



Elizabeth Shelton School

*Home of the Rising Stars
138 Willoughby Road
Shelton CT 06484*

*From the Principal...
Beverly D. Belden*

January 2018

Dear E.S.S. Families,

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for the many thoughtful gifts and caring words bestowed upon the staff and myself during the holiday season. We truly value your support and kindness.

Winter weather has most certainly taken hold, and many of us are longing for the warm weather. With colder temperatures and snow on the ground, a higher than normal number of parents are driving their child/children to school. Please plan your day accordingly, as I expect heavier traffic due to these tough weather conditions. In order to have a safe and orderly drop-off, I would like to remind parents of the process.

1. Doors open at 8:45 A.M. and close at 9:00 A.M.
2. The district-wide elementary start time is 9:00 A.M. Students should be in their seats at 9:00 A.M. ready to begin their day.
3. Once the door is closed at 9:00, parents must park and accompany their child in through the front doors to sign them in.
4. Drop-off is at the north end of the building, entering school grounds from the Soundview Avenue entrance.
5. Children should be ready to exit the vehicle immediately at the drop-off area, as not to hold up others. If you need to assist your child, you must park in one of the spots at that end of the building. (assistance with seatbelts, doors, backpacks etc.)
6. Use caution when driving near the crosswalk in that area, as pedestrians have the right of way.

Kindly be sure your child is dressed appropriately as students will be going out for recess (weather and temperature permitting). Winter jackets, hats and gloves are needed with shorts and just a sweatshirt being reserved for days that warrant them. Thank you for your assistance.

Believe it or not, we are almost halfway through the school year. So much learning has taken place already with much more yet to come. There have also been many wonderful activities provided by funds from the PTO and the Fathers' Club for our students, and additional ones scheduled! Thank you to the people who chair these events, as well as

everyone who volunteered to assist. Each and every one of you helps to make ESS a special school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten registration and screenings for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be held on Thursday, February 8th, Friday, February 9th, Monday, February 26th and Tuesday, February 27th. Please call the school to make an appointment (203) 929 - 1330. This would assist us greatly in planning for the upcoming year.

Respectfully,
Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember:

- Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King Day Observed **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, February 2nd - PTO "Sweetheart" Dance - Girls invite your favorite gentleman - 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- Friday, February 9th - Jump Rope for Heart
- Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th - Winter Recess
- Thursday, February 22nd - Crazy Sock Day
- Friday, March 9th - PTO Bingo
- Friday, March 16th - PTO "Over the Rainbow" Scavenger Hunt - Boys invite your VIP Gal - 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

School Times are the following: Regular Hours ~ 9:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Late Start ~ 11:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M. * Breakfast is NOT served

Early Dismissal ~ 9:00 A.M. - 1:50 P.M.

***UNPLANNED No School Announcements, Early Dismissals and Late Starts are posted on the district website and made on radio stations WICC, WEBE, WKISS & WPLR as well as TV Stations WTNH (8), WVIT (30) WTIC (FOX 61) You can set-up an automated call from many of the above. Kindly consider doing this if you have not done so already. Please do **NOT** call the school to inquire. Phone lines must remain open for emergencies.