

ACES NEWS

December 2024



We are nearing the end of the first semester, can you believe it?! Our ACES have been working hard to reach their academic and personal goals.

On behalf of our Shaw Heights Family, we would like to wish you all a very Merry and Happy Holidays and New Year!



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Upcoming Events:

- **December 3**

Santa Photos

- **December 3 - 13**

Winter MAP Testing

- **December 9 - 13**

Holiday Spirit Week

- **December 16**

PTO: Winter Concert @ 6pm

- **December 17**

3rd Grade Holiday Lunch

- **December 18 - 19**

1/2 Days - 11:00AM Dismissal

- **December 20 - Jan. 3**

Winter Holidays

SHAW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

MERRY & SWEET TREATS!



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HOLIDAY TREATS CAN BE

DROPPED OFF

IN THE FRONT OFFICE

LET'S SHOW OUR TEACHERS &
STAFF HOW MUCH WE
APPRECIATE THEM!



By Ms. Smith

COPING SKILLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

There are plenty of different strategies we can use to teach students coping skills but the key is to be patient and to remember that every child is different so you may have to try different techniques until you determine what is best for that specific child. Here is a guideline of what you can do.

1. Help identify feelings- Children experience so many different emotions. It can be hard for them to pinpoint exactly what they are feeling! Help them-- guide them in how they are feeling by asking questions such as:
 1. Describe how you are feeling right now.
 2. Is something bothering you?
 3. What could make you feel better right now?
2. Talk through what emotions they are going through- After children identify their emotions, have them describe what they are feeling and talk about why they are feeling that way. This helps children learn why they are feeling the way they are.
3. Try new skills- Keep trying new ideas with your students. Have them do deep breathing; talk about how it made them feel and then next time try a different technique. Not only are you discovering coping skills that work for them, but they are learning what skills to use during each situation.



All students have been assigned a Car Rider number. If your child did not receive a number, please contact the front office.

School Spotlight

Our school has surpassed our goals in recent years. We have collected 2,000+ cans to give to United Ministries food pantry. Our Student Lighthouse Team took a trip to present the cans to our community partner.



Nurse's Station



Life is unpredictable and you never know when a child may need a change of clothes. The Health Room is limited on clothing, so I am asking that you please keep a change of seasonal clothing (shirt, bottoms, underwear, socks) in your student's backpack for emergencies to help ensure their school day will not be interrupted. If your student comes home in borrowed clothing from the Health Room, please wash and return it so it will be available if needed again. Thank you!



P.S. The Health Room is in need of gently used children's clothing (sizes 6-14) and shoes. If you are able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated!



Volunteers needed

**Volunteers needed for
the ACE store. The
store usually opens on
Fridays. Please contact
Ms. Kennedy for more
details at:
[adrienne.kennedy@sum
terschools.net](mailto:adrienne.kennedy@sumterschools.net)**



Congratulations!

Rachel Pressley
Shaw Heights
Elementary School

2024-2025
Teacher of the Year



**How are we doing?
We'd love to hear from
you!**

