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Sheridan Hills Elementary School
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Second Quarter 2023-2024

Joseetta Campbell, Principal
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Principal's Message



Mark Your Calendar!

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Brenda Benjamin, SHE's Teacher of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year! Ms. Benjamin is an amazing Literacy Coach who was chosen as teacher of the year by her peers. Congratulations also goes to Ms. Dawn Fallick, our Employee of the Year! Ms. Fallick is our amazing Classroom Assistant who helps run our office and supports all aspects of our school. Ms. Benjamin and Ms. Fallick go above and beyond to help their peers and to support our students and the community here at S.H.E. We are so proud of our winners!

This year, we will continue to provide a positive and safe learning environment that motivates our students to reach their greatest potential. I plan to work with parents, teachers, and community members to ensure that we intellectually challenge our students to become critical thinkers, inspire them to push past their fears, and teach them to support one another so that they can become leaders of their generation!

As a parent, you can help your child get the most out of this school year by encouraging him/her to put forth the most effort possible and strive to meet the goals of his/ her teacher. With a good parent-teacher relationship, you not only show your child that education is a priority, but that you respect the teacher and expect your child to do the same.

Parents, please note that Report Cards and Interim Reports will be posted in Virtual Counselor for you to view. Please visit Virtual Counselor a www.browardschools.com to obtain a copy.

Please know that we are here to support you and your child in any way to ensure that they reach their academic potential.

December

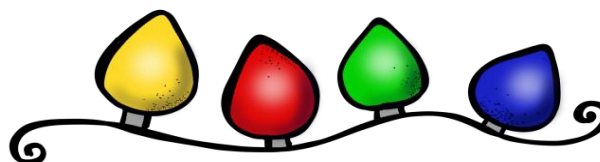
- 4 Computer Science Week
- 18-22 Field Day Week
- 25-29 Winter Break

January

- 1-5 Winter Break
- 8 School Resumes
- 15 MLK Day , Schools Closed
- 19 Early Release
- 22 Teacher Planning Day
- 23 3rd Quarter Begins
- 25 SAC/SAF Meeting, 2:15 p.m.

February

- 1 Report Cards Issued



Mrs. Joseetta Campbell, Principal

Connect With Us!



Have you seen our Website, subscribed to our Facebook page, or followed us on Twitter? We hope you will connect with us via these tools to receive timely updates, and see the latest and greatest from SHE!

Website: SheridanHillsElementary.com
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Twitter: @SheridanHillsE

Plan Ahead!

Please put the following dates on your calendar so your child can be in attendance at school and avoid missing out on learning. Please plan vacations and appointments during these dates!

Winter Break	Dec. 25 – Jan. 5
Spring Break	March 22-29

The mission of Sheridan Hills Elementary is to provide a diversified, stimulating, technology rich, and career ready curriculum designed to ensure that every child reaches their highest potential! We are proud to be a Title I School.

We Shine Brighter Together!

Kindergarten "Kuties"

The Kindergarten team wants to stress how proud we are of our student's growth this past quarter! With our 2nd quarter in full swing, our Kindergarten students have been very busy comparing the experiences of children and families from the past to their own. The students will then use this knowledge to give them a better understanding of the First Thanksgiving and how it relates to their own family traditions. Students will then be learning about the many different holidays celebrated around the world. Going forward Kindergarten will be diving into addition and subtraction, counting from 1-100, beginning to write, read, and make sets of 20. Please remember to keep practicing their reading, writing, and sight words nightly. As your child is reading each night, make it fun! Of course, we will continue to work towards mastery of letter names and sound as well. We are so excited to see our students continued growth this quarter!

~Your Kindergarten Teachers



Fantastic First Grade

The first-grade teachers are grateful for all your help with learning through the pandemic. It has not always been easy, but we thank you for your continued support through this new process of learning. The students have adapted well and are doing a great job. In Reading, we are learning about different types of technology. In math, we are learning about place value. This month in Social Studies, we are learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and understanding timelines. We ask that your child continues to practice their sight words and read to build up fluency.

~The First Grade Team

Sensational Second Grade

Second Graders began our Reading adventure learning about **Story Elements**. We used Graphic Organizers and identified Characters, Setting, and Plot of Fictional stories. We learned how to find the Main Idea of a reading passage, as well as determining the moral of a story. As we continue our journey in Reading this quarter, we will continue focusing on this skill and finding Facts and Details in Non-fiction articles.

Second Grade Problem Solvers always enjoy "**adding**" more to our minds! In **Math**, we have applied our learning by solving for the **sums** of numbers **with and without regrouping**, using three and four-digit addends, writing number sentences and solving for unknown numbers. We ended the quarter with solving for the "**differences**" in subtraction problems, with and without regrouping. Our focus now will be to continue practicing these skills solving problems and using strategies to find sums and differences with three-digit numbers.

Just like the weather, we are moving systematically in science! We have learned about the **Weather Systems and Patterns and Life Cycles**. Our focus will now be on Matter.

We have been "thankful" this quarter for learning about **American History** in Social Studies honoring our heroes and celebrating holidays. We are continuing our journey in American History learning about the Three Branches of Government and all of the amazing citizens in the past who have been inspiring and have made a difference in history.

~The Second Grade Team

Terrific Third Grade

Third graders have been working very hard learning fractions in math. We started with identifying fractions and now we are comparing fractions. Over the holiday break when a lot of you are baking, include your child in process. Have them show you their knowledge of fractions when adding all the ingredients to the delicious treats you are baking! In reading and science, we are working with non-fiction texts. Our students are learning how to identify the main idea of the texts and finding the supporting details. It is very important to continue to read and practice multiplication facts daily with your child to strengthen their skills.

~The Third Grade Team

Fabulous Fourth Grade

4th grade students are working on finding whole-number quotients and remainders with up to four-digit dividends and one-digit divisors, using strategies based on place value, the properties of operations, and/or the relationship between multiplication and division, also they are learning how to illustrate and explain the calculation by using equations, rectangular arrays, and/or area models. In addition, they are working on solving multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted.

Reading

Students are working on describing the overall structure for example chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.

Science

Students are learning the different states of matter as well as about magnet forces.

Social Studies

Students put their reading skills into practice as they investigate the cause and effects of Florida and the Spanish-American War.

Writing

Students are learning how to deconstruct their first Opinion essay. Students will first learn how to write the Introduction. In addition, students are learning conventions of grammar.

~The Fourth Grade Team

Academic Vocabulary structure, chronology, resolution, conductor, insulator, contrast.

Fifth Grade Flash

The 5th Grade Team is excited about what's in store for this quarter! This quarter they will be learning how to build reading fluency, increase comprehension and utilize content vocabulary.

The team will put their science skills to use through weekly online digital science labs and interactive lessons in Science A to Z, which can be accessed through Clever.

In Math, the team will be learning decimal place value through the thousandths period and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

As usual, your child's teacher is readily available should you have any questions and can be reached via email.

~The Fifth Grade Team

Happy Holidays!

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Cafeteria News

Free breakfast is served daily beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 7:50 a.m. Cool weather is coming, and our cafeteria offers a great choice of hot breakfast daily, as well as a variety of cereal and yogurt meals. Free lunch is served for all students each day as well. We want to thank our cafeteria staff for providing us with healthy meals each and every day.

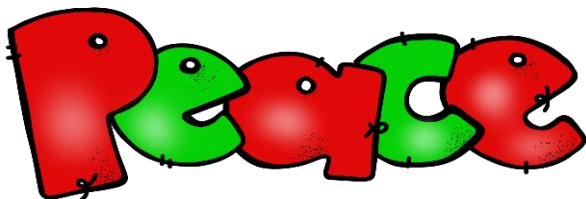
Please check out the breakfast and lunch menus at BrowardSchools.com or by downloading the Broward Schools App on your smart phone.

Healthy Reminders

- Stay home if you feel sick
- Notify the school of any absences
- Wash your hands frequently
- Take care of yourself and your health

Media News

This year we are using Beanstack! Students read a book and go to the Beanstack app on their Clever page to take a test. We can't wait to see the "beans" continue appear on our schoolwide bulletin board. Students who earn points get to shop in our Beanstack store. Did you know: Children who read or are read to at least 20 minutes each day are exposed to 2 million words a year??!! We'd like to wish all our families a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Head Start Heroes

In Head Start, we have had the opportunity to make new friends and get familiar with our classroom. We are all so happy to be back at school, in person, all day. We are making nice memories within our Class. Making connections from school to home and home to school is very important, we do this through talking with each other, home connection activities and our weekly poems. As a team, we will help our students learn and grow into college ready individuals. We have already explored and learned about the studies of Back to School, Clothing, Balls and now we are on the study of Buildings. Vocabulary, language and math are included for every study and throughout the day- all day. We look forward to having many fun learning activities with students in our classroom, as we take this learning journey together (the families, students and myself) as a team.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your families!

Mrs. Ramirez and Ms. Walker- Head Start 3's

Mrs. Hall and Ms. Smith- Head Start Pre-K 4

Pre-K Post

Happy New Year! Our PreKindergarten classrooms are learning about many different subjects this quarter! Our Theme is Our Community! We are learning about the different places in our community. As you drive around, point out and name different places/things, such as the library, the post office, hospital, the fire station, landmarks, traffic signs, statues, and parks. Talk about the function of these and how they help all of us as a community. We are focusing on alphabet letters and their sounds within each theme. We use the letters to incorporate different skills in oral language and math. We are comparing and describing using the words such as larger, smaller, greater, less than, and biggest/smallest. Try it at home too! Model using the words up, down, on top of, under, in front of, to the side, between, below, and behind while giving your child directions, such as: "Please put the plate on top of the table." "We are practicing using our Manners! Remind your child to use please and thank you. It is important for your child to know their address and your name. Help your child to memorize these by singing your address to the tune of "Do you know the Muffin Man?" For example, 5001 Thomas St, Thomas St. Thomas St., 5001 Thomas St, Hollywood Florida! Thank you for all your help in keeping your child and all the children and staff healthy and safe at Sheridan Hills! We appreciate all your efforts! May 2022 bring the best of everything to your family and our community!

School Counselor News

Please visit the Broward County website to introduce you to the use of problem-solving and how it may affect your child in the context of school-wide implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports, often referred to as RtI. If you have a question or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. McAbee at 754-323-7300.

[School Climate & Discipline / MTSS Academic and Behavioral Supports \(browardschools.com\)](http://www.browardschools.com)

5th grade parents-

The window to apply for magnet schools is December 1, 2023-February 1, 2024. You will need a copy of your child's latest report card and FSA scores to apply. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. McAbee or visit the Broward Schools website to learn more about the process.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/56743>

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Title I News

1. School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at browardschools.com/sheridanhills. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or if translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754 323-7323.

2. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent engagement program. You can access this plan at browardschools.com/sheridanhills. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or if translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754 323-7323.

3. District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent engagement program. You can access this plan at [https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202019-2020 9-6-19%20ADA.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202019-2020%209-6-19%20ADA.pdf). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or if translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title 1 Program Specialist at 754 321-1410.

4. School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, state assessment reports. The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's Public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754 323-7323



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Kids of
Character
Traits:

Cooperation
Responsibility
Citizenship
Kindness
Respect
Honesty
Self-Control
Tolerance

Each month, we focus on one of the above character traits. Every month, each classroom teacher nominates one student from their classroom that exemplifies the monthly character trait. This student is praised and recognized as a Kid of Character on morning announcements.

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