



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER - OCT. 2020

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 18: Picture Day
- Nov. 19: PTO Virtual Cloth Swap (see below for more info.)
- Nov. 20: In-Service - Early Release
- Nov. 25 - 29: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 3, 6:30 pm: Sharon PTO Meeting (Virtual)
- Dec. 4, 9 am: Friday Coffee/Tea with Principal Haley (Virtual)
- Dec. 8, 6pm: Regular School Board Meeting (Virtual)

New PE Teacher

We welcome Christopher Crawford as our new PE teacher here at Sharon Elementary School. He is coming to us from New Hampshire. With this hiring, we have filled our positional needs.

Welcome Mr. Crawford!

Families,

I hope everyone was able to meet with their child's teacher for conferences. If you did not get a chance, please reach out to the teacher to make an appointment. These conferences are an important part of our connection between families and the school.

As we near our Thanksgiving break, please be aware of the travel guidelines that Superintendent Kinnarney posted earlier this week. The strongest suggestion he outlined in his letter is that if you can avoid traveling over the holiday, please do.

I know that there has been quite a lot of surveys being sent out as of late. Take the time to fill them out, as they inform our decisions. A survey about breakfast and lunch need for Blizzard Bag Days has been sent, as well as one for device needs for our Virtual Learning week of January 4th through January 8th.

Blizzard Bag Days

By now your child should have received their Blizzard Bags. These are bags filled with school work that your child should complete. The completed work should be turned in the next day that we are back to school. A phone call and an email will be sent out either the night before or the morning of a Blizzard Bag Day. This is something new for all of us. I am fully aware that this change will take time to become normal. I also know that a traditional snow day is something that many of us, myself included, want our children to experience. That being said, we also know that our students have missed a lot of learning due to our current pandemic situation. Having our children getting used to working a bit at home I believe will be a benefit in the long run. We fully expect that if a Blizzard Bag Day is called on a snowy day, our students will still have plenty of time to romp around in the snow!





**Sharon PTO - Winter
Clothes Give Away, Take
Away!
Nov. 19 - 6:30 pm**

Skip Black Friday this year and come to a virtual Winter Clothing Auction, hosted by the Sharon PTO! Join us from the comfort of your home and “bring” five gently used winter clothes items that you would be willing to donate and then claim items that others have brought. Winter items could include gently used boots, coats, snow pants, mittens, gloves, or hats. All sizes are welcome in this virtual event! A Zoom link will be sent as we get closer to the date by email and on Facebook.

Please email Holly Cathcart with any questions
hbcathcart@gmail.com.

PTO Winter Clothing Support

Our wonderful PTO is asking if anyone needs support in getting winter clothing for their child. Nurse Jill has sent home a request form. We need the forms back ASAP, ideally on Monday. The PTO is hoping to start placing orders on Tuesday. Requests can be made for jackets, snow pants, mittens, hats and boots.

Virtual Week

A reminder that we will have a week of virtual learning the week of January 4th. We hope by letting folks know at this point families will be able to make arrangements for their children to be cared for.

School Board Meeting Dates:

We hold our school board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. The meeting agenda and minutes are posted on our school website, and we send reminder on our Facebook page. The public is always welcome to join by phone. If you do join, which I encourage you to do, we will ask for you to identify yourself so that we know who is attending the meeting. If you have specific questions or thoughts that you would like to share, there is a time set aside for public comments. I encourage anyone wishing to address the board to give me a heads up so that I can be sure to save time and space for your issue. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 6:00pm.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions by emailing me at khaley@sharonelementary.org, or by calling my direct phone number at (802) 788-8044.

Respectfully,

**Keenan Haley
Principal**

