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Sheridan Hills Elementary School
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Third Quarter 2019-2020

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Principal's Message

We are now well within the second half of the school year and are working hard in making this year a very successful one for your child! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Teachers are diligently working on enriching and remediating skills with students to maximize proficiency in the grade level standards. One way to support the growth of Reading and Math proficiency is to make sure your child completes 45 minutes of iReady Reading and 45 minutes of iReady Math each week. Administration and teachers are closely monitoring iReady use as it is considered part of the curriculum.

The annual state assessments are just around the corner. Although our focus is always on teaching and learning, the assessments are important snapshots of where your child is in relationship with grade level standards and benchmarks. Parents, please plan ahead so that your child is here to participate in these assessments.

As always, feel free to stop by the office to see me if you have any concerns, comments, or if you just want to say hello! We always welcome our parents and families of Sheridan Hills Elementary.

Mrs. Joseetta Campbell, Principal

Mark Your Calendar!

March

- 23-27 Spring Break
- 30 School Resumes, Arrival 8:00 a.m.
- Last Day to Buy Yearbooks & Yearbook Ads (Must Create & Submit)

April

- 1-2 ELA Testing, 3rd Grade
- 2 Writing Test, 4th & 5th Grade
- 6-10 Earth & Everglades Week
- 8 Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 a.m.
- 13-17 PTO Penny Wars
- 9 Early Release Day
- 10 Holiday, Schools Closed
- 20-24 Multicultural Week
- 22 Volunteer Appreciation Event, 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Take Your Child to Work Day
- 28 End of Year Show, 6:30 p.m.

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

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!

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| Spring Break | March 23-27 |
| Summer Break | June 3-August 18 |

PTO Press

It's never too late to 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 school 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 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.

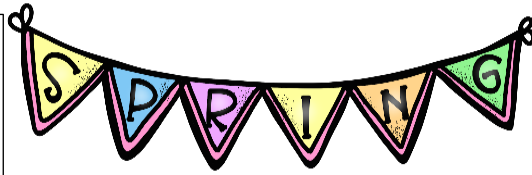
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Kindergarten "Kuties"

Get ready Kindergarteners to learn all about our Earth and its many amazing landforms using maps and globes. Parents you can help build these concepts by sharing books and magazines to discuss these features as well as the cardinal directions of north, south, east and west. In social studies the students are learning about many important people, past and present, who demonstrated courage and leadership skills. The children's reading and writing skills are developing quickly as they read informational texts and write "How To" books. Please remember to read and write everyday with your child. One example would be to read a recipe and cook a meal with your child. Have them write about the process after they have prepared the meal. In math your child is learning the basics of geometry and the attributes of shapes. We are so excited to see their adding and subtracting skills develop.

We have seen their skills flourish over the past six months. Continue reading, writing, and monitoring their i-Ready usage daily.

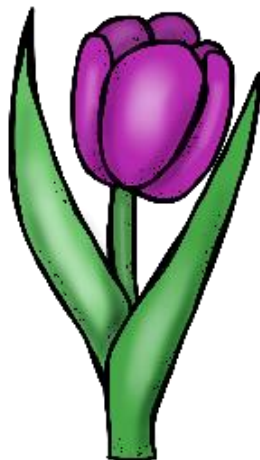
We truly appreciate the support and dedication you give to your child's learning.



Fantastic First Grade

The past two months, our first graders learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We discussed the meaning of equality and the importance of using our words instead of violence. We also celebrated the 100th day of school. We loved seeing the students dressed up as 100-year-old citizens! The first graders also learned about dental and heart health.

During the months of March, April, and May, our students are learning about Dr. Seuss, and the life cycle of plants and animals. To get a closer look, our first graders will enjoy a field trip to Butterfly World in April. More information will be coming home soon! Keep encouraging your child to READ, READ, READ!



Sensational Second Grade

Second grade is continuing to prepare our students for their future. In reading, we are striving to perfect our strategies and skills. Your child should be reading at home each night for 20 minutes and completing at least 45 minutes a week on their i-Ready lessons. In addition, they should also be taking AR tests at school to improve their reading comprehension. In math, we have been working on time and money. Please practice at home with your child, identifying each coin and its value as well as counting different amounts of money. Also, please talk to your child about saving and spending money. In writing, we have begun opinion writing where students must choose from a topic and give reasons and evidence to support their opinions about the topic. Finally, second grade will be taking a field trip to the Broward Center for Performing Arts on April 30th to see *Rapunzel*. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Fifth Grade Flash

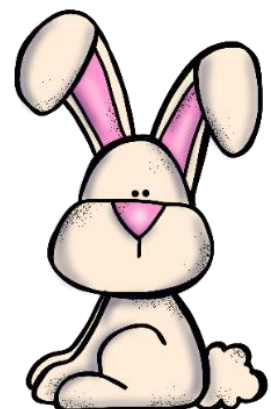
The Fabulous Fifth Grade team is making tremendous progress towards our academic goals so that we can be ready for middle school. In ELA, we are comparing multiple accounts of different events in history and informational texts. In Math, we are learning how to convert between metric and customary units of measurements and apply these skills to real-world settings, such as cooking and building cities. In Science, we are comparing functions of the human body to that of plants as well as experimenting to learn about different plant and animal adaptations. Be sure to ask your son or daughter about these wonderful concepts and how they can be applied to different settings outside of the classroom.

Terrific Third Grade

Third graders have been concentrating on strengthening their skills in all areas as we move closer to taking the FSA Assessment. Students are beginning to review previously taught math concepts such as fractions, division, graphing, and multiplication. In reading, students are focusing on understanding the point of view of an author and text features. We will be reviewing compare and contrast, themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author. As always, please read every night with your child and make sure they are completing their 45 minutes of i-Ready with two reading lessons done with at least 80% accuracy. Also, continue to practice multiplication facts to the 12's.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

The Fourth-Grade students have been spending time every day working hard on their essay writing skills. Students will take the writing portion of the FSA on April 2nd, so please help your child sharpen their skills as much as possible over Spring Break. They have also been forging their way through the ELA and Math standards as FSA time will be here before we know it. Please support your child at home by making sure their i-Ready lessons are completed weekly and by reviewing any reading homework with them. Also, be sure to enforce good writing, spelling, and math skills when your child is doing their homework assignments. Make time to meet with your child's teacher regarding any questions that you may have about classroom procedures and/or homework if anything is unclear. The teachers on the Fourth-Grade team thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



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Headstart Heroes

We are currently working on our trees theme. We have been observing trees and learning about animals that live in trees. This study allows the children to appreciate nature. As we study trees, we have been using literacy, math, and technology to explore this topic. We have learned to count the rings on the inside of the trunk of a tree when it is cut to find out the tree's age and then we practiced writing the number of years. Books about trees have been read to the children and they have loved them.

We continue to enjoy our 2x a month nutrition program. The children have been using the vocabulary they have learned with this program as they play in dramatic play center. Students have also learned about different healthy portions to put on their plate.

We had a lot of fun acknowledging our "100th Day of School" and how much smarter we have become over the past 100 days. We look forward to warmer days filled with knowledge, friendship, and laughter.

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 or by downloading the Broward Schools App on your smart phone.

Title I News

School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide 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 at www.browardschools.com/sheridanhills. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754 323-7323.

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent engagement program. You can access this plan at www.browardschools.com/sheridanhills. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754 323-7323.

District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20FEP%201019-20209-6-19%20ADA.pdf>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title 1 Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doewewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Rhonda Lane at 754-323-7323.

2019-2020 Yearbook Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$25.00! You may purchase a yearbook at YBPay.Lifetouch.net. **Regular price yearbook sales will continue until March 31st**. Don't wait until it's too late, make your order before the deadline! Advertisements and/or dedications may also be purchased from now until March 31st. Yearbook sales and dedications may only be purchased online at YBPay.Lifetouch.net.



Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child arrives at school before 8:00 a.m. School instruction begins at that time. We want to ensure our students don't miss a minute of important learning, so please be sure your child is on time every school day!
- Sheridan Hills Elementary School is a Unified Dress School. Students are expected to be in uniform every day. The only exceptions to this rule are school spirit days or when students are participating in the PTO's Dress Your Way Day fundraiser. Please make sure your child is wearing his or her uniform each school day.
- Car loop reminders: It's important that parents do not use cell phones in the car loop for the safety of our students and staff. Please remember to pull all the way to the front of the loop area so that as many cars as possible can fit and the car line keeps moving. Finally, please ensure that you are picking up and dropping off your child in a timely manner. For your child's safety, students should not be dropped off at the school prior to 7:30 a.m. and should not be picked up later than 2:30 p.m. Supervision is not provided outside of these time frames.
- If you walk your child to school, please teach your child to always use the sidewalk and model this behavior by using the sidewalk as well.

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Media Center Matters

We are so proud of all the reading going on at SHE! Check out the AR Gold Star Wall of Fame by the front office. Many students are continuing to move up levels on our AR boards. Please send in pictures of your children reading for our bulletin board titled "OH THE PLACES WE READ!" We are looking forward to our Jungle Book Fair coming in May! Keep on reading! Remember the Media Center is open every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Tuesday Night Live! available.

Technology Times

Our first grade students have been rising to the challenge, engineering challenge that is! In addition to continuing to practice logging in to the computer and learning how to use the keyboard and the mouse, our students have been challenged to build a tall tower, rescue a princess using various materials, and find a way to trap a leprechaun using various materials. Second grade has begun their coding journey by starting their Code.org Curriculum. Students have created algorithms without the computer and have completed their first lesson using online block-based coding starring Angry Bird! Third grade students have been steadily learning coding skills, graduating from de-bugging to coding their own games using Events. Students have coded their own basketball game and have begun coding a new game using Star Wars characters! Our fourth and fifth grade students have begun a digital engineering unit by completing challenges in Minecraft Education. Students have created various ecosystems using specialized biomes in Minecraft. We used this challenge to learn about ecosystems and food chains. Additionally, students used Minecraft to create their own portion of the solar system and even recreated their own Everglades ecosystem. For the final quarter, students will learn how to code external objects bringing code into the physical world. We will also learn some practical digital literacy such as how to safely find information on the Internet, how to use a browser window, and how to use a Word Processor. We look forward to finishing our year strong in Technology!

Physical Education Press

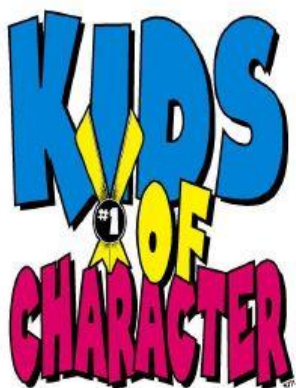
The Standard I will be covering for the 3rd quarter is: PE.3.M.1.2 -Strike a stationary object from a stationary position using body parts so that the object travels in the intended direction at the desired height. We will discuss the keys to strike objects safely and effectively, so that the object travels in the intended direction. The students will practice striking both moving and stationary objects using a long handled implement.

Standardized Testing Tips

Below are four tips to help your child with the Florida Standardized Assessments (FSAs) that are coming up this quarter.

1. Explain that the tests will show how much he/she has learned. Encourage them to try their best, but don't put so much emphasis on the tests that they feel stressed.
2. Practice the test format. For example, your child might have to read a paragraph and answer questions. Using one of their textbooks, have them look at the questions at the end of a section first and then read the passage. That will help them know what to read for and how to find the answers.
3. Limit activities the night before tests. You may want to avoid having guests for dinner, or let your child skip their brother's baseball game if it means being out late. Be sure your youngster gets to bed on time and sets an alarm for the next morning, so they are on time and ready for school to start when the first bell rings!

On test day, give your child an energy-boosting breakfast. Try to include both protein (eggs, yogurt, milk) and carbohydrates (fruit, oatmeal, toast).



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.

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