#### **School Events**

11/05 SAC Meeting3:30pm

11/06 Running Club begins 3:00pm

11/07 LOCOMO 5:30pm-8:00pm

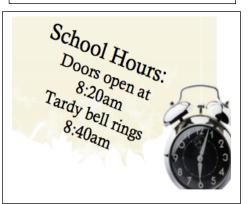
11/14 GreatAmerican
Teach-In

11/16 Progress Reports!

11/29 Star Student Awards 2:00pm

11/29 McDonald's Night!

11/30 Spirit Day!
Wear Camo



# Shady Hills Elementary School

November 1, 2018



## Teacher of the Year and SRP of the Year!

A huge round of applause and thanks goes out to our 2018-19 Teacher of the Year, Lisa Broere, and to our Service-Related Personnel (SRP) of the Year winner, Patricia Mendonca.

## Congratulations Star Students

We celebrated with our seven Star Students chosen for October. Congratulations to Mason Ellis (K), Makinley Spivey (1), Adrian Harblin (2), Trey Gonzalez (3), Mary Hostinsky (4), Elizabeth Serafini (5), Hector Aponte-Rosario (Music). Makinley Spivey was chosen from our stars to be Student of the Month. Well done!



### A Letter to Parents:

Dear Parents,

As you know, attendance at school is very important. When students miss school, even for legitimate reasons that are excused, they miss important instruction in the classroom. Over time, missed instruction can cause students to struggle academically. This is especially true in subjects like mathematics where the curriculum builds upon previous content. As a school and as a district, we are trying to work with families to improve attendance. Our system, called the Early Warning System (EWS), tracks student attendance, student discipline referrals, and academic course failures. On a regular basis we pull reports that let us know if a child is "on track", "at risk", or "off track", in these three areas. We will be sending home an attendance letter with all students who meet the "off track" criteria for attendance each quarter; you may have already received one of these letters. The letter is sent home from our school social worker, Jennifer Shook, who is helping to monitor our school attendance. If you have questions related to your child's attendance start with a phone call to your child's classroom teacher. We understand that some absences can't be avoided such as when a child is very sick or an emergency arises such as a death in the family. We also understand that sometimes children are absent for special occasions which also provide the students with unique opportunities that can be just as valuable as attending school. What we ask parents to do with the attendance letter is consider how your child is doing overall. If your child is succeeding academically and behaviorally, then his or her attendance is probably not a major issue at this time. If that's the case, just take the letter as a simple reminder that your child has missed "x" number of days of instruction but at this point is doing well. If your child is **not** doing well, academically in particular, you may want to consider how his or her attendance could be a factor that is contributing to the difficulties. Also consider how missing instruction is impacting the school's ability to help your child improve. Then think about ways you might be able to help your child reduce the number of days he or she is late for school, leaves early, or misses the entire day. Consider this, a child that misses an average of 14 days in a school year will lose over an entire year of instruction by the time they are done with the 12th grade (14 days a year X 13 years = 182 days). Please know that these attendance letters are for the purpose of improving your child's education. Our goal is the same as yours, your child's success. We can't do our part without your child here.

Respectfully,

Mr. Barker

SHES Principal



### Thanksgiving Break No School

Monday thru Friday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 23<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Food Drive Mon thru Fri 11/05 – 11/09

SHES is having a Holiday Food Drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to distribute to selected families in our own school community. Students can place their donations in the food collection boxes on the café stage. **The Den that** collects the most food donations will celebrate with a Pajama Day on Monday, Nov. 26th!

Please donate from the following list:

K: stuffing mix

1st: mashed potato mix, gravy

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** canned fruit, applesauce or cranberry jelly

3<sup>rd</sup>: canned vegetables or soup

4th: pasta or rice

5th: cake mix or Jello