ESE...where Every Student Excels

SHARK BITES

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Mrs. Terry's November Message:

Greetings Schoeffner Shark Families,

What a busy October we had at ESE! We celebrated National 4-H Month, Red Ribbon Week, and Trunk or Treat. Students also gave back through donations supporting United Way and breast cancer awareness. We recognized Quarter 1 Shark-tastic behavior with grade-level Glow Parties and welcomed families for our Quarter 1 Awards Ceremonies and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Our PTO added to the fun by providing a Shark Attack treat for students and lunch for our staff during one of our conference days. Thank you to our PTO and the many families who volunteered at special events, donated candy, and participated in Trunk or Treat. Your support helps make these experiences possible!

In November, students will explore the **We Are Connected** mindset, learning that everyone has something valuable to contribute and that our actions affect those around us. Through kindness, respect, and teamwork, we can build strong relationships and help everyone feel a sense of belonging. We will encourage students to include others, appreciate differences, ask for help when needed, and recognize the people who support them. At home, ask your child, **"What did you do today to help someone feel included?"**

Our 4-H Club will help us put this mindset into action by sponsoring a **food drive November 9–18**. We will collect **boxes of macaroni and cheese and cans or packets of gravy** for the local food pantry, Matthew 25:35. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us care for our neighbors.

We also look forward to welcoming new members into ESE's Elementary Beta Club. Fourth and fifth grade students with a cumulative GPA of **3.75 or higher**, based on the 2025-2026 school year and Quarter 1 of the 2026–2027 school year, will be invited to participate. National Beta emphasizes academic achievement, character, leadership, and service, giving members opportunities to make a positive difference in their schools and communities. Our **2026-2027 Beta Induction Ceremony will take place on November 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Cake BINGO on Tuesday, November 10**! This fun family event is one you won't want to miss.

Staying connected also means keeping families informed. Each **Sunday at 6:30 p.m.**, I send an email with reminders and information about the week ahead. If you are not receiving these emails, please let me know so we can check your contact information and update it if needed. You can also find updates through teacher broadcasts, the ESE and PTO Facebook pages, and the calendar in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping make ESE a place where every Shark belongs, learns, and grows. **Together We Bloom!**

We are excited to welcome families to join their children for lunch! Our outdoor covered classroom provides a designated space for students to enjoy this special time with their guests.

Because seating is outdoors, we cannot accommodate lunch visitors during inclement weather. If the weather is uncertain, please call the school before your visit to confirm that lunch visitors can be accommodated.

Please review these guidelines to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone:

- **Lunch Schedule:** Check with your child's teacher to confirm the class's lunchtime. Some classes attend recess before lunch, so please plan accordingly.
- **Guest Lunches:** Guests may purchase a school lunch for **$5.30**, payable in cash at the cafeteria. **Exact change is required.**
- **Visitor Check-In:** All guests must present a valid photo ID at the school office. Please allow a few extra minutes to check in.
- **Meeting Your Child:** After you check in, our school office specialist will notify a lunch monitor, who will bring your child to meet you.
- **District Bag Policy:** All visitors must follow the district's bag policy.
- **Lunch Seating:** Guests may eat only with their own child; classmates and friends may not join. Please remain in the designated seating area throughout the lunch period.
- **Recess and Classrooms:** Guests may not accompany students to recess or class before or after lunch.
- **Half Days:** Lunch visitors cannot be accommodated on half days.
- **Schedule Changes:** Any changes affecting lunch visits will be shared in my weekly Sunday message.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to sharing this opportunity for families to spend time together at ESE!