



Elizabeth Shelton School

Home of the Rising Stars
138 Willoughby Road
Shelton CT 06484

April 2018

Dear E.S.S. Families,

Mother Nature has certainly been tough on us these past few months, especially with the number of snow days and late starts. Hopefully, it will be smooth sailing the rest of the year. As you can see with the calendar events listed on the back of this page, there will be much going on these last three months of school. Please keep this handy or check our website for dates/times and any updates for events.

Students in grades three and four will be very busy taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment Test in May. This assessment is done on the computer in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. Parents are encouraged to learn more about this assessment on the district website and/or through the SBAC information at www.smarterbalanced.org/. Our spring assessments of AIMSweb Plus K-4 as well as RI and NWEA 3 & 4 will be administered after Spring Break.

We will soon begin the process of student placement for the 2018 - 19 school year. The staff and I devote much time and thought to create the optimal learning experience for all students. Therefore, I am suggesting that you contact your child's current teacher to discuss any of the following regarding your child: his/her particular learning style, areas of strength and those needing improvement or to emphasize a specific need or experience based on firsthand knowledge. All of this information will assist us to make sound educational decisions. Parental requests for specific teacher placements will not be considered.

If you are aware of parents that still need to register their child for kindergarten in September, (age 5 before January 1, 2019) encourage them to contact us. Also, it would be very beneficial if you notify us if your child (ren) will not be attending ESS for the 2018 - 19 school year. There is a withdrawal form for you to complete so that records can be forwarded to the new school. Please call 203- 929- 1330 or email Mrs. Kingersky (bkingersky@sheltonpublicschools.org). This information will assist us greatly as we work to complete class lists for next year.

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.

Security continues to be a priority for the Shelton School District. When trying to enter the building when school is in session, please follow the directions listed on the front door. Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the spring break!

Respectfully,
Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember
Mark Your Calendars

- Thursday, April 5th ~ Grandparents'/Special Person Day ~ Forms have been sent home ~ One guest per student
- April 9th ~ April 13th ~ Spring Break ~ Return to School on Monday, April 16th
- Monday ~ April 23rd - Friday, April 27th ~ Spring Book Fair ~
- May 1st ~ SBAC Testing for Students in Grades 3 & 4 Begins
- May ~ 4th Grade "Invention Convention" ~ Details to Follow
- Thursday, May 17th ~ Art Show ~ Details to Follow
- Friday, May 18th ~ 4th Grade Invention Convention ~ Details to Follow
- Friday, June 1st ~ Music Presentation ~ Grades 1 - 4 ~ Details to Follow
- Tuesday, June 5th ~ 4th Grade Celebration Student Event ~ (Rain Date ~ Wednesday, June 6th)
- Thursday, June 7th ~ 3rd Grade "Living Museum" ~ Details to Follow
- Friday, June 8th ~ Field Day ~ (Rain Date ~ Monday, June 11th)
- Wednesday, June 13th ~ Kindergarten "Step Up" Day ~ @ 2:00 P.M.
- Friday, June 22nd ~ Tentative Last Day of School