From the Principal....

January 2019
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing you all the best for the holiday season! Looking forward to a fresh start in 2019. Stay safe and have fun during the holidays!

Happy New Year!
James Zavadnjicik, Principal

Drop-off and Pick-up

Students are expected to be in class at 9:00 AM when the day commences. Late passes will be issued at the back entrance if a student arrives beyond this time.

When dropping off, it is okay to let your child off (weather permitting), two cars at a time, prior to arriving to the side entrance.

Thanks to everyone who gets to school on time each day. We appreciate your efforts in supporting our learning environment.

Lunch Payments

If you send in cash for lunch payment, please make sure it is in an envelope with the student’s name on the front. This will allow us to make sure it is input in the correct account.
Important Dates (Continued)

Friday, January 4, 18, 25 – Student Council at 8:00 AM

Student Assessment

During the month of January, all students will take their winter assessments. These include AimsWeb Literacy indicators in all grades, AimsWeb Numeracy indicators in Kindergarten, First, and Second, and NWEA Measures of Academic Progress in grades three and four. More information to come on results in the upcoming months. These assessments are the same ones that were taken in the fall.

Perfect Attendance – Trimester 1

The following BHS students were awarded perfect attendance on December 17, 2018. Each of these students has been to school on-time each day and remained for the entire day. Congratulations on this achievement.

Kindergarten – Carys Klauser; Eloise Litwinovich; Ariana Roben

Grade 1 – Scott Csizmadia; Summer Csizmadia; Logan Elliot; Molly McCullagh; Lily Mihalick; Cullen Peck; Michael Rangel; Ethan Rodrigues; Lillian Widomski

Grade 2 – Gabriella Corona; Adriana Goulart; Alejandro Guzman; Emilie Innocent; Nathanael Innocent; Noah Kramarczyk; Norah Litwinovich; Sofia Naqvi; Tanish Pandikannan; Anthony Przybylko-Cadena; Gabriella Quiroga; Anthony Turosienski; Natalia Woods

Grade 3 – Mallory Bohrer; Layla Carino; Leah Cruz; Joseph Dumas; Avery Dwyer; Ruby Grayeski; Siena Hernandez; Angelina Matei; Sofia Moura-Sanchez; Jonah Muhammad; Freya Pearson; Layla Peck; Ryan Sainsbury; Oliver Szepietowski; Julianne Twarog

Grade 4 – Daniel Arroyo; Matthew DeAndrade; Austin Fernandes; Kenneth Klauser; Evan Pilkinson; Alexis Sergeant; Sofia Turosienski; William Widomski
Did you know....

Executive function skills are tied to achievement. They include the brain’s processes that “drive our ability to focus, solve problems, organize ourselves, remember information, learn from mistakes, and manage impulses (Searle, 2013, p. 8).

“It is the level of executive function skills, especially in the area of working memory, rather than IQ that is the best predictor of success in reading, spelling, and math (Alloway & Alloway, 2010).

Research

Many students who lack ability to focus attention while reading usually cannot connect the dots. As a result, they keep reading even though they may not have understood what they read. This leads to a lack of understanding about plot, characters, and other story attributes. Retelling can be a productive strategy to have students improve comprehension and focus during reading (Searle, 2013).

Good Character Matters – Mr. Chavez

The core value focus for the month of December has been “Diversity.” Booth Hill School is quite diverse when we consider only our different races and cultures of the families, but the children have come to an understanding that diversity is so much more than the traditions we hold dear to backgrounds. Diversity is truly about any differences among us; in school, we think about the variety of thinking styles, the differences in experiences, and the differences in our beliefs and values. These unique differences help us to learn from one another and grow in understanding why differences are so important to making a collaborative community. Our students truly welcome the opportunities they are given to share their differences.

As the teachers recognized diversity this month, they looked for students who able to work and play with students who are different from themselves. They looked for students who are accepting of others no matter what. They looked for students who showed diverse ways of thinking throughout the school day. We are all so proud of the students at Booth Hill School as they consistently demonstrate acceptance of one another in order to make peaceful learning environments.

The following students have been recognized this month and received a spirit stick that states, “Together We Make a Difference!”

Kindergarten: Frankie Markarian, Emma Durette, Noah Pizarro, Aria Adams, Ariana Roben, Nicholas Saglimbene

First Grade: Owen Nichols, Zack Wilson, Casey Martin, Nathan Butler, Santiago Alonso, Lily Mihalick, Nikan Ghaemialehshemi

Second Grade: Josh Parkosewich, Kaitlyn Caroll, LJ Merly, Devani Serrano, Matthew Spray, Tessa Bouteiller

Third Grade: Anastasia Bazile, Freya Pearson, Jonny Rodrigues, Nicholas Grant, Camilo Dib Khawam, Elise Capite, Joseph Jarttian, Romeo Thompson, Siena Rosa, Kara Kindle, Ayhana Lugo

Fourth Grade: Finn Kilmartin, Briana Marini, Evan Bouteiller, Jonathan DiCicco, Tyler Collazo, Kenny Klauser
Help your child become a better reader – Questions to ask while reading fiction text:

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting?
- Does the setting change?
- Did the characters change during the story? How?
- How are the characters different?
- What will happen next?
- Can you think of a different title to the story?
- Which part of the story is most exciting?
- Do you like the ending? Why/Why not?
- Which part of the story can really happen?
- Which part cannot really happen?
- Would you choose to be friends with any of the characters? Why or Why not?

Evacuation Drill

January’s Emergency Drill will be a Fire Evacuation. We make every attempt to choose a day that is mild, but sometimes the weather does not work in our favor.

Twenty First Century Skills

Flexibility and Adaptability

“In times of change learners inhere the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exits.” Eric Hoffer

With the change in technology, people must learn to adapt more quickly, communicate more effectively, learn, work, and live differently.

All students must develop the ability to adjust to circumstances and accommodate novel situations as they arise. Change is rapid and learning to plan and develop projects and see them through the end is imperative.

Skills for Flexibility and Adaptability

“Adapt to change:
- Adapt to varied roles, responsibilities, schedules, and contexts;
- Work effectively in a climate of ambiguity and changing priorities.”

“Be flexible:
- Incorporate feedback effectively;
- Deal positively with praise, setbacks, and criticism;
- Understand, negotiate and balance diverse views and beliefs to reach workable solutions, particularly in multi-cultural environments.”

(Trilling & Fadal, 2009, p. 77)
Parent Teacher Organization – PTO

- Box Tops Collection runs through tomorrow, Dec. 21st. Please remember to send in your box tops.
- Mixed Bag Designs orders can still be submitted through 12/31/18. Please use this link: http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/landing-page?fundraiserid=834968
- The next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd at 7 PM in the media center

Box Tops for Education
We are still collecting Box Tops for Education. Please remember to clip your box tops and send in to your child’s classroom. Which classroom will be the next winner? Last month it was Mrs. Flores’s third grade class. Thanks to everyone who has participated.

Booth Hill School’s Mission

It is the mission of Booth Hill School to provide a safe and supportive learning environment with high academic standards for all students. In partnership, with staff, parents, and community, we are committed to educating each child academically, socially, and culturally.

Do you know a business or organization that will partner with us to support our District Vocabulary Project Word of the Week? The commitment includes hanging the word in their business each week when sent to them. If you know someone or would like to participate yourself, please email me at JZavodjancik@sheltonpublicschools.org

Remember to follow us on

TWITTER
@BoothHillSchool
For the latest and most up-to-date happenings and information!

Our Past Words of the Week for December

- Incongruous – Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something.
- Competence – The ability to do something successfully or efficiently.
- Whimsical – Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way.
Rewards Program

Please consider joining our Rewards Programs through Stop and Shop and Big Y Supermarkets. Moreover, invite family and friends of Booth Hill to do the same.

Stop and Shop –
Visit www.stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your rewards account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS AND SAVINGS.

Big Y –
www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress
Please go to the above link and log-in and register your card number.

At each organization, when your card is scanned, a percentage will be sent back to Booth Hill School. We hope you will consider joining the rewards program.

Food Services

Do you know you can apply for free or reduced lunch for your children? Applications are available on www.sHELTONpublicschools.org. Please follow the links – District Information>School Lunch Program >Family application. All questions regarding the program can be directed to 203-924-1023, ext. 309

Student Lunch Accounts

Please log-in to Infinite Campus to find out your child’s lunch account balance. Money can be submitted through Infinite Campus. You can also continue to send it in with your child. Please make sure it is in a sealed and labeled envelope. Checks can be made out to Shelton Lunch Program.

Attendance Protocol

All late arrivals (after 9:00AM) and early departures (before 3:45) are considered unexcused. A doctor’s note can excuse a late arrival and/or early departure. It will still be marked in attendance as an excused tardy or early dismissal.

An absence is considered excused when a doctor’s note is received by the school within ten days of the child’s absence.

A student is considered truant when he/she has accumulated four unexcused absences in a month or ten in a year.

A student is considered chronically absent when they have missed ten percent of their enrolled school days.

All absences should be called in by the parent/guardian each day that a child will not be in school. Our phone number is 203-929-5625. Calling in the absences does not mean that it will automatically become an excused absence.

Each trimester the school awards Perfect Attendance Distinction to students who have no absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Students must be in school each day, be on time, and never leave early. There can be no excused and /or unexcused codes on the child’s record.
Booth Hill School’s Holiday Concert 2018

We were happy to see everyone at BHS’s 2018 Holiday Concert. It appears to have been a record turnout in attendance for the event. Next year, we do plan on holding two concerts – a morning and afternoon show. We hope this will alleviate some of the parking and seating issues and make the event more personal for you and your children.
As we kick off the new year, we will continue our focus on being Innovative Designers. In our Library Learning Commons Makerspace, students will use a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful and imaginative solutions.

So what is a makerspace?

A makerspace is a place where students gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of technologies, tools and materials.

I am working with each grade level to design makerspace activities that complement what students are learning in the classroom. We will have opportunities to build, program robots and circuits, use video tools

Here are the 21st century skills our students will be practicing this month:

- **Critical Thinking**: Looking at problems in new ways and making connections across subjects. Identifying needs, opportunities and solving problems.

- **Creativity**: Inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun.

- **Collaboration**: Achieving shared goals with others. Thinking together and harnessing the ideas, skills and expertise of the group.

- **Communication**: Sharing thoughts, ideas, questions and solutions. Showing understanding of a concept or idea.

Questions? Comments? Contact Mrs. Clark, Library Media Specialist, arclark@sheltonpublicschools.org
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### Shelton Elementary Schools

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| **Weekly Alternate:** Mac & Cheese<br>Steamed Carrots<br>Pineapple Cup<br>Strawberry Cup<br>100% Juice Fruit Punch<br>Rice Krispy Treat Square | **28 Fluffy Whole Grain Waffles**<br>Syrup<br>Crissy Sausage Links<br>Hash Brown Potatoes<br>Diced Pear Cup<br>Fresh Apple<br>Or<br>Yogurt Parfait | **29 Grilled Cheese Sandwich**<br>golden toasted bread with melted gooey cheese pressed and prepared in-house<br>With Tomato Soup<br>Steamed Carrots<br>Pineapple Cup<br>Strawberry Cup<br>100% Juice Fruit Punch | **31 Chicken Corn Dog**<br>Baked Beans<br>Sliced Peaches<br>Fresh Banana<br>100% Juice Fruit Punch | **Alternates Available Daily**

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*Our Simply Rooted food philosophy and sustainability platform is based on delivering wholesome, all-natural meals to everyone's table, while giving back to the environment.*
Booth Hill School PTO
2018-2019 Calendar of Events

8/21 & 8/25    Kindergarten Playdates
9/7/18        Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser Kicks Off
9/14/18       Ice Cream Social
10/15 - 10/18/18  Scholastic Book Fair
10/26/18   Halloween Event
11/5/18      After School Programs #1 Begin
11/7/18      Apparel Sale Kicks Off
12/8/18      Breakfast with Santa, Vendor Fair, and Raffle
January      BJ’s Wholesale Membership Sign-up
2/1/19       Sweetheart Dance
2/25/19      After School Programs #2 Begin
3/25 - 3/28/19  Scholastic Book Fair
3/28/19      Junior Achievement in a Day
4/7/19       Fun Run
4/12/19      Pep Rally for Reading
5/3/19       Quassy Night
5/6 - 5/10/19  Teacher Appreciation Week
5/10/19      Plant Sale
6/7/19       End of Year Social

PTO General Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the BHS media center (library).

Note: dates listed above are subject to change and new events may be added throughout the year.

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