

Booth Hill Elementary School

Shelton Public Schools

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From the Principal – January 2018

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and the Booth Hill Elementary School Community,

I hope everyone had a great December. As the New Year approaches, I wish you health and happiness.

With regard to instruction and partnerships, this month I would like to highlight reading fluency and comprehension. These two domains (among others) allow students to access curricula throughout K-12 education and in life. Fisher, Frey, and Hattie (2017) point out that fluent readers are not necessarily the quickest, but those who are able to read quickly and accurately and with appropriate and meaningful expression. If a reader's rate (speed) is too slow it will interfere with their comprehension as the ideas in sentences and paragraphs will be subject to loss due to the choppiness and disconnected language. In addition, a reader can only use appropriate expression when they understand what they are reading. In the end, fluency bridges the divide between decoding and comprehension.

So what do we do with this information, and how can we build fluency? It is well known that disfluent and inefficient readers should be taken seriously to mitigate the long term effects that occur in schooling. Moreover, students who are fluent can always improve, especially in the early years of learning language and comprehending complex text.

Here are two suggestions:

- Independent reading – it may seem simple, but to develop any skill, one needs time and practice. All readers benefit from daily practice. Wide and independent reading increases volume, stamina, and of course fluency and comprehension.
- Recorder reading – Having students read the same passage multiple times and then comparing the differences between the first and last can be motivating to see improvements in a short period of time. This should be done with passages up to one hundred words.

In January, each student will begin their winter assessments. For most grades, each student will be tested on reading fluency, among other indicators. Please reach out to your child's teacher to review their growth and progress through the year as these assessments are completed. Our teachers will be setting goals, objectives, and lessons based on each student's growth throughout the year. We invite you to be part of this process to make the biggest impact.

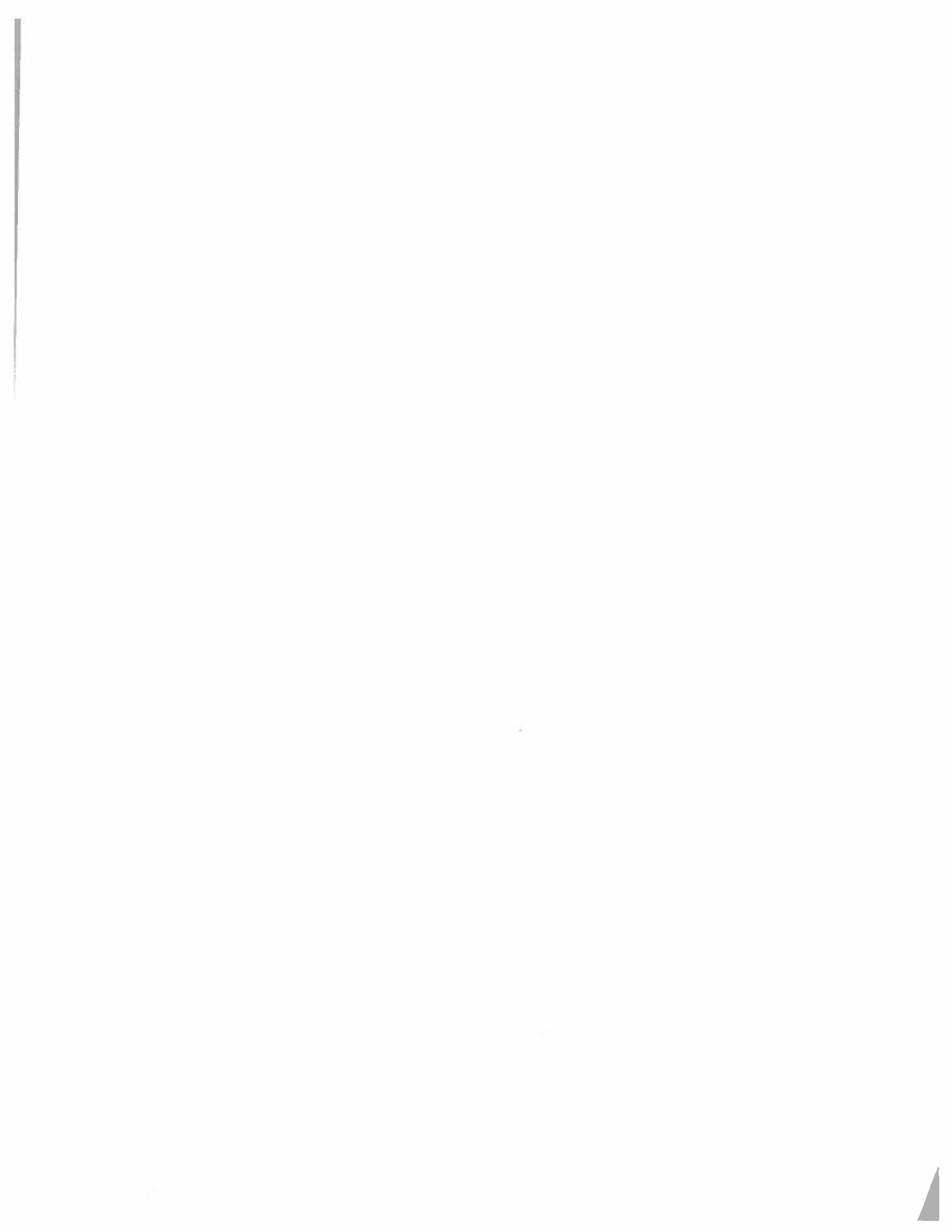
As we approach vacation and the new year – I wish everyone a joyous winter break and holiday season! Please be in contact with suggestions, comments, or questions on how we can become a better school for your children. I appreciate your input and value your perspective.

Upcoming Information (please see calendar for the most comprehensive list)

No School – There is no school on January 15 for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Winter Break – December 25 to January 1, 2018.

From Food Services: Do you know you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children at any time during the school year? If a family member has been laid off or your work is seasonal, you may qualify. Applications are available on



www.sheltonpublicschools.org under District Information > School Lunch Program – Family Application 2017-2018. All questions can be answered by calling 203-924-1023, extension 309.

Change in pick-up: Please make every effort to inform us of changes in pick-up as early as possible. We prefer that you send a note in with your child to the classroom teacher in the morning. It is difficult to change our dismissal lists to specific staff in the late afternoon once they have been distributed.

Emergency Drill- During January, we will have a Fire Drill.

Attendance - Please remember the following for tracking attendance:

- a.) All late arrivals and early dismissals without formal documentation are considered unexcused.
- b.) An absence becomes excused when the school receives formal documentation within ten days of the absence.
- c.) A student is considered truant if he/she accumulates 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year. A student is considered chronically absent when he/she misses 20% of their school attendance for any reason.
- d.) *Perfect attendance is awarded at the end of each trimester and once at the end of the year. Students are eligible for this distinction when they are present each day including an on time arrival and remaining for the duration of the school day.

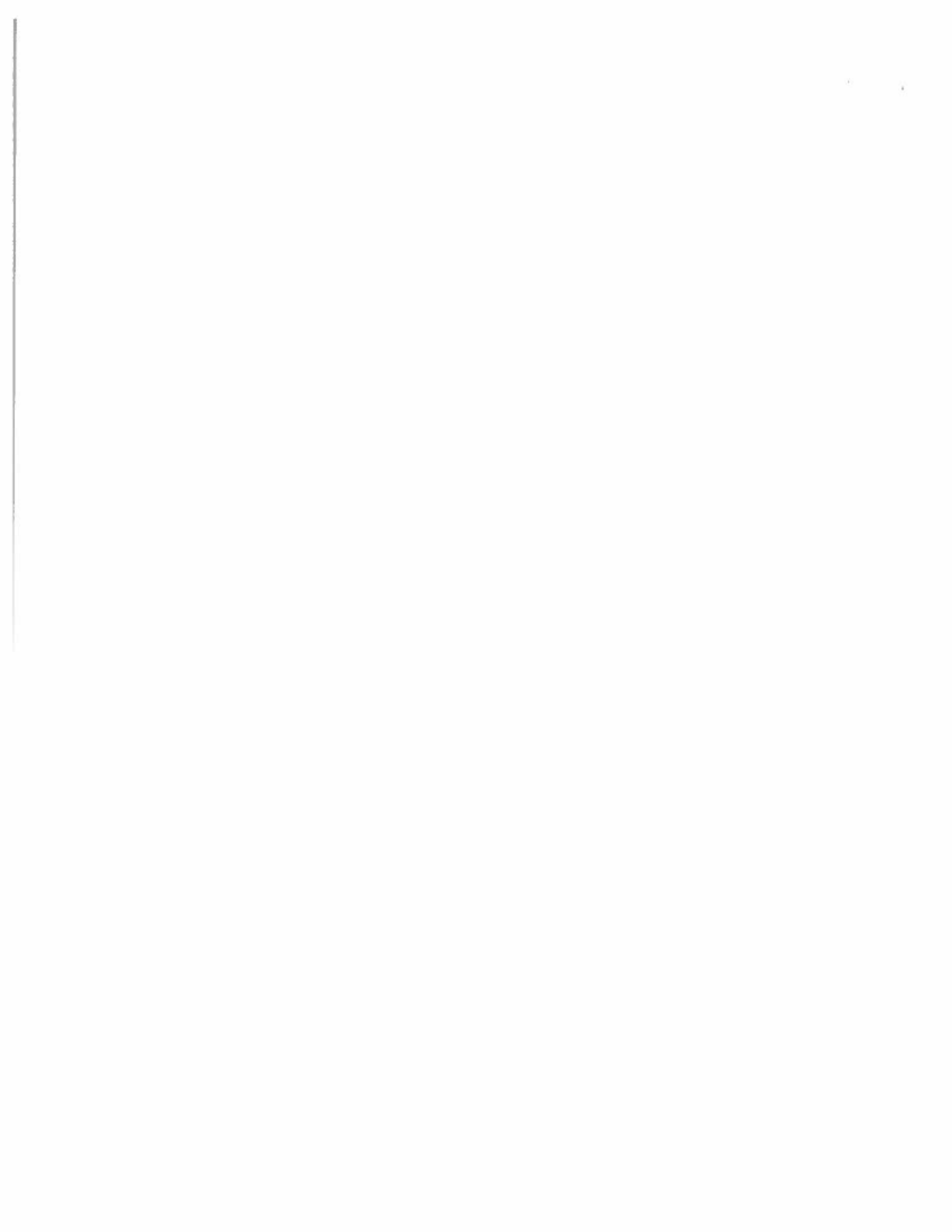
Lastly, for the most up-to-date information and postings, please *follow me* on Twitter @BoothHillSchool

Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and take care of your school!

Sincerely,





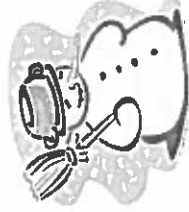


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BOOTH HILL SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL 	2 CCD 3:45-5:00	3 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	4 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	5 Gr. 2 Brownies Daisy 3:45-5:15 Gr. 4 Girl Scouts 3:45-5:15 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	6
7 	8 Gr. 3 Brownies 3:45-5:10 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	9 CCD 3:45-5:00 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30 PTO Mtg. @6:30	10 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	11 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	12 K-Daisies 3:45-5:15 Cub Scout @6:30-8:30	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King Day 	16 CCD 3:45-5:00 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	17 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	18 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	19 Gr. 2 Brownie 3:45-5:15 Gr. 4 Girl Scouts 3:45-5:15 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	20 
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Welcome to our Lunch Cafe @

Shelton Elementary Schools

January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>French Toast Slices <i>Slices of bread coated in an egg batter, with cinnamon and vanilla.</i></p> <p>Turkey Sausage Patty Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits 100% Orange Juice Blend Fresh Banana</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheeseburger Or Burger And Tator Tots Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears Fresh Green Grapes Fresh Apple</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Crispy Tacos <i>crispy taco shells filled with taco meat and cheddar cheese</i> Beans & Rice Celery Mixed Fruit Fresh Orange</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cheese Pizza <i>crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese</i> Green Pepper Slices Diced Peaches Fresh Apple</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Chicken Nugget & Mozzarella Stick Combo <i>everyone's two favorite foods on one plate! Crispy chicken nuggets and gooey mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce</i> Oven Baked Fries Cucumber Coins Cinnamon Applesauce Fresh Pear</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pancakes & Sausage <i>light and fluffy pancakes served with a sausage patty</i> Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Banana Apple 100% Juice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mac & Cheese <i>pasta in cheese sauce, garnished with parsley</i> Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears Fresh Green Grapes Fresh Apple</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Beef Hot Dog on Bun <i>juicy beef hot dog on a soft bun</i> Baked Beans Celery Mixed Fruit Fresh Orange</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cheese Pizza <i>crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese</i> Green Pepper Slices Garden Salad Diced Peaches Fresh Apple</p>
<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Pizza Bites Green Pepper Slices Garden Salad Diced Peaches Fresh Apple</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meatball Parmesan Sandwich <i>warm meatballs on a roll, topped with tomato sauce and melted mozzarella cheese</i> Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears Fresh Red Grapes Fresh Apple</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Grilled Cheese <i>melted cheese on golden toasted bread</i> Chicken Noodle Soup Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Banana 100% Orange Juice Blend</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cheese Pizza <i>crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese</i> Green Pepper Slices Diced Peaches Fresh Apple</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Sandwich <i>crispy breaded chicken on a bun</i> With Oven Baked Fries Cucumber Coins Cinnamon Applesauce Fresh Pear</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Waffles with Ham <i>waffles served with ham</i> Hash Browns Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Apple 100% Juice Fresh Banana</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Roasted Turkey with Gravy <i>oven roasted turkey breast smothered with gravy</i> Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears Fresh Apple Lucky Tray Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Soft Taco <i>fiesta-style meat with melted cheese arranged in a soft taco shell</i> Beans & Rice Celery Mixed Fruit Fresh Orange</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cheese Pizza <i>crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese</i> Green Pepper Slices Diced Peaches Fresh Apple</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken <i>breaded chicken bites baked to perfection</i> Mashed Potatoes Cucumber Coins Cinnamon Applesauce Fresh Pear Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Orange</p>	<p>30</p> <p>French Toast <i>French toast baked to perfection</i> Hashbrowns Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Apple 100% Juice Fresh Banana</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks <i>crispy mozzarella sticks filled with gooey cheese, perfect for dipping into your favorite sauce</i> Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears Fresh Red Grapes Fresh Apple</p>	 <p>We proudly support clean, organic, local and sustainable agriculture.</p> 	

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All of our entrées are made with lean meats, low-fat cheeses, and whole grain products. This is because we are Simply Rooted™ in food and family and we care about what we serve



to our young customers. Our ingredients are locally sourced, all natural, and organic or non-GMO, whenever possible.



Lunch Prices
Full Price Lunch \$2.75
Reduced Lunch \$0.40

All lunches come with fruit, vegetable and milk selection. Milk variety includes skim, 1% white milk and fat free chocolate

Questions, comments?

contact Linda Starnis at 203.261.4100 or linda.starnis@sheltonschools.org

Alternates Available Daily

- Chicken Nuggets- Whole grain breaded chicken nuggets
- Bagel Fun Lunch - Whole wheat bagel with cream cheese, low fat yogurt and cheese stick
- Garden Salad Entree - Mixed Greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and low fat cheese w/ whole grain roll
- Meatless Weekly Alternates:**
- Week 1 Organic Yogurt and Fruit Parfait with Granola
- Week 2 Veggie Burger, Whole Wheat Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato
- Week 3 Hummus Plate with Veggie Sticks and Pita Bread

Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menus is subject to change, notice posted when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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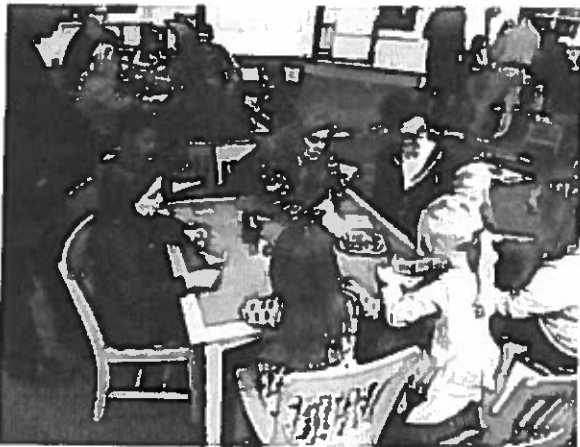


THE BOOTH HILL BUZZ

A Quarterly Newsletter Of Literacy Tips For Parents

Winter 2017-2018

Parents And Children Shoot For The Moon!



On Thursday, December 7th, Booth Hill families returned to school to participate in our Literacy/STEAM Night! Classroom teachers provided problem solving activities to complete collaboratively. A presentation from the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport focused on the moon and the stars. There were a variety of stations including a Lego display, 3-D printing and drones! The Huntington Branch librarian, Miss Marissa, was available to sign up families for library cards and share all of the events that the library has planned for the month of December! Students received a treasured 'No Homework' pass for their attendance and participation in the fun! The final event of the evening was documented with a family photo planting the American flag on the moon! An out of this world way to end the evening! To view photos of the evening, please join the class using the following code: du06ff5.

Winter Wonderland
Encourage your child to share either in writing or in conversation changes in the weather and how activities differ when the temperatures drop!! And don't forget the fun of sitting together as a family to enjoy a good book!

Fun Fact

Karate first started in India and spread to China before reaching Japan in the 1600s!

Did You Know?

The Huntington Branch and Plumb Memorial libraries in Shelton have planned, **FREE** activities for children throughout the month!

www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org



Looking for a way to practice describing words with your child? Take a look, a sniff, a taste around your dinner table this holiday season! Have a conversation about the delicious dishes that you prepare! Introduce words that tell about the taste, texture and flavor! A yummy way to practice skills!

**Shelton's
Words of the Week
Proprietary
Collaboration
Pundit
Diplomatic
Audacious
Apprenticeship
Occupation
Engineering
Matriculate
Liaison
Viable
Virtue**

Game Night Ideas
Looking for a fun way to spend a chilly evening with the family? Grab a board game and your family members and make learning and memories happen at the same time! Here are some tried and true games for which the only technology needed...is your brain!
Check out: Boggle, Scrabble, Memory, Bananagrams, Blokus, What's Gnu?, Cranium Cadoo, Clue Jr., Scattergories, Apples to Apples!

Technology Corner

www.eslgamesplus.com
www.funbrain.com



Try This!

During a snowy day, make a family time capsule. Include favorite activities, books, memories and of course pictures of all the fun your child has during the season! Tuck it away in a safe place and revisit it next year in 2019!!



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Huntington Branch Library's Youth Events ~ January 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED - Happy New Year!	2 Bouncing Babies & Jumping Beans! (Infants-Age 2) 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ 11 AM - 11:45 AM	3 **Toddler Movement (Ages 2 1/2-4) 11 AM - 11:30 AM	4	5 Show-and-Tell Stories All Ages: 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ Ages 3 & Up: 11 AM - 11:45 AM	6
8 **Minute to Win It: LEGO® Games (All Ages) 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM	9 Bouncing Babies & Jumping Beans! (Infants-Age 2) 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ 11 AM - 11:45 AM	10 **Toddler Movement (Ages 2 1/2-4) 11 AM - 11:30 AM	11 **Spanish with Sandra (Ages 1-6) 5 PM - 5:30 PM	12 Show-and-Tell Stories All Ages: 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ Ages 3 & Up: 11 AM - 11:45 AM	13
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22 **Cinnamon Buns (Grades 5-8) 4:45 PM - 6 PM	23 Bouncing Babies & Jumping Beans! (Infants-Age 2) 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ 11 AM - 11:45 AM	24 **Toddler Movement (Ages 2 1/2-4) 11 AM - 11:30 AM	25 **Germ Busters (Ages 3-5) 2 PM - 2:30 PM **Spanish with Sandra (Ages 1-6) 5 PM - 5:30 PM	26 Show-and-Tell Stories All Ages: 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ Ages 3 & Up: 11 AM - 11:45 AM	27
29 **Winter Blues Buster: Crafty Afternoon! (All Ages) 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	30 Bouncing Babies & Jumping Beans! (Infants-Age 2) 10:30 AM - 11 AM ~AND~ 11 AM - 11:45 AM	31 **Toddler Movement (Ages 2 1/2-4) 11 AM - 11:30 AM	This calendar is color-coded by intended audience: All Ages / Infants-PreK / Elementary School Students / Tweens (Grades 5-8) Please see descriptions for specific age categories. Events preceded by ** require prior registration. Call the library or visit our website at sheltonlibrarysystem.org/events/ and click on "Online Event Listings." In order to take place, events requiring registration must have at least 3 registrants by the morning of the preceding day or by the registration deadline.		



JOIN US FOR OUR REGULAR PROGRAMS!

Bouncing Babies & Jumping Beans

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM - 11 AM & 11 AM - 11:45 AM
Snuggly wee ones and energetic toddlers (infants to age 2) are invited to join Ms. Marissa for stories, scarves, the giant parachute, bubbles, and more!

Toddler Movement

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Miss Robin provides a fun, active musical program for children ages 2 1/2 - 4 and caregivers. Please register; sessions run for an entire month.

Spanish with Sandra

Thursdays at 5 PM - 5:30 PM
Children, ages 1-6, and their caregivers learn Spanish through songs, games, stories, and other fun activities. Please register; sessions run for an entire month.

Show-and-Tell Stories

Fridays at 10:30 AM - 11 AM & 11 AM - 11:45 AM
Join Ms. Marissa for stories and songs! Plus, bring along a show-and-tell item. All ages are welcome at the 10:30 AM session. The 11 AM session is for ages 3 & up only and includes a bonus craft or game before the stories!



SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

Minute to Win It: LEGO® Games

Monday, January 8 at 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Kids of all ages are invited to complete challenges using LEGO bricks in under one minute! Who can build the highest stack of LEGO® bricks - using only one hand? Who can dig the most LEGO® bricks out of JELLO? Try to beat the clock! Registration begins December 23.

Read-Together Club: Inspector Flytrap

Saturday, January 20 at 1:30 PM - 2 PM
This month, children, ages 6-9, and their caregivers can borrow copies of a funny collection of mysteries that a Venus flytrap and his goat assistant are determined to solve! Read together at home. Then, come to our meeting for an activity that includes both kids and adults! Please register beginning December 16.

Cinnamon Buns

Monday, January 22 at 4:45 PM - 6 PM
Tweens in grades 5-8 can make delicious cinnamon buns from scratch! Please note: Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult (someone over 18 years old). This adult must stay in the library for the entire event. Registration begins January 2 and closes January 18.

Germ Busters

Thursday, January 25 at 2 PM - 2:30 PM
Kids, ages 3-5, can learn all about germs and how to fight them! Plus, practice the proper way to wash hands while singing a getting clean song. Participants will try a special 'lotion potion' that glows on the spots of their hands that they missed washing! This program will be run by a representative of Griffin Health. Register beginning January 4.

Winter Blues Buster: Crafty Afternoon!

Monday, January 29 at 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM
Kids of all ages can fight mid-winter boredom by choosing from a variety of crafts including Spirograph, Perler Beads, pasta jewelry, and more! Register beginning January 12.

