

Long Hill Elementary School Newsletter

June 2020

ANDREA D'AIUTO, PRINCIPAL

A Message from the Principal

June is here! As we began this school year in September no one would have ever envisioned the end of the school year to look like this. When the staff and students left the building on March 12th, none of us ever thought that would have been the last time we all would have been together in school.

As I reflect on the last ten weeks of Distance Learning, I am beyond proud of our students and our staff who rose to this new challenge and in some ways have proven to be stronger than ever. I am so proud of our students as they displayed hard work, perseverance, and determination. No matter if we are physically in the school or are participating in Distance Learning, LHS is an incredible school, filled with so many wonderful children who never cease to amaze me.

To all our families, thank you for being your child's biggest cheerleader. We couldn't have made it though the last ten weeks without your support and teamwork.

To all our families leaving Long Hill School, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. You will be missed!

To the Fourth Grade Class of 2020, I know this is not how you wanted to end your school career at LHS but you have proven how strong you truly are! Your teachers and I are so proud of each one of you. Know that you are destined to do many great things in the future. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Have a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer break! Take time to relax and rejuvenate!







Upcoming Events

- 🐾 Wednesday, June 3: No Distance Learning from 9:00-12:00 (Teachers in professional learning); LHS Goes Unplugged – Sliding into Summer in the afternoon
- 🐾 Tuesday, June 9: LHS Parade – Shelton High School 1:00pm – please refer to the document sent out by the district – no Distance Learning on this day
- 🐾 Wednesday, June 10: No Distance Learning from 9:00-12:00 (Teachers in professional learning)
- 🐾 Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18: Early Dismissal – staff will be available from 9:00-1:50pm
- 🐾 Thursday, June 18 – Last Day of School

Distance Learning Message from Mrs. Marr, TESOL Teacher

Hi everyone! We made it to June and the year is almost over. This summer, you and your child can practice their language skills while doing their favorite things! Here are some ideas to help your child practice their language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing:

	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
With Music 	Talk to family about songs from the past.	Listen to two songs and talk about what is similar.	Read the lyrics to a song and draw a picture to go with it.	List songs that make you feel happy.
In Nature 	Take a walk and talk about what you see.	Listen to the sounds outside and list what you hear.	Read a book outside in nature.	Draw a picture of what you see outside and label the picture.
While Cooking 	Talk about your favorite food. Give three reasons why you like it.	Follow a recipe to make a meal.	Read a recipe.	Draw pictures and label them to show the process for the meal you cooked.
With TV 	Talk about your favorite show. Give three reasons why you like it.	Listen to a show and draw what is happening.	Turn the captions on and read them.	List the characters in a show.

Math Distance Learning Message from Mrs. Keene, Math Specialist

As June approaches, take time to unplug from the computer. A large part of Math and Science is making observations and discovery. Encourage your child to notice their surroundings by asking them what they notice. Then follow up with asking your child what do you wonder. This promotes students to navigate their curiosity by using their observations. This can be done while staying at home, out in nature, or at any location. Do not feel that every wondering question your student has needs to be answered.

Another large part of Math is problem solving. Try planning board or card games that use strategy to win. This will allow your student to have fun while engaging in problem solving. Keep a look out for information and resources on summer Math programs your student can partake in. Students will have continued access to online programs such as IXL and Freckle over the summer to continue practice Math skills.



Reading Distance Learning Message from Ms. Mulligan, Reading Consultant and Mrs. Saas, Instructional Interventionist

We made it to summer! We are so proud of all the students who have worked so hard under these unusual circumstances. While summer is the time to relax and refresh, we still need to keep our brains working. This summer is especially important to keep up with our reading. In these uncertain times, we need to keep our skills in check.

This year's summer reading incentive is entitled ***Books Can Take You Anywhere... Imagine Your Story***. Accessing books may be difficult this summer, but no worries, Mrs. Saas and Ms. Mulligan are on top of it. We have several ways you will be able to read and listen to stories throughout the summer. More details about this will follow so be on the lookout for Summer Read Aloud Hour and new ways to access books.

Remember, books build skills such as vocabulary, fluency, accuracy and comprehension. Parents/guardians, remember to ask your readers the meaning of words they may not know or ask them to give you another word (synonym) for words they see or hear. Have conversations about the books your children are reading. Ask them about the characters, setting, events in the story and ask them to make a connection to what they are reading.

Most importantly, let your children enjoy reading! Let them choose books that they want to read, no matter the level or genre. When you let children choose what they want to read they will:

- Take risks
- Read more
- Become better readers and writers
- Enjoy reading because it is not a chore
- Become empowered

Letting children choose their own books develops trust and respect for them as a reader.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students have been working very hard during the month of May. We practiced retelling stories, learned about teen numbers and how to read and create maps! We even enjoyed going on a number of virtual field trips around the country! We are so

impressed by all of the hard work our students are doing and appreciate all of the family support at home!



First Grade News

First graders have continued to learn and grow despite the novelty and challenges of Distance Learning. Students have learned about character traits in Reader's Workshop, shapes and their attributes in Math, the life cycle of butterflies in Science and feelings and emotions in Social Studies. Additionally, they have become familiar with using new programs

like IXL, Kami and Google Drawings. We continue to be amazed by the hard work that each student puts forth daily to complete their assignments. We know it is not easy. We want you to continue to stay focused and just know that your well deserved summer break is almost here! We can do it and we will do it together!

Media Tip by Mrs. Demko, Media Specialist

eBooks are a safe alternative for touchless summer reading! Click the link to get started...

<https://sheltonlibrarysystem.org/services/collections/ebooks/>

Follow Mrs. Demko on Twitter
@library_long

Second Grade News

Second graders continue to rock and roll with Distance Learning. We continue to follow the district curriculum and have incorporated virtual field trips as well! We have enjoyed the many unplugged activities that everyone has planned including Cinco de Mayo, Chocolate Chip Day and Virtual

Field Day. We loved receiving and sharing photos of the activities!! As the school year winds down, we know everyone has surely earned a restful and relaxing summer.





I would like to thank our 3rd & 4th Grade Leadership Team for all their hard work this school year! They are truly role models!

Third Grade:

- Scarlett Fernandez
- Nadine Gaie
- Dorian Koziol
- Jackson Lynch
- Amelia Rich
- Ayden Vasquez
- Connor Welch
- Jaelynn Young

Fourth Grade:

- Chandler Buchanan
- Kaylynn Cavallaro
- Sofia DeFranzo
- Carter Neff
- Mackenzie St. Germain
- Ryan Seara
- Natalia Terrenas

Third Grade News

Distance Learning is still going strong with the students using their creative skills to write a fractured fairy tale. They have spent time reading several versions of a fractured fairy tale and will begin to write their own based on fairy tales they are already familiar with. Fractured fairy tales have a twist so ask your child about his/her ideas of how to write one. In Math, geometry is being explored. The Greedy Triangle was shared to show how polygons are all around us. Many creative and fun geometry glyph monsters were created. We'll finish up Math for the

year with exploring perimeter. Keep on practicing Math facts! SLC were shared and students added to their reflection of the year by thinking about their distance learning experiences. Many students are enjoying the videos as a way to connect during this time. Keep the pictures coming!



Fourth Grade News

It certainly has been another interesting month of Distance Learning in 4th grade. Thank you all again for your patience during this time. We are finishing our geometry unit in Math and will end the year with a unit in measurement. In Social Studies we are wrapping up our regional exploration of the United States. In Science, our research of environments will carry us through the end of the year. Reading has continued to

challenge the students with reader's responses, current event articles, and nonfiction activities. In Writing, grammar skills and honing our techniques as authors have prepared us for the transition to 5th grade.

Please continue to remind your student(s) to answer their attendance question daily. Also check any IC emails and the Shelton site frequently for updates due to the year-end schedule.

Congratulations to our Fourth Grade students! I wish all of our fourth grade students best of luck in the future! Continue to make LHS proud and reach for the stars!



From the PTO

We hope all LHS families are staying safe and strong during this difficult and changing time. Here is what LHS PTO is working on:

End of Year teacher Gifts/Room Coordinators: Just as with Teacher Appreciation week we are NOT asking Room Coordinators to attempt to collect money and purchase any type of group gifts due to the current communication and collection difficulties RC's face. This request does NOT prohibit any parent on their own from purchasing an electronic gift card, having your student make a thank you note or video that can be emailed to their teacher's published email address, or something of that nature as a token of gratitude for a challenging year!

Yearbooks: We will distribute Yearbooks, most likely by mail, in the next 30-45 days. If you prepaid for your yearbook, you are all set. If you requested an "extra" yearbook and have not paid, we will mail you your yearbook if we have one available and contact you to arrange payment. We will post on our Facebook page and send an Infinite Campus message when we have mailed the yearbooks so you can look out for them to arrive!

2020/2021 Executive Board: LHS PTO will come up with a plan to elect our 2020/2021 executive board depending on our return to school date and the district rules in place at that time. If you would like to be part of the committee that handles this (great opportunity for a parent that wants to try a brief committee position!) or if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for an executive board position, please email LHSPTONominations@gmail.com.

The LHS PTO offices are:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Any person who has paid their membership dues may be nominated to any office, except in the case of President, the member must have served on the executive board for at least one year to be eligible for the position of President.

Please direct inquiries to ptolonghill@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook Page- Long Hill PTO! Thank you for your continued support! Stay safe!



Friendly Reminders

- 🐾 Our last day of school is Thursday, June 18. Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18 will be early dismissal Distance Learning days.
- 🐾 If you have moved, please email either Mrs. Vetro at cvetro@sheltonpublicschools.org or Mrs. Quirk at pquirk@sheltonpublicschools.org your new address to ensure you receive mail from the school.
- 🐾 If you have plans to move before the start of the new school year, please email me at adaiuto@sheltonpublicschools.org This helps us in making class lists. The staff and I devote much time and thought when placing your child in a class. Parental requests for specific teacher placements will not be considered; however, if there are any special circumstances or any considerations regarding class placement, please notify me via email.
- 🐾 If you have an updated email address or if we do not have your email address, please send it to Mrs. Vetro at cvetro@sheltonpublicschools.org so we may update our records. Information regarding next school year will be sent out through the summer via email. Important school policies and procedures will be sent out in mid-August via email as well. Therefore, it is imperative that we have your email address in our system.
- 🐾 If you know of any child will be entering kindergarten in the fall and have not yet registered, please email me at adaiuto@sheltonpublicschools.org. It is imperative that we have accurate lists of all incoming kindergarten students so we may begin class placements for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 🐾 Follow LHS on Twitter @DAiutoAndrea
- 🐾 Check out our school website at http://longhill.sheltonpublicschools.org/home_page



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School Hours:

Regular Day: 9:00am – 3:45pm
Early Dismissal: 9:00am - 1:50pm
Delayed Opening: 11:00am – 3:45pm