,
Keenan Haley

Ski Runners

Ski Runner enrollment is open! You must enroll online. If you cannot register at home, please come to the school and we'll help get you logged on and going! <https://www.skirunners.org/learn-to-ski-board>

Scholarships available, but deadline is December 1st!

Applications are available online or on our entryway bulletin board. These will be filled quickly so don't delay! They will need documentation such as free and reduced benefits or other federal or state assistance. Applications without supporting documentation will not be reviewed.

We need help in a couple ways:

- 1) Chaperones for the bus ride to and from the mountain. It involves taking attendance at 1 pm in the gym, getting the kids on, helping with the smaller ones getting boots on, helping them find their groups the first time, and then gathering them up at 4 for the ride home. A really fun 2 hour lodge bunny job!
 - 2) Teaching a group - sizes usually 4 or 5 kids. If you love to ski this is a wonderful way to get on the slopes. Email Tricia if you would like to teach: tricia@carnehammar.com
- The more teachers, the more students can participate.