



Elizabeth Shelton School

Home of the Rising Stars

138 Willoughby Road

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Dear E.S.S. Families,

Wow, these past 100 days of school have certainly flown by! I am sure that the remaining days will fly by just as quickly.

On a sad note, with the senseless tragedy that occurred in Florida on Wednesday, the district must continually review security measures that are in place for the safety of students, faculty and staff. Additional information is posted on our district website which may assist you in dealing this type of tragedy in your homes. I wanted to make you aware that the Shelton Police Department had an added presence on school grounds as well as in our building today, in the event that your child brings this up with you. We want our students to know that officers are here to help them.

The Shelton School District has a new policy in place in their commitment for the safety of all. Because of the nature of our mission at the Shelton Public School System, it is now our policy to conduct a background check on volunteers who may have contact with our students. This is not a check on your talents or skills, but a precaution that we must take to protect the children we serve. When submitting this form, you are giving permission to SPS to conduct a criminal background check during your service as a volunteer. The background check shall include the following components; (a) an identity and legal alias verification; (b) a national criminal record file search; and (c) a national sex offender registry search. We appreciate your understanding of why this policy has been implemented.

Did you know that 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 the district's website.

Big Y has renewed their school rewards program. Each time you shop there and scan your card, a percentage gets donated back to ESS. You can register your card number by going to www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress and select Elizabeth Shelton School. We really appreciate it.

Listed below are all the events and dates for upcoming events for your planning purposes. Please keep this handy or check our website for dates/times and any updates for events.

Respectfully,
Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember
Mark Your Calendars

- Monday, February 26th - Friday, March 2nd ~ Read Across America Week
- Friday, March 2nd ~ Early Dismissal @ 1:50
- Tuesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 7th ~ Personality Portraits ~ Schedule to Follow
- Friday, March 9th ~ Early Dismissal @ 1:50
- Friday, March 9th ~ PTO Bingo Night
- Thursday, March 15th ~ Parent Conferences
- Friday, March 16th ~ Early Dismissal @ 1:50
- Friday, March 16th ~ PTO "Over the Rainbow" Scavenger Hunt - Boys invite your VIP Gal - 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, March 19th ~ Parent Conferences
- Tuesday, March 20th ~ Early Dismissal @ 1:50 P.M.
- Friday, March 30th ~ Good Friday ~ NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, April 5th ~ Grandparents'/Special Person Day ~ Info to Follow
- April 9th ~ April 13th ~ Spring Break ~ Return to School on Monday, April 16th
- Monday, April 23rd - Friday, April 27th ~ Spring Book Fair ~ Volunteer info and schedule to follow