



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER - DEC. 2021

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 2, 6:30 pm: Sharon PTO Regular Meeting (sharonelementary.org/pto for information on how to join)
- December 3, 9 am: Virtual Coffee and Tea Time with Principal Haley, see emails for info. to join
- December 7, vaccine clinic. Nurse Jill will share more information in her newsletter next week.
- Dec. 10, early release, One Planet in session
- Dec. 13 - 17: Spirit Week!
- Dec. 14, 6 pm: Sharon School Board - Regular Meeting (sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda to join)
- Dec. 22, early release. NO One Planet
- Dec. 23 - January 2nd: Holiday Break

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Dear families,

As I sit down to write this letter, I realize how challenging these past few weeks and days have been. I am sure it has been for many of you; our school days are disrupted by uncertainty and unknowns. We have had a few positive cases now in school, which we had avoided all school year last year. Every time I enter a classroom or I call a parent, I can see and hear the fear in their voice. Am I calling because of a positive case?

As much as it is stressful for us in the building, I am sure it is as stressful for you at home. If COVID has taught us anything, it is that we are interconnected in all we do. That is true in education too. Parents, guardians, teachers, and staff all work together to provide a safe environment so learning can happen. We all are craving routine right now and to go back to normal. I crave to go back to talking with my colleagues and parents about instruction, playground plans, school concerts. Right now, as many of you must feel, my days are focused on COVID mitigation.

If you haven't done so yet, I encourage all to sign the consent forms to be able to test your children here at school. The forms are on our website. This is an **opt-in** program, we need parents to fill out a consent form prior to students being tested.

To opt-in, you can find the links on our website, in the sidebar. Doing so now will free up time for our staff and for you IF there is positive case and your student is a close contact.

If you would rather have a physical copy, let us know and we will send you a form home with your students. I understand that this is a lot of information, please never hesitate to contact me with your questions.

I have said it before, and I will say it again, thank YOU all for your patience and your understanding as we continue to navigate this pandemic together.

Respectfully,

*Keenan Haley
Principal*





Events in Sharon:

- December 11, 10-1 pm: Cookie Walk - the Baxter Memorial Library is hosting their annual Cookie walk, for all your cookie needs for this holiday season. www.sharonvtlibrary.com for more information

- Pack the kids in the car with some hot cocoa, and head up to see the lights at Joseph Smith Memorial : a free and no-contact fun activity to do with the children around the Holidays.

- December 11, 12:30 pm: Ice Rink Raising: The ice rink committee is hoping to build the ice rink for the community and the students to use. If you'd like to help, come with your drill/driver if you have one. Adults only, please :)

Conversation Starter for you and your child:

"When was the last time someone surprised you with a random act of kindness? And when was the last time you surprised someone with one?"

If you want, share your children's response by email or on our Facebook page!

Coffee/Tea with Principal Haley

It's BACK! On the first Friday of each month 9:00 - 10:00 am, join me for an informal meeting. This is NOT a time to discuss individual students, but mainly a time to ask questions about school or to suggest ideas. I will also have some items to address during this time, but mainly I want this to be time to check-in and have a relaxed conversation. I will send out a Google Meet for this event as it will have to be done virtually for now.

I know that the 9 am hour is not ideal and if there were not a time where we were dealing with COVID, I would typically offer this much earlier in the morning. But, I have to do quite a few things to get the school opened. I hope you will join me on Friday Dec. 3!

Holiday Break

Our holiday break will begin on December 23rd and run through January 2nd. School is in session again on Monday, January 3rd. Please take this time to enjoy yourselves and recharge for our next chunk of school.

Spirit Week

SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 13-17

Monday  Pajama Day

Tuesday  Crazy Hair/ Hat Day

Wednesday  Wacky Day!
Crazy styles, mismatched clothes, anything goes!

Thursday  Dress Up Day!

Friday  Beach Day