

Shepherd Glen Parent Newsletter

December 2021

The Month of Giving

Dear SHG Families,

It is very hard to believe we are in the month of December and a little over a week away from winter break. We have had busy learning days and students have fallen into their daily routines. Once we return from our break, your children take a closer turn to their upcoming grade levels. While academics is very important and our teachers work diligently every day to ensure students are progressing in all content areas by continually reading, writing, problem solving, working in small groups and one on one with their students. However, we still remain focused and committed to the social and emotional well being of all are students and daily check ins through morning meeting are still happening. Students are encouraged to share thoughts, feelings, display acts of kindness learn about empathy and compassion for others. We have reinstated our Student Support Center up and running for our students when they need a break and some reflection time. Ms. Jen Frank is our Student Support person and we are lucky to have her. Ms. Frank served in this position pre COVID, therefore, she knows most of our students and staff. I also want to take this time to wish all our SHG families a wonderful winter break. With many of us celebrating holidays with family and many of us that may not, I still would like to send my warmest wishes to all for a happy and healthy season of joy and a wonderful upcoming new year!!

Please Read These Important Information and Reminders:

- *Please make sure ALL emergency contact information is updated with our main office. We need to be able to reach parents or contacts in case of emergencies.*
- *Please report your child's absence to the main office or school nurse at 203-407-2070.*
- *Please continue to complete the health assessment on your child daily*
- *There is a virtual or live PTA meeting Thursday Dec. 16th at 5:30 pm*
- *Please do not send your child into school sick and notify our school nurse of symptoms. (203-407-2070 ext. 642)*

- *Thank you to all that participated in the PTA Pasta fundraiser*
- *December 23rd is an early dismissal 12:35 pm. Please be prompt with picking up your child*
- *Please do not drive fast in the building loop when pulling up or pulling out. If a parent is caught driving fast in the loop, he or she will not be able to pick up from there anymore. We are dismissing 300 students and many are walkers. Safety is of the utmost importance for all.*

- *Beginning Monday, we will be having building wide theme days for the week to enjoy winter season.... your child/ren will be getting a flyer to bring home.*
- *Winter break begins Thursday, December 23rd (early dismissal 12:35 until Monday, January 3rd 2022*

Thank you to all that attended Parent/Teacher conferences and as always do not hesitate to reach out to myself or your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Also, Mrs. Helenski, our Media Specialist does an outstanding job making sure everything happening at SHG and important dates and events are posted on the website daily. Please check it weekly to keep updated on the happenings at "SHEP"

From Nurse Powers-Moore:

Please continue to comply with the daily health assessment each morning before sending your child to school. Please continue to encourage social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. We are keeping our school safe. KUDOS to all of you!!!

Shepherd Glen Highlights

We continue with our theme “Kindness is Contagious” and we are encouraging all staff and students to “Spread and Model Acts of Kindness each and every day”

In honor of Veteran’s Day last month, Mrs. Sousa, our School Psychologist with help from the staff and students, did an amazing job honoring all the branches of the military. Select grade 4 students read about each military branch and its history while flags were displayed in their honor and our four 6th grade boys that are in charge of the flag each day raised it while we, as an entire school, honored our flag with patriotic songs. It was a very special day at Shepherd Glen School.

We welcomed two new teachers in the month of November. Ms. Ashley Beals grade 6 and Mrs. Courtney Korakis, grade 3. We are fortunate to have two very committed teachers join our staff.

As always, thank you for trusting your child/ren in our care. Please feel free to reach out with any questions and concerns.

*Respectfully,
Principal Perrotti*

