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Sheridan Hills Elementary School
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First Quarter 2022-2023

Josetta Campbell, Principal
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Principal's Message

Mark Your Calendar!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Sheridan Hills Elementary School! This school year will be full of exciting and meaningful learning experiences for your children. It is our goal to be the best part of your child's day, a place where they can feel happy and engaged, and where parents feel welcome and involved. I am always visiting classrooms and moving throughout the school, so feel free to introduce yourself. I look forward to collaborating with this great community as we work together to make sure every student has another great year at Sheridan Hills Elementary School.

November

- 8 Teacher Planning Day/No School for Students
- 10 Report Cards Issued
- 11 Veteran's Day, Schools Closed
- 29 Interim Reports Issued



Here at Sheridan Hills, we take every precaution to ensure that all the staff and students are working in an environment that is safe and secure. Our goal is to do so while also providing the highest quality education through a rigorous curriculum that is both enriching and engaging. We welcome your feedback as we navigate this school year, for together we are always better!

Mrs. Josetta Campbell, Principal



Plan!



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

- Thanksgiving Break November 19-26
- Winter Break Dec. 24-Jan. 8th
- Spring Break March 18-26

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, check-out pictures of our events, and see the latest and greatest from SHE!
Website: SheridanHillsElementary.com
Facebook: [Facebook.com/SheridanHillsE](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanHillsE)
Twitter: [@SheridanHillsE](https://twitter.com/SheridanHillsE)

PTO Press!

Join the PTO! For only \$7 you can become a member and be a part of the PTO family. This money goes towards the many things that PTO supports throughout the year. You can purchase PTO membership, our NEW school polo shirts, NEW spirit shirts, Sno-Cone parties, popcorn parties, and support the fun family events that PTO sponsors. Go to SheridanHillsPTO.com to view our website or purchase products from the PTO. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of partnership for our children!

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.

Plant the Seeds of Knowledge and Watch the Good Things Grow!

Kindergarten "Kuties"

Welcome to Kindergarten! We have already kicked into high gear this first month with getting to know all about your child and family. During the first quarter of school, our students have been learning all about being "Good Citizens." This includes why rules are necessary at home, in school, and the community. In learning about our world, the students are using SHE garden to observe and learn about plants. In math, our focus has been on learning how to read and write numbers, building sets to 10, and the concepts of more and less. We will also be extending their knowledge of patterns, colors, and shapes. It is so exciting to see your child developing their knowledge of how letters and sounds come together to form words to read and write. Each day the children are demonstrating their literacy skills while writing stories in their writer's notebooks. You should also be so proud as your child brings home his/her reading book each night and reads to you.

We would like to welcome you as our partners in the education of your child and look forward to working with you this year. There are several easy and important things you can do:

- *Keep in touch with your child's teachers.
- *Get your child to school each day on time.
- *Help your child do their homework.
- *Read all school communication.
- *Attend school events.

Terrific Third Grade

Hello parents! Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Our third-grade team has an exciting and rigorous year planned. In reading, students have been working on asking questions about what they have read and answering with evidence from the text. You can help your child by making sure they read daily, and by asking questions about the story. The students are also learning and practicing multiplication facts and are moving into division. Please make sure they are reviewing their multiplication facts frequently and completing their math homework pages which are used for practice on the skills taught in the classroom. Parents, we also ask that daily you check your child's agenda and blue folders for information on what is happening at school. As always, we thank you for your involvement. We look forward to seeing your child excel this school year!

Be There!

Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your youngster's entire school career. Show your child that school comes first by trying to keep days off for illnesses and family emergencies. Also, schedule routine doctor and dentist visits for after school or over school breaks. Finally, make sure your child arrives on time to school each day. We don't want your child to miss a moment of learning! Thank you for being our partner in your child's education!



Fantastic First Grade

Welcome to a new school year! First grade will be an exciting year for your child. We are currently working on building reading stamina, so please make sure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes every night. We have been working on making connections when reading stories and understanding the main idea details of non-fiction text. When reading, periodically stop and talk about what you both are reading. Have your child make a connection with the story and share it with you. A few reminders: Please check your child's blue folder and initial their agenda book every night. Homework is due on Fridays. We look forward to a wonderful year with your child!



Fabulous Fourth Grade

Our fourth-grade students are off to a remarkably busy and fantastic beginning!

MATH

QUARTER 1: Students have completed Topics 1-4. They should be able to determine the place value of numbers to one million, know the basic facts for multiplication and division, and multiply multi-digit with 2-digit numbers.

READING

QUARTER 1: Students analyzed text to determine details that support the central idea, the narrator's point of view and the characters' perspectives, as well as the theme of literary texts. They have learned to summarize, as well as to determine the types and meanings of figurative language. They have written their first expository essay and now are learning to craft argumentative essays.

SCIENCE

QUARTER 1: Through observations and experiments, students have already studied the three types of rocks and how they are formed along with the distinct properties of minerals. Our scholars have been introduced to Florida's resources and can distinguish renewable from nonrenewable resources.



Sensational Second Grade

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are off to an amazing start in Second Grade. It is going to be an *exciting* year filled with many challenges and new experiences for all our students. In Reading, we have learned in stories that are Fictional, the Story Structure and Identifying the Characters, Setting, and Plot, while also Identifying How Characters Change in a Story. In a Nonfiction Article, we are learning about the Central idea and Relevant Details and how to locate the important information. For Second Quarter, we are integrating Reading and Social Studies! Our Focus will be on learning about the Government and why it is needed. Students are also reading, reading, reading!!! Second Graders are reading AR books and taking AR tests, so please talk with your child about finding the "right fit" book when it comes to selecting books at their level! Our math skills are improving! Students were working with Number Concepts such as odd and even numbers, patterning, arrays, rounding and place value. Our next chapter involves adding and subtracting numbers using other strategies such as partial sums, mental math, using blocks and drawing pictures, and even adding with tens and counting on. Our learning in Math is strategic and "Out of the Box" learning! In Science, we learned about Inquiry Skills, Plant and Animal Habitats, and Life Cycles. Now we are off to explore concepts about Weather and Weather Systems. Remember, we do assign homework daily in Spelling and Math. Homework is an extension of their learning and is expected to be completed and returned in a timely manner. Please speak with your child's teacher so you know about what is happening in our classrooms and at Sheridan Hills Elementary- especially regarding the Spelling Bee!

Fifth Grade Flash

Sheridan Hills' Fifth Graders are planting seeds of knowledge and growing! We are currently learning how to be stronger readers by identifying central ideas and relevant details in informational text and utilizing that information to formulate a summary. From there, we will write informational pieces with the information gathered. In math, we are all working on mastering our multiplication facts so that we may fluently multiply whole numbers and decimals. In science we're exploring the world around us, our solar system and making observations. We are excited about the start of this school year and look forward to all of the exciting activities and events that are part of your child's last year of elementary school. It means so much and makes a great impact that we have supportive parents who play a crucial part in our students' educational experience here at SHE; Thank you!

Did You Know?

For the purpose of improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory services in the school, please be advised that in accordance with Florida Statute 231.29, parents have an opportunity to provide input into teacher and administrator performance assessments when appropriate.

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Pre-K/Head Start Heroes

In Head Start, we have had the opportunity to make new friends, get familiar with our classroom and how each part of our classroom will lead to great learning and memories. It was a pleasure getting to see all of the families during Open House. We were delighted to give you all information on the topic of- How to help your child learn at home. Making connections from school to home is very important. Our first learning theme will be on the topic of balls. Children will learn and explore different sizes of balls, textures, vocabulary will be introduced and practiced- such as throw, catch, roll, bounce, drip etc. Students will practice verbally interacting and describing how different balls feel. We have done some home connection activities already and have had a great time so far. We look forward to many activities with the school, as we take this learning journey together.

Preschool students have investigated apples, leaves, and pumpkins for the fall season. Through hands-on activities, students have utilized the scientific method to ask questions, make predictions, and gather information to better understand these fall favorites. Through fall stories and artwork, students are gaining a better understanding of a season that here in South Florida is very different from what is experienced in our northern states.

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



Cafeteria News

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students here at Sheridan Hills Elementary!

If you have any other questions pertaining to school meals, contact our cafeteria manager at (754) 323-7310.

Title I News

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 on Sheridan Hills' Website. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Lane, Title I Coordinator at (754) 323-7300.

School & District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff, district staff, and parents jointly develop these plans. These plans include the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's program. You can access the school plan at Sheridan Hills' Website. You can access the District Plan at title1.browardschools.com. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Lane at (754) 323-7300, or Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at (754) 321-1410.

School Accountability Report: Parents may find information about our school's test scores, annual yearly progress, and school grades at www.fldoe.org/accountability.

Volunteer News

Sheridan Hills Elementary School LOVES its volunteers! We don't know what we would do without them. If you want to volunteer or chaperone a field trip, you MUST be pre-approved to volunteer. To apply, go to BrowardSchools.com/GetInvolved. Remember to please always bring your photo ID when entering the campus. Because the safety of your child is our #1 concern, no one is allowed to come onto our campus without first being checked in through the security system in the front office.

Did You Know...?

Research studies have shown that every parent can help their child do well in school. Your parenting practices and the relationship you build with our school will help your child succeed. These are proven practices that can help you get started:

- Family discussion of books, newspapers, magazines, and TV programs: Talk with your child about what he or she is reading.
- Encouragement to try new words: Make a family game out of looking up new words – who can find the newest words in the newspaper, or who can guess the correct meaning of a new word heard on TV before you look it up in a dictionary...
- A quiet place to study and read: Find a spot with good light for a reading/homework and/or studying area.
- Be interested, available, and supportive: Encourage your child to work independently. If your child asks for help, listen and provide guidance, not answers.
- Stay informed: If your child is struggling with homework, approach his/her teacher positively, as a partner, and find out what you can both do to help your child.

School Counselor News

Parents, Broward County Public Schools does have an Anti-Bullying policy. If you suspect bullying, please contact your child's teacher or school administration. Broward defines bullying with the acronym RIP.

R=Repeated

I=Imbalance of Power

P= [that is] Purposeful

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. McAbee at (754) 323-7300.



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Media Center Matters

This quarter in Library/Media our students will be reading, exploring and enjoying the genre of Folktales including, Fables, Legends, Fairy Tales, Myths and Tall Tales. The stars are coming out as students are reading and taking Accelerated Reader tests! It was so exciting to see so many of our fabulous readers at the AR store. Congratulations to our first Gold Star reader: Emily Sinclair from Ms. Nelson's 5th grade! Please remember students should be logging their minutes spent reading in the Beanstack App on their Clever page. Did you Know: Children who read or are read to at least 20 minutes per day are exposed to 2 million words a year?!! Keep reading with your children and watch them BLOOM!



Technology News

We are so excited to welcome our amazing SHE students back to school and back to the technology classroom! During the first quarter, our Pre-k and kindergarten students explored pattern matching and sequencing and worked on motor skills and science concepts. First and second grade learned about basic computer hardware, practiced login skills and the correct way to use the keyboard and mouse, and explored science concepts through hands-on STEAM activities. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students have completed their first coding lessons in Code.org. Students learned basic sequencing, creating events, and de-bugging to solve puzzles using coding blocks. Our intermediate students have been practicing their typing skills aiming to improve their speed and accuracy. Last, third through fifth graders worked on their first quarter hands-on STEAM project learning about having a Maker Mindset. Looking forward to exploring the wonderful world of science and technology with our pre-k through fifth grade students during the second quarter!



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.

Physical Education Press

Welcome back students, it's time to get MOVING AGAIN! To start the year, grade K-2 students will focus on the fundamental skills of catching and throwing. Activities will include developmentally appropriate cues for rolling balls and throwing them underhand and overhand. The students will also practice throwing for accuracy and distance, at both stationary and moving targets. Students in grades 3-5 will use Aerobic Games to get moving. These games are adapted to give all students many opportunities to practice basic motor skills, movement concepts, principles, and strategies in a high-activity format. The games will be fast-paced and challenging.

ESOL Parents

Are you looking for ideas or resources to help your child at home?

- Try insync education. Go to the ESOL Department Website or www.insyncedu.com
- Log in to your account.
 - Username: Student ID Number
 - Password: broward
- Click: Go (You will be able to choose another language if needed).

You can also check out books online for free!

- Go to www.browarddesolparents.com
 - Click on FolletShelf and download the app for your device.
 - Log in name: browardesol
 - Password: browardesol

If you have any questions, call the ESOL Parent Outreach Office at (754) 321-2951 or go to BrowardESOLParents.com

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