



# Dolphin Express

Sheridan Hills Elementary School  
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Second Quarter 2019-2020

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## Principal's Message

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Joanne Ewart, SHE's Teacher of the Year, 2019-2020! Ms. Ewart is an amazing Pre-K teacher who also sponsors our Gardening Club, Eco-Heroes Club, and the green projects throughout our school! Congratulations also goes to Ms. Dawn Fallick, our Employee of the Year! Mr. Dawn works in the office and throughout our school with our students. She helps us greatly in so many ways, helping out our staff and giving so much to our students and community! Ms. Ewart and Ms. Fallick are very appreciated by all at SHE. We are so proud of our winners!

This year, we will continue to provide a positive and safe learning environment that motivates our students to reach their greatest potential. I plan to work with parents, teachers, and community members to ensure that we intellectually challenge our students to become critical thinkers, inspire them to push past their fears, and teach them to support one another so that they can become leaders of their generation!

As a parent, you can help your child get the most out of this school year by encouraging him/her to put forth the most effort possible and strive to meet the goals of his/ her teacher. With a good parent-teacher relationship, you not only show your child that education is a priority, but that you respect the teacher and expect your child to do the same.

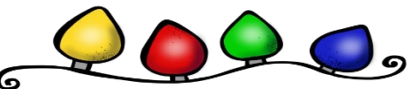
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## Connect With Us!



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](http://SheridanHillsElementary.com)  
Facebook: [Facebook.com/SheridanHillsE](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanHillsE)  
Twitter: @SheridanHillsE



## Plan Ahead!



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

Winter Break                      Dec. 23-Jan. 3  
Spring Break                        March 23-27

## PTO Press

Join the PTO! For only \$5 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, school polo shirts, marquee shout outs, Sno Cone parties, and support the fun family events that PTO sponsors. Go to [SheridanHillsPTO.com](http://SheridanHillsPTO.com) to view our Website or purchase products from the PTO. Every time you support our PTO, you support our school and students!

*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.*

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## Kindergarten "Kuties"

With our 2nd quarter in full swing, our Kindergarten students have been very busy comparing the experiences of children and families from the past to their own. The students will then use this knowledge to give them a better understanding of the First Thanksgiving and how it relates to their own family traditions. Students will then be learning about the many different holidays celebrated around the world.

In math, we are moving on from numbers 0-9 and are beginning to learn how to count, read, write, and make sets to 20. Students are practicing their addition and subtraction skills with these numbers as well.

Please remember to keep practicing their reading, writing, and sight words nightly. As your child is reading each night, make it fun. Have them stop on a word and practice "tapping it out", hunt for a sight word, and use expression! Some great questions to ask while you read to them are:

1. What do you think is going to happen next based on what you already know?
2. What is happening in the story?
3. How are this book and \_\_\_\_\_ (another book) alike?
4. What did you learn first, next, last in this book?
5. Why was the title a good one?

Have a great Winter Break!



## Fantastic First Grade

The first grade teachers are very grateful that you helped your child disguise their turkey so well that they are not going to be eaten for Thanksgiving! All the children did a wonderful job on this take-home project. We hope you enjoyed working with your child as much as we loved seeing and hearing their stories.

We are expanding our knowledge of American History with comparing ourselves to how the first settlers lived when they came to the "New Land." Ask your child about the similarities and differences that we came up with in class. In math, we are continuing to learn new addition and subtraction strategies with the use of numbers up to 20. We can identify the relationship between addition and subtraction facts.

In December, we will be traveling around the world learning about holidays and traditions celebrated in countries such as Italy, Israel, Germany, Sweden, and Mexico. First grade will be having a Grinchmas Event. We will be dressing in green, reading the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and completing many reading activities. During the Winter Break, please remember to read every night!

## Sensational Second Grade

Second grade students have been working hard already in the 2nd quarter. We are working on improving comprehension skills in all areas. We encourage parents to make sure that students read every night and to talk to them about what they are reading. It's also important that our students can explain how they got their answers and why they are correct by having them prove it! In writing we are working on informational pieces. Your child chose a subject that they know a lot about as the topic for their paper. We practice in class, however, students should also practice at home with guidance from parents. In math we are learning 2-digit and 3-digit addition problems with and without regrouping. Then we will move into subtraction and work on 2-digit and 3-digit problems. In the area of Social Studies we worked on Government and American History. Then in Science it's been Earth Structures/Earth Systems and Patterns. Please continue to check your child's bookbag for papers going home and any type of flyers from school. Thank you from the Second Grade team.

## Fifth Grade Flash

The 5th Grade Team is excited about what's in store for this quarter! This quarter they will be learning how to build reading fluency, increase comprehension and utilize content vocabulary. The team will put their science skills to use through weekly hands on experiments as well as completing online digital science labs through Gizmos and Science A to Z, which can be accessed through Clever. In Math, the team will be learning decimal place value through the thousandths period and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

As usual, your child's teacher is readily available should you have any questions and can be reached via email.

## Terrific Third Grade

Our third graders have been working very hard on multiplication and division. We are now moving into locating fractions on a number line and being able to compare fractions. In reading, we are learning to use context clues to understand and figure out unknown words in a text as well as distinguishing between literal meanings from nonliteral language. In science, we are learning all about energy. Ask your child to give you some examples of the different types of energy in our environments.

As always, it is very important to read and practice multiplication facts daily with your child to strengthen their skills.



## Fabulous Fourth Grade

We're so proud of our Fourth-Grade students! They're working hard in reading, math, writing and science. All of our students are close to finishing their first full essay which is complete with an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion. As the year ends, students will begin to write their own essays with more independency. Math instruction has shifted to making sure students achieve mastery of long division and benchmark fractions. These are critical math skills, so please make sure your child gets any additional help that he/she may need. Our focus in reading right now is on identifying the theme, key details, characters traits and inferences as they relate to literary text. We're excited about our second field trip to Kennedy Space Center on December 13th!

## iReady Program

Parents, please encourage your child to complete i-Ready Reading lessons during the winter break. These lessons will facilitate continual learning during the holiday season. We value the importance of family time, so we recommend students complete at least four lessons during the winter break.

Login information for Clever & i-Ready can be found on the SHE Website under Quick Links: SheridanHillsElementary.com



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## Headstart Heroes

Head Start 3 and 4 year old's just started a new study on Clothes. We noticed that the children are very interested in clothes. They talk about clothes, put them on and take them off, compare clothes, and add clothing details in their drawings. During this Study, the children will learn about buttons, snaps, zippers and textures. They will be working on their Sensory Skills and will be focusing on specific areas each week of the study and focus on social, emotional, and literacy-language skills.

As we study clothes, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We'll also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas. Parents have been involved by bringing in clothes for us to investigate. We have had a blast looking at different types of clothing. We are also continuing to learn our letter names and sounds. We have made so much progress since we started school in August! We also have been counting to 20 and writing our numbers. November has been an exciting month and we have learned about Thanksgiving.

## Cafeteria News

Free breakfast is served daily beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 7:50 a.m. Cool weather is here and our cafeteria offers a great choice of hot breakfast daily, as well as a variety of cereal and yogurt meals.

At lunch, the cafeteria offers a variety of vegan/vegetarian choices, made fresh daily as well as light salad lunch meals.

Please check out the breakfast and lunch menus at [BrowardSchools.com](http://BrowardSchools.com) or by downloading the Broward Schools App on your smart phone.

## 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](http://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](http://www.fldoe.org/accountability).

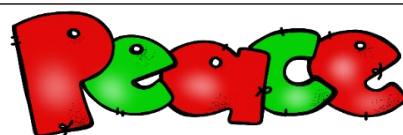
## 2019-2020 Yearbook Sale

It is that time of year when we begin to sell our Yearbook for this school year! We always begin yearbook sales with a special, low price for those who pre-order their yearbooks early. **Yearbooks are on sale for only \$20.00 from now through January 31<sup>st</sup>.** On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the yearbook price goes up to \$25.00. Regular price yearbook sales will continue through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't wait until it's too late, make your order and save some money! Advertisements and/or dedications may also be purchased from now through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Yearbook sales and dedications may only be purchased online at [YBPay.Lifetouch.net](http://YBPay.Lifetouch.net). A flyer with further information will be sent home soon, as well as directions on how to purchase your yearbook.



## Pre-K Post

Preschool at Sheridan Hills is very busy! Our theme is Learning About Our Community. We are learning about the people, places, and things in our Community. As you drive around our community start talking about what you see, for example, "I have to stop now. Do you know why I have to stop? It is a stop sign. It means that the car must stop to look around for other people or cars." You will be amazed at how much your preschooler already knows and you will be able to teach so much vocabulary! Asking questions using where, why, when, and who will reveal so much about your child's vocabulary and comprehension skills. Building comprehension skills at this early age will pay dividends later when they begin reading! We are working very diligently on increasing your preschooler's fine motor skills. We need to strengthen their finger muscles now to be prepared for holding a pencil in Kindergarten. Great ways to work on these important skills are cutting paper, using clay or playdough, painting for a paintbrush, building sandcastles, pulling weeds, coloring in a coloring book. So many of these materials are available at a dollar store. Our Preschool Garden is looking awesome! We just planted and it is full of edible plants! We planted celery, tomatoes, eggplant, herbs, kale, lettuce, radish, strawberries, and squash! We will be out in the garden each week taking care of our plants! Thank you for all your help and support for helping our classrooms be so successful! We are proud of your children and their progress!



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## Media Center Matters

Students have been very busy reading and logging their books into Beanstack. Sheridan Hills was the #1 elementary school in the county for the month of October!! Congrats to all our awesome readers! They logged over 6,000 books! Don't forget our Media Center is open every Tuesday from 4-6 pm. Please stop by to read, take AR tests and check-out books or resources. AR stars are shining in our hallway. We'd like to recognize and congratulate our Gold Star students: **Zellen Meloun, Brandon Mora, Andre Young, Anton Nave, Olivia Hartigan, Jacob Hartigan, Isabella Hartigan and Lawrence Simington!** They are on the list for our VIP Gold Star Party in May. Now they are working on achieving the 1,000,000 words award. We'd like to wish our families a wonderful holiday season. Keep Reading!!

## Technology Times

We are so excited to have begun a new special of Technology here at Sheridan Hills Elementary School! In the Technology class, students are polishing their digital skills and participating in collaborative activities. In our first month, primary students have practiced using the trackpad and keyboard and have gotten more experience with logging in and out of the computer using their username and password. They have learned how to drag and drop using the trackpad and how to select color from a color wheel in creating digital art. Our intermediate students have learned how to be fast and accurate typists along with how to type using the home row on the keyboard. Students have learned basic coding skills including how to build an algorithm, built basic programs using Blockly, a block-based coding tool in Code.org, and how to de-bug their code to find and fix errors. Students have also learned basic Digital Citizenship skills, including how to "Share with Care" and built Word Clouds modifying text into different styles to show how thankful they were at Thanksgiving. All students have participated in engineering challenges using different media such as Legos and even edibles such as marshmallows and gumdrops! We can't wait to begin expanding our coding skills with manipulatives such as the micro:bit, Dash Robots, Sphero Robots, and Makey-Makey. Also, we look forward to start incorporating Minecraft Education challenges into our weekly schedule in the months ahead.



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.

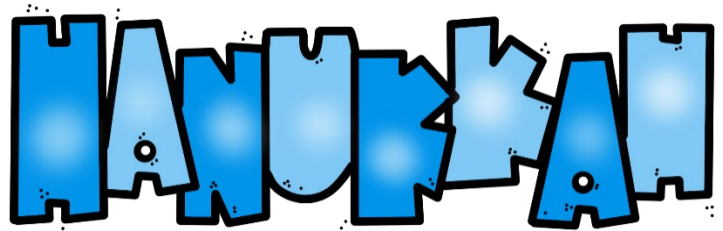
## Physical Education Press

The Benchmark I will be covering for the 2nd quarter is: P.E.7.M.1.2: **Use Basic offensive and defensive strategies while playing modified versions of a variety of sports and activities.** The PE activities will incorporate throwing and catching skills while students are using offensive and defensive strategies.

## School Counselor News

Please visit the below URL to view a video that will introduce you to the use of problem-solving and how it may affect your child in the context of school-wide implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports, often referred to as RtI.

<http://www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/videos.htm>



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