



# Booth Hill Elementary School

Shelton Public Schools

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## From the Principal – April 2018

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

“It’s not how you start, but how you finish.” As we move into the month of April, we begin to experience better weather, a week long break, and the year begins to draw to a close in the months soon thereafter. As we move into our final trimester, I hope that you will continue to remind your child(ren) the importance of finishing strong. There are many days of school left, continuing curricula, and lots of learning set to take place. We will continue forward in our learning quest throughout the year and we want to make sure each moment counts. As partners in education, please let me know how I can help as we begin and end the third trimester this year. It’s been a great year so far, let’s continue this pursuit together.

School Survey – last week you should have received an email regarding BHS’s annual parent survey. I hope you will be able to complete the survey when you have a few moments of free time. It is important feedback in planning school improvement. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHS17-18>

### Perfect Attendance Award Winners for Trimester 2:

The following students have been in school each day, on time, with no dismissals. We congratulate the following students on Perfect Attendance for Trimester 2:

Kindergarten - Ethan R., Gabriel V., Julia W., and Zeynep Y.

First Grade – Jason B., Nadia C., Avery J., Anthony P., Sadie R., Connor S., Sean S., Sofia T., and Jack T.

Second Grade – Dean B., Keenan B., Liam B., Leah C., Surya I., and Christian S.,

Third Grade – Matthew D., Austin F., John G., Brandon G., Jackson G., and Dylan O.

Fourth Grade – Ayush B., Anissa F., Scarlett K., Kailey M. Ava Q., Justin S., and Brodie T.

### Character at BHS

At this time of the year, some teams are finishing up their sports seasons while others are just beginning. What do many sports have in common with school? Teamwork!

Teamwork is a crucial part of learning as well as life outside of school; it is necessary for students and teachers to work well together, trying their best in any circumstance. Teamwork means that you will try to cooperate, using your individual skills and providing constructive feedback, despite any personal conflict between individuals.

Teachers are conducting lessons that will help the students to better understand themselves and how good of a team player each of them is. We are looking for the students who are being mindful and trying to become the best teammate they can be!

## Noteworthy PBIS News

Core values are the guiding principles that dictate behavior and can help our children understand the difference between right and wrong. Empathy, the ability to understand and share the feelings of another by imagining what it would be like to be in that person's situation, was the Booth Hill School PBIS core value for the month of February. All classrooms participated in lessons that taught this fundamental belief of the whole school. The staff is always on the lookout for our students who independently demonstrate the ability to identify with their peers who are in need of comforting from their peers. These students do not behave in such a fashion to receive recognition, but they have received a spirit stick from one of their teachers.

The spirit stick recipients for the month of February are:

Kindergarten: Lillian W., Molly M., Ethan R., Addison V., and Ryan D.

First Grade: Avery J., Katarina P., Lakshanya R., Adriana G., Tessa B., Samantha M., and Sidnee A.

Second Grade: Freya P., Bridget M., Ruby G., Joseph D., Lucca P., and Bodie K.

Third Grade: Will Z., Michael O., Megan L., Jacob P., Christian L., Anna G., Darrin C., Andrew B., Monica D., Austin F., Caio O., Isabella P., Elaina B., Maithili P., Morgan M., Joey T., Daniel A., Faith S., Christopher F., and Nicole H.

Fourth Grade: Dylan D., Gavin M., Julia M., Marcus H., Ava Q., and Ashlie Z.

The next core value is "Teamwork."

### Additional Information

Incoming Kindergarten Registration – Booth Hill will host a parent night for incoming kindergarten students on March 27 at 6:30.

Big Y has started a school reward's program. This is similar to Stop and Shop's reward program for which you may have already signed up. Each time you scan your card, a percentage gets donated back to the school. If you shop at Big Y and can spare a few minutes, please go to: [www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress](http://www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress). Once on the site, click on the link and log-in and register your card number. Booth Hill School is already registered as an option to link to your card. Thank you in advance for supporting Booth Hill through this program.

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

Student Council – meets at 8:10 in the morning on April 6 and April 27 in the library media center.

School Store – Please see the attachment for dates for each grade. The school store opened on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

No School – March 30, 2018 – Good Friday; April Break – 4/9 to 4/13

JA in a Day – will take place on March 29, 2018. A special thanks to our PTO and Mrs. Recker for coordinating the day.

PTO Meeting – April 3, 2018 in the library media center. We will have discussion about our state performance results that were recently released.

Robert Taylor Photograph- We will have RT here on April 6, 2018 for photos.

PTO Book Fair - April 23 to April 26

Next Year – Do you have plans to move before the start of next year’s school year? If so, please make the main office aware of these possible changes. It helps us in making class lists. On that note, if there are any special circumstances or considerations regarding class placement, please let me know via email at [JZavodjancik@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:JZavodjancik@sheltonpublicschools.org)

Weather Related Schedules – The Superintendent of Schools makes decisions throughout the winter regarding the normal operation of school when it is affected by weather. Local radio and TV stations will have the news. If there is any change in pick-up or bussing on these days, please be sure to call the main office to let us know. It is important that each child know your family’s plan if a school early dismissal should occur.

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](http://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 April, we will have a fire evacuation 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.

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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,



James Zavodjancik  
Principal

BOOTH HILL SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 After School Program 3:50-4:50	3 School Store K,3&4 CCD 3:45-5:00 PTO Mtg. @7:00	4 Author Visit (Douglas Florian) After School Program 3:50-4:50	5	6 Student Council @8:10 Personality Portraits @9:15 (MC) Gr. K Daisy 3:45-5:15 Gr 4 Troop 3:45-5:15	7 
8	9 Spring Recess	10 Spring Recess	11 Spring Recess	12 Spring Recess	13 Spring Recess	14
15	16 One School/One Book (to 5/4/18) Kick off @2:30 Gr. 3 Brownies @3:45-5:10	17 School Store 1 & 2 AIMS web/RS Testing starts	18	19	20 BMX Program Gr. 4 Troop 3:45-5:15 Gr. 2 Brownies 3:45-5:15 Cub Scouts 6:30-8:30 Book Fair Setup	21
22	23 Book Fair Week	24 Book Fair Week School Store K,3,4 	25 Testing Ends Read Across the Valley (K) Book Fair Week BOE MTG. @7:00	26 Book Fair Week	27 Student Council @8:10 K-Cultural Assy @3:00 gym Gr. 4 FT to Science Center 8-3:30 K-Daisies @3:45-5:15	28 
29	30 Gr. 3 FT to Maritime 9:30-2:45 Gr. 3 Brownies 3:45-5:10					

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A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring a grid background with various school supplies and fruit. At the top left is a school bus. To its right are a crayon, a pencil, and another crayon. On the right side, there are scissors, a pencil, and an apple. At the bottom right is another apple, a crayon, and a school bus. At the bottom left are scissors, a crayon, a pencil, and another crayon. In the center-left, there is an apple and a crayon. In the center-right, there is a pencil and an apple.

## Booth Hill School Store

### April/May Schedule

- April 3 – K, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 10 – No School
- April 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- April 24 – K, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- May 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- May 8 – K, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- May 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*May 22 – K, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- \*May 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*May 22 and May 29 will be the last two weeks of the School Store - until next year!

Please feel free to contact Katie Bria [kbjm1020@gmail.com](mailto:kbjm1020@gmail.com)  
or Sanna Jacobs [sanna.jacobs@gmail.com](mailto:sanna.jacobs@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Shelton Public Schools

April 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are planning a **Career, College and Citizenship Ready Week** during the week of **April 30th – May 4th**. For this event, we are seeking the help of parents and guardians to create a short video about your career at your workplace. No need to make an elaborate video, approximately 3 minutes will do! You can use your phone to create a video showing a typical day at your job with short talk discussing your career. You may include what inspired you to enter your profession/career, what education/experience you need for your job, what makes your job special, etc. you get the idea.

We will then present your video in your child's classroom during the special week.

If you think you would like your video to be part of our Career, College and Citizenship Ready Week, please contact me by email at [clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org).

Please include following information in your email:

**Subject line:** Career College and Citizenship Awareness Week.

I am interested in making a video about my career.

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career to be presented** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name and teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

Once I receive your email, I will then provide you with all the details you need to be a part of this fun and exciting week.

**Please note: All videos will need to be received by April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Catherine Lindstrom

School Counselor

[clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org)

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Dear Shelton Public School Parent/Guardian:

Next year, both juniors and seniors at Shelton High School are required to complete a Capstone project designed to prepare them for life-long learning and effective and productive citizenship through the opportunity to plan, complete and present a self-directed culminating project reflecting their personal interest. The Capstone experience requires students to demonstrate the most important components of their learning under the guidance of a mentor from the community. The Capstone Project offers members of the community the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with Shelton High School students.

The primary responsibilities of a mentor are to:

- ◆ Communicate clearly to the student what his/her role will be, when meetings will occur, and what time and skill limitations are;
- ◆ Assist the student in clarifying his/her goals and objectives and developing a plan that will result in achieving his/her goals;
- ◆ Be available to answer questions in a non-judgmental manner allowing the student to learn from his/her mistakes;
- ◆ Guide, encourage and oversee the student as he/she completes his/her project;
- ◆ Meet with student at least 15 hours outside of the school day;
- ◆ Help the student evaluate the entire process and the final product;
- ◆ Verify the time spent working with the student throughout the project on the Fieldwork Time Log.

With over 700 students needing to complete this graduation requirement next year, SHS needs your help. If you are willing to mentor a student in your field of employment or an area of expertise, please contact a Shelton High School Capstone Committee coordinator. We appreciate your consideration.

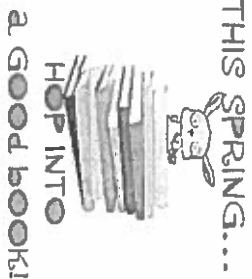
Sincerely,

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Lynn M. Coffin [lcoffin@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:lcoffin@sheltonpublicschools.org)

*Shelton High School Capstone Committee Co-Coordinators*

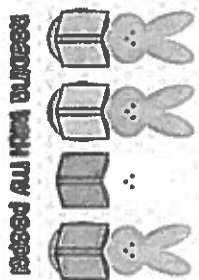
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# Plumb Memorial Library

## APRIL 2018

(203) 924-9461 or [www.sheltonlibrarysystems.org](http://www.sheltonlibrarysystems.org)



Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

1. Closed	2. *NO STORY TIME*	3.  Fun for Little Ones 10:30AM-11 AM R  Spanish w/Sandra 4:30 PM-5 PM   Talking in Spanish 5 PM-5:45 PM	4.	5.  AlphasBits 10:30 AM-11 AM Life is Art 6 PM-7:30 PM	6.	7. R  Story Time Yoga 10 AM-11 AM *CLASS FILLED*
8. Closed	9.  Bookworms 10:30 AM-11 AM	10.  Fun for Little Ones 10:30 AM-11 AM R  Spanish w/Sandra 4:30 PM-5 PM   Talking in Spanish 5 PM-5:45 PM	11. R  EXCEL Movie & Pizza 4 PM-6:30 PM 	12.  AlphasBits 10:30 AM-11 AM Life is Art 6 PM-7:30 PM	13. R  Safe Sitter Class 10 AM-4 PM *CLASS FILLED* Additional Class Dates on back	14. R  Spring B-I-N-G-O 
15. Closed	16.  Bookworms 10:30 AM-11 AM	17.  Fun for Little Ones 10:30 AM-11 AM R  Homeschool STEAM 12 PM-1 PM R  Spanish w/Sandra 4:30 PM-5 PM   Talking in Spanish 5 PM-5:45 PM	18.  PROGRAM KEY: R Registration Required Story Time Elementary Aged 10+ Teens Spanish All Ages *NO Story Time	19. Library Closed to Public (11:30 AM-2:30 PM) *NO STORY TIME* Life is Art 6 PM-7:30 PM 	20.  I LOVE TO READ 	21. R  Story Time Yoga 10 AM-11 AM *CLASS FILLED*
22. Closed	23.  Bookworms 10:30 AM-11 AM	24.  Fun for Little Ones 10:30 AM-11 AM R  Spanish w/Sandra 4:30 PM-5 PM   Talking in Spanish 5 PM-5:45 PM	26.  AlphasBits 10:30 AM-11 AM Life is Art 6 PM-7:30 PM	27.	28. R  EXCEL Globe-Trotters 10 AM-11 AM 	
29. Closed	30.  Bookworms 10:30 AM-11 AM Improv Night@ the Library 5:00 PM-6:00 PM -NEW PROGRAM-	NEW Date & Time for Spanish w/Sandra				



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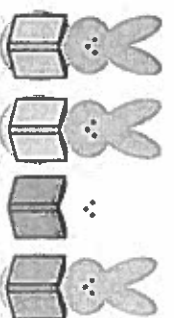


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# Plumb Memorial Library

## April 2018

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READING WITH MY PEEPS!

### Join Us for Our Regular Drop-in Programs!

**Mondays @ 10:30 AM-11:00 AM.** Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30.

**\*NO STORY TIME on Monday, April 2.**

**Bookworms:** A drop-in story time geared toward kids 0-5 years old & their caregivers. Join Miss Maura for this themed story & craft time plus enjoy music fun.

**Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM-11:00 AM.** Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24.

**Fun for Little 1s:** A drop-in story time geared toward kids 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join Mrs. Fritsch for stories, songs, activities & a special theme-related craft; siblings always welcome.

**Thursdays @ 10:30 AM-11:00 AM.** Dates: April 5, 12, 26.

**\*NO STORY TIME on Thursday, April 19.**

**AlphaBis:** A drop-in story time geared toward kids 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join Miss Maura for a skill-based program story plus hands-on centers, baby space & music fun!

**Thursdays @ 6:00 PM-7:30 PM.** Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26.

**Life Is Art:** Tweens ages 10 and up can join Miss Ronda to create a variety of art projects with upcycled materials; drop in & express your inner artist!

### SPANISH Programs

**Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM-5:00 PM.** Dates: April 3, 17, 24 **~NEW DAY & TIME~**

**\*NO CLASS on Tuesday, April 10 due to Spring Break.**

**Spanish with Sandra:** Children (3-7 year old) and their caregivers join Ms. Sandra as she shares stories, games, songs & music all in Spanish! Registration Required.

**Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM-5:45 PM.** Dates: April 3, 17, 24.

**\*NO CLASS on Tuesday, April 10 due to Spring Break.**

**Talking in Spanish:** Tweens (10-13 years old) join Ms. Sandra to engage in Spanish conversation, games & activities. Registration Required.

### SPECIAL Programs

**Saturday @ 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.** Date April 7.

**Teen Volunteer Orientation:** Need community service hours? Shelton teens who wish to volunteer in the Children's Department must complete an orientation session; This session counts as two volunteer hours! If you have already completed an orientation, please call library to schedule hours. Contact Adam: 203-924-9461.

**Saturday @ 10:00 AM-11:00 AM.** Date: April 7 & 21 **\*CLASS FILLED\***

**Story Time Yoga:** Join Ms. Kathleen for children's yoga with a literary theme! Geared toward kids 3-7 years old, children will act out stories through yoga movements. Please wear comfortable clothes. \*Call to be added to wait list.

**Wednesday @ 4:00 PM-6:30 PM.** Date: April 11.

**Movie & Pizza:** Come and enjoy a movie: "Ferdinand" and some FREE pizza too. All ages welcome to register. Registration Required.

**Excel Grant-funded program.**

**Friday @ 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.** Date: April 13. **\*CLASS FILLED\***

**Safe Sitter Class:** Join Ms. Dee Kopeck, of Shelton Youth Services Bureau, for this seminar about babysitting practices. The course is for 11-14 year olds and costs \$25.

**\*If interested additional dates:** Friday, July 13 10:00 AM-4:00 PM OR Wednesday, August 15 10:00 AM-4:00 PM both held at Plumb Library.

Registration Required (203)924-7614 OR [d.kopeck@cityofshelton.org](mailto:d.kopeck@cityofshelton.org).

**Saturday @ 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.** Date: April 14.

**Spring B-I-N-G-O:** Enjoy the traditional game of chance with a twist! Instead of hearing B1 or N 22 you'll look & listen to match Spring pictures like Tulip or Butterfly to your BINGO card! Yes, of course there will be an opportunity to win prizes. All ages welcome to register. Registration Required.

**Tuesday @ 12:00 PM-1:00 PM.** Date: April 17.

**Homeschool STEAM Club:** A monthly program geared toward Homeschooled children, preschool & elementary-aged. We will learn about science, technology, engineering, art or math through a book and a captivating experiment or project. Registration Required.

**Saturday @ 10:00 AM-11:00 AM.** Date: April 28.

**Globe-Trotters:** A monthly multicultural book club for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade & their caregivers. We will *travel* together to a new country through a book, hands-on activities & receive stamp in a passport too! Each registered family receives a FREE copy of the book we read.

**Excel Grant-funded program.** Registration Required.

**Mondays @ 5:00 PM-6:00 PM.** Dates: April 30 & May 7, 14, 28. **~NEW~**

**Improv Night @ the Library:** Kids in grades 5th & 6th take to the stage with improvisational theater games. This is for beginners no prior experience needed. Registration Required.

## SIS School of Innovation Board of Education Approved

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Shelton Intermediate School of Innovation, most of which are former Booth Hill School students, are raising money for Water for South Sudan. Please consider donating to help build wells and provide the people of South Sudan with clean drinking water.

Please visit the GoFundMe page at Innovative Support for Clean Water! Every dollar makes a difference!!! Every \$50.00 saves a life!!!



# From the PTO



**Sometime after April 2018, flocks of plastic pink flamingos will be soaring onto the front lawns of BHS families. Each of the flocks will have a note explaining that a BHS friend of theirs paid to have them “Flocked” in support of the BHS PTO. A note will explain that if you choose to pay a donation, our volunteers will remove the flock and send it to the yard of any BHS family you choose. This fundraiser continues to feed on itself as the flamingos migrate from yard to yard. The flock will remain in your yard for 24 hours.**

**You have no responsibility other than enjoying these flamingos roosting on your lawn. We simply ask for a donation (amount of your choice). Please do not feed them!**

**If you do NOT wish to participate in this exciting fundraiser, please fill out this form below and return it to Booth Hill School labeled:**

**Sarah Franzese c/o Anissa,  
Room #119**

**If we do not get this flier back, we understand that you are fine with us flocking your yard.**

**\_\_\_\_ I do NOT wish to be “Flocked”**

**Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*We hope you find the spirit and good will with which this fundraiser was intended.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at ([chinita74@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chinita74@sbcglobal.net))**