



# SHADYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



October 2025

## Welcome to Shadycrest

The Shadycrest staff is excited to partner with you to ensure that our kids are growing and learning in a safe and positive environment.

## Front Office Staff

Principal: Ryan Peterson  
Asst Principal: Sara Holmes  
Counselor: Erin Schmidt  
Secretary: Kim Phillips  
Registrar: Mary Kirst  
Receptionist: Lindsey Cockrell  
Nurse: Megan Johnson

## Important Dates

10/1	Picture day
10/10	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks
10/10	Grandparents Lunch
10/13	Student Holiday
10/14	Student Holiday
10/30	Lit Night/Trunk or Treat
10/31	Book Parade

## School Hours

Grades PK-4 7:55 AM - 3:15PM  
Doors open/early drop off is  
at 7:15AM  
**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR  
CHILD UNATTENDED PRIOR TO  
7:15AM**  
Breakfast 7:20 AM - 7:50 AM  
Class Begins 7:55AM



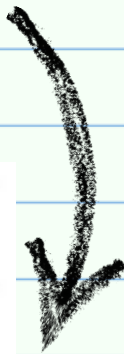
*It's that time again!*

# PICTURE DAY! 😊

Wednesday,  
October 1st

*Shadycrest ES*

Scan to order  
today!



1st Photo will be on campus  
October 1st, taking school  
photos. Follow the link to  
PREORDER your child's photo!  
Cash or check orders will be  
turned into the front office.  
Help support our school by  
purchasing your child's photo!

**1st**  
**PHOTO**

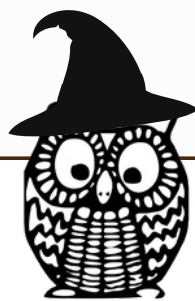
\*\*QR code only good for PREORDERS at Shadycrest ES\*\*

# HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

*Save  
The  
Date*

At Shadycrest, we are incredibly grateful for our Owl grandparents and want to wish each of them a very Happy Grandparents Day! It has become tradition to do a special outdoor lunch to celebrate with our students. Our grandparents lunch will be October 10th, save the date and a detailed lunch schedule is attached below.

Lunch will be held in the bus circle area, you will check in with staff sitting at the welcome tables.



HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY

Grandparents Lunch  
Schedule and  
Registration

10:30-11:00

Downs  
Allison  
Bonner  
Hogue  
Eaves  
Hair  
Barron

11:10-11:40

Farciert  
Judge  
Lopez  
Macdonald  
Sonnier  
Beekman  
Gray  
Middleton (inside)

11:50-12:20

Ingram  
Crawford  
Sauseda  
Wenske  
Westphal

12:30-1:00

Hoggard  
Johnson  
Berg  
Worrell  
Rumbelow

Please fill out the form by  
October 6<sup>th</sup> by scanning the QR  
code to indicate if your student  
will be buying a lunch from the  
cafeteria on October 10th



<https://forms.office.com/r/Q7G3rxgjzu>

# FALL BREAK



October 13<sup>th</sup>

No school

October 14<sup>th</sup>

No school for students

Staff in-service



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## ATTENDANCE

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit a note via the online portal or send a written/signed note stating the reason for the child's absence within 3 days of the students return to school with the information listed below.

- **Student's first AND last legal name**
- **Dates of the absence (Ex. 09/20/21-09/23/21)**
- **Reason for the absence**
- **Parent signature**

**If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers ALL days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. Emails will not be accepted.**

Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the 90% rule.

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance.



# Shadycrest Elementary

## CHARACTER WEEK

OCTOBER 20-24, 2025



**20**

Monday

### HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS

*Honesty Lights the Way--Trust Begins with You!"*

Wear blue to represent honesty and trustworthiness

**21**

Tuesday

### RESPECT

*Respect Shows Character--Shine Bright Every Day!*

Wear yellow or gold to represent respect

**UNITY DAY**

**22**

Wednesday

### KINDNESS AND EMPATHY

*Kindness Unites Us All! See the Good,, Be the Good!"*

Wear orange for Unity Day

**23**

Thursday

### RESPONSIBILITY

*Be Responsible--Do What's Right, Even When No One's Watching!"*

Wear green to represent responsibility

**24**

Friday

### COOPERATION AND CITIZENSHIP

*Together We Shine--Citizenship and Cooperation Build Community!"*

Wear purple to represent cooperation, teamwork and citizenship

# RED RIBBON WEEK 2025



"Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free.™"

OCT  
27

TWIST, SHOUT, MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES-50 DAYS STRONG

Wear red & your favorite 50's outfit to show healthy choices



GROOVY MINDS,  
BRIGHT FUTURES

Wear bright colors and sunglasses

OCT  
28

OCT.  
29

FROM HEAD TO TOE,  
HEALTHY ME!

Wear a hat, crazy hair, and socks



UNITED WE STAND TO  
MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Wear camo or red, white, and blue

OCT  
30

OCT.  
31

HEALTHY CHOICES  
AREN'T SCARY!

Wear a costume (School appropriate/NO MASKS)



# **SAFETY CONCERNS**

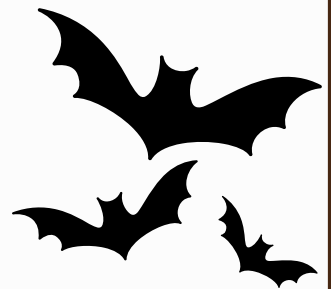
## Dismissal Parent Walk Out Safety

For everyone's safety, it's important to remember to look both ways before crossing the street, even at crosswalks. Taking a moment to check for oncoming traffic helps prevent accidents and sets a good example for children. During dismissal time, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to keep a close eye on their children, as the area can become busy and fast-paced. Your attention and care during this time help ensure a safe and smooth dismissal for all students. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

# **WE'RE BATTY ABOUT BOOKS**



Please join us for a  
**Booktacular**  
Literacy Night/ Trunk or Treat



**Thursday, October 30th from 5:30-7:30 pm.**  
More information will be coming home  
soon!



# **BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

**During School on 10/31**

 ✨ **Calling all Pre-k and Kindergarteners!** ✨ 

**Get ready to celebrate your favorite characters and bring your books to life!**

 **What's Happening?**

**We're hosting a Book Character Parade where students will dress up as a character from a book and proudly walk the halls for everyone to see!**

 **Here's What You Need to Do:**

**Choose a Book Character you love!**

**Create or wear a costume that represents your character. Bring the book with you on parade day (a physical copy, not a picture or printout).**

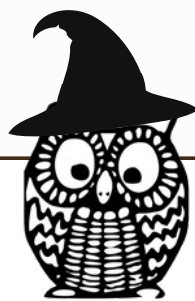
**Get ready to walk the halls and show off your character to all the classes!**

 **Important Notes:**

**Costumes must be school-appropriate and safe.**

**Be sure to bring the actual book we want to celebrate reading!**

 **Let's celebrate the magic of books one character at a time!**



# **Hello from the Counselor!**

**This year, Shadycrest will be developing our Character Traits through the district approved curriculum, Character Strong! Each month, we will focus on a new character trait. Your child will have daily activities within their classroom as well as a lesson with the School Counselor.**

**This month, we are building and practicing Responsibility. Responsibility is “taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.” Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt people. Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting. We will also be participating in Red Ribbon Week at the end of the month during which we discuss ways to stay safe and healthy with the district approved curriculum, Child Builders. These age appropriate anti-victimization lessons will teach basic rules for safety situations and give information on where and who to go to for help. In order for your child to participate in this particular counselor lesson, Senate Bill 9 requires you to give written consent, (via Skyward forms during registration), to receive the prevention education.**

**We will be discussing boundaries and consent, stopping abuse and inappropriate touch. Students are encouraged to talk with their parents or caretakers about situations they may find themselves in involving strangers and physical, personal, or emotional abuse. I would encourage you to discuss with your child what they learn through the lessons and create a plan to follow for personal safety. We will also be talking about Responsibility this month! All the choices we make impact the world around us in big and small ways!**

**Erin Schmidt  
School Counselor**

## Lost and Found

**Please have your child look through our lost and found by the front office if you have misplaced something. If you put your child's name in their jackets and on their water bottles, we can deliver them to them if they get put in the lost and found.**

## Student Birthdays



Your child may bring in individual store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate. For ex. cookies, cupcakes, donuts. Birthday treats will be shared with your child's class at the end of the day. Please no party favors.

**Half birthdays: June/ December, July/ January, August/February.** We are squeezing a lot of birthdays in this time and while we try to get as close as possible to the half birthday, they may not be announced on the exact day.

## CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. Emergency situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the teacher in writing. If advance notice is not possible, phone calls advising the office of transportation changes must be called in no later than 2:00pm. Students' dismissal transportation will not be changed after 2:00pm unless approved by an administrator.

## EARLY PICK-UP

**To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child up early for an after-school doctor's appointment, etc., should do so by 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## PICKING UP STUDENTS

**If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show appropriate identification to school officials.**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	 <p><b>Offered at Breakfast Daily:</b> Variety of Whole Grain Cereals Fruit, 100% Juices, Choice of Milk</p> <p><b>Offered at Lunch Daily:</b> Choice of Juice and Milk</p>	<p>1</p> <p>English Muffin Sandwich with Sausage &amp; Cheese ***</p> <p>Orange Chicken over Rice Cheese stuffed Breadsticks with Marinara Cup</p> <p>Broccoli Baby Carrots Fresh Texas Pears</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Mini Cinnamon French Toast ***</p> <p>Pepperoni (Turkey+Beef) Pizza Cheese Pizza Fish Nuggets &amp; Cornbread Poppers</p> <p>Seasoned Sweet Corn Hydroponic Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Turkey Sausage &amp; Pancake Sticks ***</p> <p>Tostitos, Bean Dip &amp; Salsa Pack Macaroni &amp; Cheese Chicken Tenders with Mac &amp; Cheese Garlic Texas Toast Green Beans Baby Carrots Diced Pears</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Danimals Yogurt &amp; Scooby Doo Graham Snacks ***</p> <p>Tostitos, Bean Dip &amp; Salsa Pack Soft Chicken Tacos Breaded Chicken Drumstick with a Roll Ranchero Beans Baby Carrots Diced Peaches</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Whole Grain Glazed Donut ***</p> <p>100% Beef Hamburger Cheeseburger Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Crinkle Fries Cucumber Slices &amp; Tajin Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>8</p> <p>English Muffin Sandwich with Egg &amp; Cheese ***</p> <p>Orange Chicken over Rice Cheese stuffed Breadsticks with Marinara Cup</p> <p>Broccoli Baby Carrots Freshly Harvested Texas Apples</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>French Toast Sticks ***</p> <p>Pepperoni (Turkey+Beef) Pizza Cheese Pizza Corn Dog (Chicken)</p> <p>Roasted Ranch Cauliflower Hydroponic Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Turkey Sausage Breakfast Pizza ***</p> <p>Tostitos, Bean Dip &amp; Salsa Pack Breaded Beef Nuggets Popcorn Chicken Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy Seasoned Sweet Corn Diced Peaches</p>
<p>13</p> <p>FALL BREAK No School for Students</p> <p><b>taste the world: your school lunch passport!</b></p> <p>Celebrate with us:</p>	<p>14</p> <p>FALL BREAK No School for Students</p> <p>National School Lunch Week</p>	<p>15</p> <p>English Muffin Sandwich with Sausage &amp; Cheese ***</p> <p>Orange Chicken over Rice Cheese stuffed Breadsticks with Marinara Cup</p> <p>Broccoli Baby Carrots Freshly Harvested Texas Apples</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Mini Cinnamon French Toast ***</p> <p>Pepperoni (Turkey+Beef) Pizza Cheese Pizza Fish Nuggets &amp; Cornbread Poppers</p> <p>Seasoned Sweet Corn Hydroponic Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Turkey Sausage &amp; Pancake Sticks ***</p> <p>Tostitos, Bean Dip &amp; Salsa Pack Macaroni &amp; Cheese Chicken Tenders with Mac &amp; Cheese Garlic Texas Toast Green Beans Baby Carrots Diced Pears</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Maple Belgian Waffle ***</p> <p>Pork BBQ Sandwich Turkey Chili Nachos Cheese Nachos</p> <p>Refried Beans (vegetarian) Baby Carrots Diced Peaches</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Whole Grain Donut Holes ***</p> <p>All Beef Hot Dog Chicken Filet Sandwich Vegan Kickin' Sandwich</p> <p>Crinkle Fries Cucumber Slices &amp; Tajin Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>29</p> <p>English Muffin Sandwich with Sausage &amp; Cheese ***</p> <p>Orange Chicken over Rice Cheese stuffed Breadsticks with Marinara Cup</p> <p>Broccoli Baby Carrots Freshly Harvested Texas Apples</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Mini Cinnamon French Toast ***</p> <p>Pepperoni (Turkey+Beef) Pizza Cheese Pizza Fish Nuggets &amp; Cornbread Poppers</p> <p>Seasoned Sweet Corn Hydroponic Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Turkey Sausage &amp; Pancake Sticks ***</p> <p>Tostitos, Bean Dip &amp; Salsa Pack Macaroni &amp; Cheese &amp; TX Toast Chicken "Bat" Nuggets &amp; TX Toast</p> <p>Green Beans Baby Carrots Diced Pears</p> 

Menus are subject to change due to supply issues or product changes.

To restrict your student's account, visit [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). For questions, please contact the Food Service Department at 281-412-1244.



# SHADYCREST ELEMENTARY CALENDAR

October 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	1 FALL PICTURE DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 GRAND- PARENTS LUNCH	11
12	13 STUDENT/ TEACHER HOLIDAY	14 STUDENT HOLIDAY TEACHER INSERVICE	15	16	17	18
19	20 COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27 RED RIBBON WEEK	28	29	30 LITERACY NIGHT TRUNK OR TREAT 5:30PM- 7:30PM	31 BOOK CHARACTER PARADE 8:30AM HALLOWEEN

