



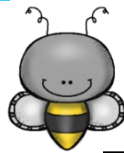
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Sheridan Hills Elementary School
5001 Thomas Street
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Third Quarter 2018-2019

Joseetta Campbell, Principal
Christine Ringler, Assistant Principal

Principal's Message



Mark Your Calendar!

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

March

- 7 Spring Picture Day
- 12 Voting Day
- 14 SAC/SAF Meeting, 2:15 p.m.
- 20 Dress Your Way Day, PTO Fundraiser
- 21 Career Day
- Early Release Day, School Dismisses at Noon
- End of 3rd Quarter
- 22 Employee Planning Day
- 25-29 Spring Break

April

- 1 Start of 4th Quarter
- 5 Last Day to Purchase Yearbooks!
Purchase online at YBLive.net
- 2-3 3rd Grade FSA ELA Assessment
- 2 4th and 5th Grade FSA Writing Assessment
- 11 Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 a.m.
- SAC/SAF Meeting, 2:15 p.m.
- McDonald's Family Night, 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Report Cards Issued
- 17 Dress Your Way Day, PTO Fundraiser
- 19 No School

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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
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 25-29 |
| Last Day of School | June 4, 2019 (Early Release) |



Student Discipline Update



Parents, we need your assistance! There has been an increase in discipline referrals. We have conducted and will continue to conduct discipline assemblies to address behavior. Please discuss with your children acceptable language to use when they are upset with classmates and how to handle conflict. Please take the time to once again review the Code of Student Conduct with your children, which can be found at Broward County School's website at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38107> or Sheridan Hills' website at <https://bit.ly/2GSrUey>. The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 whom 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 to manipulate numbers to twenty. They are counting, building sets, adding, and subtracting with and without objects.

We have seen their skills flourish over the past six months. Continue reading, writing, and monitoring your child's iReady usage daily (2 lessons per week in reading and math with a goal of 80%). Mark your calendars for the following fun events:

- Mother's Day-May 9th or 10th (information will be coming home to let you know the day your child's class will be hosting).
- Flamingo Gardens field trip, April 4th

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

~Your Kindergarten Teachers

Terrific Third Grade

Third graders have been concentrating on strengthening their skills in all areas as we move closer to the FSA. Students are beginning to review previously taught math concepts, such as fractions, division, measurement, 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. In science and social studies, we will be learning about the parts of a plant and the three branches of government. As always, please read every night with your child and make sure you are completing your 45 minutes of iReady with two reading lessons and two math lessons with at least 80% accuracy and practicing multiplication facts to the 12s.

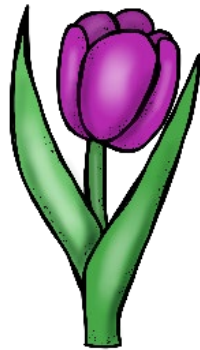
~The Third Grade Team

Fantastic First Grade

This past month, our first graders learned about 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.

During the months of February, March, and April, our students are learning about dental and heart health, 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!

~The First Grade Team



Fabulous Fourth Grade

The fourth grade students have learned a lot of information about the Everglades and the unconquered Seminoles over the last few weeks, so to wrap up our lessons, students will be taking a trip to Sawgrass Recreation Park in March to experience what they learned about in person. They are so excited about the trip! Students have 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 iReady lessons are completed weekly in both reading and math. 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 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!

~The Fourth Grade Team

Sensational Second Grade

Second grade is continuing to prepare our students for their future. We are striving to perfect our reading strategies and skills. Your child should be reading at least 20 minutes at home each night and completing their iReady lessons in Reading and Math. Please take the time to listen to them read and express themselves.

In math, we have been working with 2- and 3-digit addition and subtraction problems. We will soon be moving into measurement and data. In social studies, we will be focusing on Earth's geography. In social science, we will be studying Earth's structure. The 2nd grade team thanks you for your continued support of our school and the children of Sheridan Hills Elementary.

~The Second Grade Team

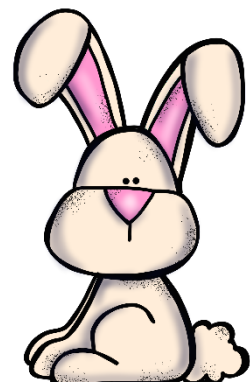
Fifth Grade Flash

The fabulous fifth grade team is making tremendous progress towards our academic goals so that we can be ready for middle school! In language arts, we are comparing multiple accounts of different events in history. 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 adaptation. Be sure to ask your son or daughter about these wonderful projects.

Please support your child at home by making sure their iReady lessons are completed weekly in both reading and math.

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

~The Fifth Grade Team



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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.

~Ms. Navia & Ms. Ramirez

Cafeteria News

MySchoolBucks.com is an online payment portal especially designed to allow parents to make quick and easy online payments to their children's school accounts. The system allows parents to manage their children's lunch accounts, including viewing food selection. A nominal fee of \$1.95 is charged per credit/debit transaction.



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.

Parent & 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.

2018-2019 Yearbook Sale!

Yearbooks are on sale now! You may purchase a yearbook at <http://yblive.net> Regular price yearbook sales will continue through April 5th. Don't wait until it's too late, make your order now! Advertisements and/or dedications may also be designed and purchased from now through April 5th. Yearbook sales and dedications may only be purchased online at **YBLive.net**. If you have questions about the yearbook, please contact Ms. Cutler, Yearbook Coordinator at (754) 323-7300.

Pre-K Post

Our preschool students have demonstrated terrific progress in their academic and social/emotional skills since the start of school in August. The children are learning about food, nutrition, and the garden from a Family Nutrition Educator from IFAS UF Broward Extension. Our thematic units will focus on Earth and how to take care of it and about living things and how they grow! We are looking forward to Spring and the opportunity to investigate life in our school garden.

~Your Preschool Teachers

Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child arrives to school promptly at 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.

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Media Center Matters

We are getting closer to celebrating our amazing readers at SHE! Students are working toward their Gold Stars. We have many 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders reading the Sunshine State Readers! We will be recognizing these wonderful readers in May. Remember the Media Center is open every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Tuesday Night Live! We would love to see our students and families using the many resources we have available.

~Ms. Lane, Media Specialist

Physical Education Press

Let's keep JUMPING!! Last week, we had our Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff. The students are very excited about this event. They are also very excited about the great prizes that they can receive for their awesome fundraising efforts. The benchmark that will be covered for the fourth 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.** P.E. activities will incorporate throwing and catching skills that allow students to use offensive and defensive strategies.

~Coach Desmond, Physical Education

Nurse's Corner

Sleep is so important to your child's health! Here are some things you can do to create a good environment for your child to get the best sleep possible.

Develop a regular sleep schedule: Your child should go to bed and wake up at about the same time each day.

Maintain a consistent bedtime routine: School-aged children continue to benefit from a bedtime routine that is the same every night and includes calm and enjoyable activities. This includes one-on-one time with a parent, which is helpful in maintaining communication with your child and having a clear connection every day.

Set up a soothing sleep environment: Make sure your child's bedroom is comfortable, dark, cool, and quiet. A nightlight is fine, but television and other electronic devices should be avoided as they can disturb your child's sleep or make it difficult for your child to fall asleep.

Set limits: If your child stalls at bedtime, be sure to set clear limits, such as what time lights must be turned off and how many bedtime stories you will read.

~Nurse Lacy

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!
4. 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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