Shark Talk
January 2013

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

December 24-January 4  NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
January 7      School Resumes
January 8     PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
January 7-February 28  Gymnastics Equipment in gym
January 7-January 18  ACCESS Testing
January 21     NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr., Day
January 25    End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester
January 25     Spelling Bee at 9:00am
January 25  Early Release at 11:30am, No pm 4K, Grade Reporting
January 28    Beginning of 3rd Quarter and 2nd Semester
February 4  4K Registration for 2013-2014 School Year, 1-6pm
February 5  PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
February 8  The Ned Show All-School Assembly, 2:15-3:00pm
February 22 NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day
March 1-March 22  CogAt Testing (2nd Grade Only)
March 4-March 8  CogAt Testing (5th Grade Only)
March 4    5K Registration for 2013-2014 School Year, 1-6pm
March 5     PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
March 11-March 16  International Week
March 13  International Week Parade & Performance
March 14   K-5 Staff Development, early release at 11:30am, no PM 4K
March 16  International Week Food Fair & Global Village
March 19  4th Grade Book Bowl, 2:00-3:15pm in LMC
March 20  5th Grade Book Bowl, 2:00-3:15pm in LMC
March 25-April 1  NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
April 2      School Resumes
April 2     PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
April 5    End of 3rd Quarter, early release at 11:30am, no PM 4K
April 8 Beginning of 4th Quarter
April 24    Used Book Sale
May 6-May 17  MAPS Testing
May 6-May 10 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7     PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
May 21 Spring General PTO Meeting, 6-8pm
May 22 Spring Sing
May 27  NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
June 4     PTO Meeting, 6-8pm in LMC
June 11  5th Grade Graduation
June 12  4K Last Day of School
June 13 End of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester
June 13 Last Day of School, early release at 10:00am
June 24 First Day of Summer School

Please ensure that your child is well rested the night before MAP Testing!

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Dear Families,
Thank you for your support of the Cafenesium noise abatement project. Donations, money from the spaghetti fundraiser, and MMSD contributions will be used to fund the noise reduction system in the cafenesium. We will keep you informed about the start and end date of installation. Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

The staff and I wish you a Happy Holidays! Enjoy this time with your children...Each one a precious gift! See you next year!

Anu Ebbe, Ed.D --Principal

Remember: Students should be in their seats at 8:30am. There is no supervision before 8:15am, after 2:00pm on Monday, and after 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday.

Our school office will be closed from December 24th until we reopen on January 7th.

Brake for Pedestrians

Please be courteous to students that need to cross the busy streets before school. New statistics released by The American Academy of Pediatrics found being hit by a car is the third leading cause of death for children between the ages of 5-9.

- Always yield to pedestrians. In fact, pretend that the words “yield to” mean “stop for.” Yielding does not mean simply avoiding pedestrians by going between them while crossing the street.
- Signal. Just point in the direction you’re turning. That way pedestrians know your intentions.
• Make eye contact. Both pedestrians should make sure eye contact is made.

Please slow down and watch out for children as they may not always heed our warnings and use marked intersections.

Registration for 4-Year-Old and 5-Year-Old Kindergartners

Registration for 4K students will take place on Monday, February 4, 2013, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at all MMSD elementary schools. 4K will be offered to all children living in the district who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2013. Parents or guardians can register their 4K student at any elementary school.

Registration for 5-year-old kindergarten (5K) students will take place on Monday, March 4, 2013, from 1:00 to 6:00pm at all elementary schools. To be eligible for 5K, children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2013. Parents or guardians should register their child at their neighborhood school.

Regression is done on-line at www.mmsdenroll.org and may be done ahead of time; however, you must still come in with the printout. Other documents you should bring include:

- proof of age (birth certificate, passport)
- proof of residency (utility bill, lease, mortgage)
- immunization records.

Children are welcome to accompany parents, but they are not required to attend.

Parents who are unable to register on February 4 (4K) or March 4 (5K) should register at their neighborhood school as soon as possible after those dates.

More information is available HERE.

Annual Testing of English Language Learners

All children who are identified as English Language Learners (ELL) levels 1-5, including those currently not receiving direct services and those who have denied services, will be taking the yearly assessment called the ACCESS test in January. Wisconsin law dictates school districts are required to assess the language proficiency of all ELL students.

The law states:

“Annually, on or before March 1, each school board shall conduct a count of the limited-English proficient pupils in the public schools of the district, assess the language proficiency of such pupils and classify such pupils by language group, grade level, age and English Language proficiency.”

This year, testing will take place from January 7th to January 18th. During these two weeks, all ESL classes and teacher support will be cancelled. The ESL schedule will resume the week of January 21st. Please make sure your child has adequate rest during this time.

If you have any questions regarding the ACCESS for ELLs, please contact the English as a Second Language/Bilingual department at Shorewood. Additional information can be found at http://www.wida.us/.

Geo Bee Winner

Congratulations to Evan Brandt for winning this year’s Geo Bee! Mimi Wermcrantz was the runner-up.

Are you looking for a FREE preschool experience for your child who is age three and not yet age-eligible for 4K?

Check out the Madison Metropolitan School District’s Peer Model program. The peer model program provides an opportunity for PreK children to participate with children with disabilities at a school-based classroom (an Early Learning Session or Speech-Language Classroom). Peer Models are expected to engage with and model positive peer interactions, as well as demonstrate age-expected play, early learning, behavior, communication, social, self-care, motor, and communication skills. This program is only offered at Lapham, Lowell, Muir, and Falk Elementary Schools.
Is Your Child Well Enough To Go To School?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities. A good guideline is for your child to be fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Here are some guidelines that might help in a parent’s decision-making:

1) Fever: A fever of 100 or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until he/she is feeling better.

2) Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated the night before and the morning of school.

3) Infectious Diseases: Diseases such as impetigo, pink eye with thick drainage, and strep throat require a doctor’s examination and prescription for medication. Contacting the doctor and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. Once medication has been started and the child is feeling well, he/she may return to school.

4) Students with chicken pox may return to school when all the scabs are completely dried and no new lesions are developing (usually 5-7 days).

5) Rashes: Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a doctor if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

6) Injuries: If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until the condition is checked by a doctor or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need a medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a doctor’s excuse is required.

One of the Madison Metropolitan School District’s Social Studies content focus for elementary grades is *Madison and Communities Around the World*. While there is a wealth of material written about Madison, nothing had been written at the lower elementary grade reading level.

To address the lack of age-appropriate materials, a children's book, called *Madison City of Four Lakes, Our History and Our Home* was developed by Madison teachers and has been used in our classrooms this past year. It is now available for purchase to the public. Click here for purchasing information. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be deposited into an endowment held by the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools used for social studies field trips.

This full-color book will make a great gift for families who want to know and learn about Madison.
NEW Planned Absence & Prolonged Absence Forms

Pre-Approved Planned Absences (PPA) Procedure (under under C)
Missing school causes children to miss opportunities for learning. Parents/Guardians should make every effort to plan medical appointments, dental and orthodontist appointments, campus visits, vacations, trips, etc., outside of the school day or outside of the school calendar.

If a student MUST be absent for reasons such as a vacation or trip, a Request for Pre-approved Planned Absence (PPA) form must be completed. PPAs should occur only for special circumstances and no more than 10 days will be excused per school year.

a. A Request for a Pre-approved Planned Absence Form must be completed and submitted to the student’s principal before the scheduled absence. This form can be obtained from the school office and requires the signatures of parent/guardian, teacher(s) and the principal.

b. After approval of the absence, arrangements shall be made for the completion of schoolwork missed over the course of the absence.

c. The absence shall be included in the student’s permanent record.

Prolonged Absence requiring Withdrawal
When a student will be absent beyond the maximum 10 days for which a parent/guardian can excuse a student a Request for a Prolonged Absence form must be completed. In such cases the student may be withdrawn and will be re-enrolled upon return to the District.

a. For a prolonged absence, a Request for a Prolonged Absence Form must be completed and submitted to the student’s principal before the scheduled absence. The expected date of return to the district is requested on this form. This form can be obtained from the school office and requires the signatures of parent/guardian, teacher(s) and the principal.

b. The withdrawal will be included in the student’s permanent record.

c. When possible, arrangements shall be made for the completion of schoolwork missed over the course of the absence.

***Special Notice***

MMSD Summer School Enrichment 2013

Beginning in 2013, information about the MMSD Summer School Enrichment program, including registration information, will come to families directly from the District’s Department of Early and Extended Learning. This is a change as information for MMSD Summer School Enrichment classes will no longer be included in the District’s MSCR summer program guide as it has in the past.

Watch for more information about MMSD Summer School Enrichment 2013 to come to you in the US mail, in school/family newsletters, brochures, and on the District’s web page. For more information, please call Barbie Klawikowski at (608) 663-5941.
MSCR Winter/Spring Class Openings

Below are just a few examples of sports and youth enrichment programs offered through MSCR.

**French**
Learn the basics of French in a fun environment through stories, songs and games. Skip 3/26 and 3/27.

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**Indoor Soccer (Spring Session)**

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Register online at [www.mscr.org](http://www.mscr.org) or call 204-3000 for more information.
PTO NEWS

PTO MEETINGS: Thank you to all who attended the PTO meeting on Tuesday December 4. In addition to our regular business, Lori Hamilton (our REACH teacher) gave a brief presentation about the district-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support program and Internet Safety.

We would love to continue to see new faces at our PTO meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held Tues Jan 8 from 6-8 pm in the SHES library. Minutes and updates are posted regularly on our website: www.shorewood-pto.org.

FALL FUND DRIVE: To date, parents have generously donated over $6000 towards SHES PTO fundraising goal of $24,000. While the PTO gives approximately $54 per student directly into SHES to support our childrens’ educations, only 20% of families have contributed so far. Donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated! Our goal is to have 100% participation so please give what you can (and don’t forget that your donation is tax deductible). You can drop your check off at the school office (made out to SHES PTO Inc.) or donate via PayPal online at shorewood-pto.org. Thank you for helping to support your childrens’ future!

PTO ‘THANK YOUS!’
THE SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR NOISE AWARENESS: By eating a simple meal and enjoying an evening of fellowship we were able to raise $1300 dollars for the noise reduction system in the cafeteria! We wanted to thank everyone who helped out, including the cooks, servers, floaters, set-up and clean-up teams, and even the 5th graders who scooped the ice cream for dessert. Special thanks to Julie Eichhorn for organizing the night, and the custodial staff for taking time to help set up and take down. Finally, thanks to the local and corporate sponsors who donated money towards the purchase of food or drinks: Copps, Costco, Indie Coffee, Target & Walgreens. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Julie Eichhorn at just1julie4pu@yahoo.com.

SHES FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!
VITENSE GOLFLAND “SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL” NIGHTS! Looking for a fun family activity this winter? Every Monday and Tuesday night from 4pm to 9pm, November through February is Support Our Schools night at Vitense Golfland. SHES will have a large donation box in the lobby for guests to place their receipts. Vitense will then donate 15% of the total of the receipts in our schools’ box directly to our school. The more people that come to Vitense on Monday and Tuesday nights and leave their receipts, the more money will be raised for our school!

TERRACYCLE: Please save your Halloween candy wrappers and place them in the Terracycle bins! Our school gets money for every wrapper, and in doing so you contribute to keeping waste out of landfills! Many more items are accepted in the Terracycle Bins: beauty product containers, drink pouches, tortilla/tostada packages, scotch tape holders, and more. For more information on the Terracycle program, visit http://www.terracycle.com/ or contact Nina Santos at ninacarina@gmail.com.

VARIETY SHOW: A special thanks goes out to Kate Young, our dedicated Variety Show parent coordinator for the past 7 years. The variety show is a fun annual tradition, and it couldn’t happen without the efforts of volunteers like you. Thanks also to the other parent and teacher volunteers and to the custodial staff for making the afternoon and evening shows the successes that they were!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: The Fall BoxTops for Education contest has ended, and Andy Wong’s class came in 1st place! Stefanie Holzem’s and Kathryn Burns’ classes tied for 2nd place. Altogether, the amount of money that SHES will receive in December from the BoxTops program is $965.91! Contest #2 starts Monday December 10th and Ends Friday February 22nd, so continue collecting!
DONORS CHOOSE: With the holidays coming up, you might be thinking of doing something special for your child’s teacher. Some of our teachers have made special requests for items to improve their classroom environment and students’ learning. You can help make these purchases possible with a donation through the Donors Choose website. Bookmark the page and check it throughout the year, as teachers will be adding and updating items. 

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: is coming up March 11-March 16, 2013. We need help with collecting food donations and organizing volunteers. Please contact Karla Knobel (karlaknobel@gmail.com). Thanks!

ONE CAUSE & TARGET REDCARD: It’s so easy! You can earn money for SHES by doing what you already do! If you shop online, start at http://www.onecause.com/schools/shorewood-hills-elem-school. The OneCause entry point connects you to websites of over 1,400 merchants, including Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Lands End, Boden, & Shutterfly, and a percentage of every sale made through the OneCause portal goes to SHES!

When you use your RedCARD at Target, you not only donate 1% to SHES, but save 5% overall! Go to http://www.target.com/redcard/main to sign up, and then enroll your RedCARD in the Take Charge of Education Program: https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/enroll.

BUYSEASONS.COM “CELEBRATE EDUCATION” PROGRAM will give 15% cash back to our school for purchases placed through the Birthday Express, Celebrate Express or Costume Express websites through a link on our PTO website, shorewood-pto.org! To ensure our school gets the proper credit, please use the link on the PTO website.

PTO WEBSITE & FACEBOOK: Check the PTO website at www.shorewood-pto.org for the latest information, to fill out your volunteer form, or to donate online. Or you can “Like” us on Facebook (search for Shorewood Hills School PTO) to keep up-to-date on the latest happenings.

GET YOUR INFO INTO THE PTO NEWSLETTER: Do you have news or information you want to share that is directly related directly to the SHES PTO, activities or events occurring at SHES, or events or activities involving SHES personnel? Please send it to shorewood.pto@gmail.com before the 25th of the month for publishing in SharkTalk, or before the 10th for publishing in the mid-month PTO E-Newsletter.