



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER - APRIL '21

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Important Upcoming Events:

- May 3rd, 6:30 pm: Town Informational Meeting (virtual)
- May 6 - 6 pm: School Informational Meeting (virtual)
- May 8th- School Budget Vote - Australian Ballot- Town Offices
- May 11th- Sharon School Board - Regular Meeting- 6pm
- May 13th, Sharon PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 18th- Virtual Dessert Hour Meeting with Principal Haley- 6pm

Town and School Annual Meetings

**Saturday May 8
(Voting from 10 am - 7 pm at the Town Offices or by absentee ballot)**

Families and Community members,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable April break. I took advantage of the unusually dry conditions at the time to get out on my mountain bike. I also was able to spend some quality time with my family. Now we head into the last chunk of the school year with optimism that we can finish healthy and strong! With just over six weeks of school left, I hope that students and staff can start to reflect on what we have accomplished this year in the face of a global pandemic. I'm beyond proud and amazed that we have been able to be with our students five days a week for the whole school year thus far. Here's to keeping it going!

Almost all students have completed their Smarter Balanced Assessments. These are the state standardized tests that will help us see where our students are thriving and help us to understand what areas we need to improve on. We also have the local assessments that give us an even clearer picture of who our students are. All of these assessments, coupled with the day-to-day interactions that teachers have with students, provide us with a solid understanding of our students as learners.

Our students' social, physical, and emotional health is as important, if not more important, to all of us. As a staff, we constantly look for ways to help our students navigate their lives with confidence, compassion, and healthful decision-making. But, we cannot do this alone. Partnering with families is a critical piece to helping develop students with strong character, making informed decisions, and empathizing with others.



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Sharon PTO News:

Teacher Appreciation Week is
May 3 - 7! As in previous
years, we are working on
making that week memorable
for the staff and teachers. And
if there is a year to show our
appreciation, this one might be
it.

**If you want to help us
celebrate our wonderful staff,
please reach out to Holly at
hbcathcart@gmail.com.**

Feel free to go at it on your
own: a personal note from you
and your student is probably
one of the most appreciated
'gift' a staff member can
receive.



Please stay in contact with your child's teacher if there is anything at home that may be impacting your child's life at school. Also, if a teacher reaches out to you for a meeting, take advantage of this opportunity to show your child that together, we all care and value them as individuals.

I look forward to what the last bit of school has in store for us. I know the teachers are itching to get their students back outside in the beautiful Vermont spring weather and continue to create relevant learning opportunities for all.

Respectfully,

*Keenan Haley
Principal*

School Board - Informational Hearing

On Thursday, May 6th at 6:00 pm, there will be an informational meeting concerning this year's school budget. This is a time to learn how the budget process works and how it impacts property taxes. **I urge all to attend this meeting, if you missed the one on April 29th, so that you can make an informed decision when voting on the budget.** The Annual School Board Meeting and Town Meeting have both been moved to be by Australian Ballot due to COVID this year, and voters will be able to cast a vote on May 8th, 10 am - 7 pm, or by mail-in ballot. What is usually a discussion and vote in-person will be different, which is why attending this virtual informational meeting is important.

