

# SHAWSHEEN SHOUT OUT!

May 2019

## Shawsheen Elementary

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## Upcoming Events

### May 3

Birthday Treats (Optional)

### May 7

Parent Teacher Group Meeting  
(5:30pm)

### May 9

Musical (Grades 3-5 Gym)

### May 10

Snack Friday

### May 16

Kinder Field Day

### May 17

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day

### May 23

Last Day of School

Reports Cards sent home

## Enjoy your Summer Vacation

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us! Thank you for a great year! Let us end it strong. We have lots of end of year testing and fun planned. Report Cards go home on the last day of school.

## We need YOU!

Our next Parent Group Meeting is May 7 at 5:30pm. Childcare is provided at no charge to you. Due to a lack of parent involvement at our past PTG meetings, we will NOT have a Spring Carnival this year. So much goes into the planning and preparing for a carnival. It was decided we would try for a Fall Carnival. Please join us at our last PTG meeting of this school year to help us plan.

## Summer Breakfast and Lunch

Nutrition Services provides breakfast and lunch at several schools during the summer. Shawsheen is one of them that serves lunch only. It is served Monday – Thursday. It is free to all children, whether they attend Shawsheen or not! Watch for more details.

## Summer Learning

Help your child keep up their reading and math skills over the summer. Shawsheen's webpage offers many fun websites. Students can continue their math journey with ST Math and Khan for part of the summer until new registration rolls over to their next school year. If you do not have a library card yet consider getting one for you and your child! The local libraries offer many free and fun summer programs. Barnes & Noble also offers a summer reading program. Register at the Loveland store and your child could earn a free book! Keep reading!

*Parents, please allow teachers to begin their day on time. Do not escort your students to class if it is after 7:50am. If you have concerns, talk to Mrs. Barnes or Mrs. McCall.*

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## More Important News

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### On time. All day. Every day.

No new days to add to the 2 that we achieved our school wide attendance goal of 98% or higher. Our record is 22 times in a school year. I fear we will not reach that, but we can add a few more days! Please help us out by getting your child to school on time.

7:30am Supervision bell rings

7:45am Line-up bell rings

7:50am tardy bell rings – student must be in their classroom **AT** 7:50am to be on time. Another safety measure is that parents must check-in WITH their children when they are tardy. Please **DO NOT** just drop them off and send them in alone.

## News from the Teachers

### Special Education News

We have made it to May! Our students and teachers have worked so hard this year. Our team is very proud of all the progress each student has made this year. Over summer break, we hope you continue to work on reading books and practicing math facts with your child! Enjoy your summer!

### Music News

Please join us on May 9 for the final concert of the year. Thunderbird singers perform "Walk the Dog Roger" a musical that involves third, fourth and fifth grade students. Look for more information in Thursday folders specific to your students!

**PE News** Our student teacher Mr. Reid has done an awesome job teaching our students here in PE. He has done gymnastics, archery, baseball and skating activities! He will be here until field day! Field Day T-shirts are ordered and there will be **NO** extra shirts for purchase. Your students will get their shirt the day before Field day! Field Day for Kindergarten is Thursday May 16th (Weather permitting) Miss Swigris class will be from 9:15-10:45 Mrs. Duplex and Mrs. Maresh will be from 1:30-3:00. Field Day for 1st-5th will be on May 17 (weather permitting). First session 8:45-11 2nd Session 12:45- 3:00. All students 1st - 5th will participate in both sessions. Inflatables permission slips must be turned in before May 16 in order for your child to be on the inflatables. Volunteers are still wanted for Field Day. Parents please contact Mr. Z if you are interested in helping run a station! Students in middle school will not be permitted to volunteer anymore. High School students wanting to help need to contact Mr. Z first for approval!

Last Day for intramurals is Thursday May 2!



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## Volunteer

You can become a volunteer at Shawsheen! Simply come to the office and register on-line. **Do not forget your ID.** We need all different kinds of support. No matter what your schedule is, we can use your help! PLEASE attend the last Parent Teacher Group meeting Tuesday, May 7. That, too, is a GREAT way to support your child's school.

## AVID Tip

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Parents, by now you should be in the habit of checking your child's AVID binder each night and signing it.

AVID strategies are used school wide, but only 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders use the binders.

Ask your child what AVID strategy they used this week. Maybe they read an article from AVID Weekly and practiced their reading strategies.

## **Art News**

District 6 Art Show is now open at the District 6 Administration Building 1025 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Greeley. There will be a closing reception Friday May 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Artwork from all the district elementary schools is being displayed. This is a fabulous event for the entire community please come down and enjoy all the beautiful artwork.

## **Kindergarten**

This school year has flown by, and we are thrilled with how much the kindergarten children have learned and grown since August. It has been a joy to share this school year with your family!

During the last few weeks of school, we are working on higher numbers in math. This includes reading, writing, and representing teen numbers as well as counting to 100 by ones, fives, and tens. We are also working on addition, subtraction, and number sentences.

In reading, we are reading whole words and sentences at a time with storybooks. Reading every day is very important, so please read with your child as often as possible.

We are continuing to add to our word wall every week in writing. As we compose our fact and opinion pieces, we are focusing on writing complete sentences with more detail.

In handwriting, we are still working on pencil grip and practicing the proper formation of uppercase and lowercase letters.

Our explorations in science are all about trees. We continue to observe trees all around us and how they change and grow with the seasons.

We will have our big DIBELS reading test one last time in May. Please practice reading words the fast way, stretching out all the sounds in words, and naming letters rapidly to help prepare your child for success.

The end of the school year also brings some special activities. Our class' field trip to The Farm at Lee Martinez Park is Friday, May 3.

We would love to invite our kindergarten moms to come join us for "Muffins with Moms Day" on Thursday, May 9 at 7:45 am. Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 3.

Families are also welcome to join us for kindergarten's Field Day on May 16. Miss Swigris' class will enjoy their events in the morning, and Mrs. Duplex and Mrs. Maresh's classes will participate in the afternoon.

The last day of school for all students will be May 23. Thank you for all you have done to make this a great school year! We have a lot to celebrate in kindergarten!

## First Grade News

**RMSE:** The end of the year is fast approaching, but we continue to work hard in reading every day. Our high expectations are still the same and we continue to move kids forward.

Please make sure you are reading nightly with your child and he/she is returning their homework with a guardian signature. We can tell when students are reading at home.

**MATH:** We concluded Module 5: Identifying, Composing, and Partitioning Shapes and we are diving into our last module, Module 6: Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction to 100.

**WRITING:** We continue to work on handwriting daily and continue to emphasize the importance of using conventions in writing (capital letter at the beginning of each sentence, period at the end, etc.). We are finishing up the year with our last unit, opinion writing.

**OTHER:** Please continue to check your student's Thursday Folder for important information coming out. There are fun events scheduled for the end of the year and we do not want anyone to miss out.

As always, thank you for all your support and everything you do for your student to make sure they are successful in learning.

## Second Grade News

Happy May! We cannot believe how close we are to the end of the school year! Your child is almost a third grader! We will end the year with lots of learning, activities, and of course some fun! Here is what you can ask your child about.

**Writing:** Our second graders are full of opinions! They will have an opportunity to express those opinions in our final writing unit. The children will be learning how to use an "OREO Graphic Organizer" to plan their opinion piece. The O stands for **O**pinion, **R**-Reason, **E**-explanation/example, **O**-restate Opinion. They will then use the graphic organizer to write an opinion piece using the Writing Process: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Wow! How the children have grown as writers!

**Math:** We will finish our year with Mission 8 which teaches students the most important building block of fractions—unit fractions. Through shapes and clocks, students develop an understanding of the unit fraction as equal parts of the whole. We will work hard to compose new shapes and identify the unit fraction as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , or  $\frac{1}{4}$ . If we have any additional time, we will have students go back to Missions 4 and 5 to finish any lessons they did not complete. You can even have your child work on these at home during this month and over the summer.

**Science:** In our final science unit, we will discover how forces such as pushes and pulls cause changes in speed or direction of motion.

**Social Studies:** We will explore how life changes throughout history during our last chapter, Our Nation: Past and Present.

## **Third Grade News**

### **Class Picnic**

During the last week of school, third grade will be having our annual class picnic. We will walk to a nearby park, have a picnic, and play games. It is our traditional farewell event.

Parent chaperones are not needed for this event. This is just for the third grade students and teachers to have one last bonding experience before leaving school.

### **Reading:** Unit 5 – Take Action

Students will continue to work on their reading skill of identifying the narrator has or author's point of view and distinguishing their own point of view. In addition, we will be finishing the year with our traditional novel study.

### **Writing:** Functional Writing, Poetry & Writing Community

We are wrapping up our functional writing (step-by-step) and poetry units and will be revisiting our writing community. We will look at how far we have come as writers this year as we browse our writing portfolios.

### **Math:** Module 7 – Geometry and Measurement Word Problems

We are well into our final module in math. Module 7 offers many hands-on experiences with geometry and perimeter. In addition, students get intensive practice with word problems.

Thank you for a great year!

## **Fourth Grade News**

In literacy, we will be wrapping Unit 4 and going into Unit 5. Unit 5 is focused on tall tales, visualization, summarization and biographies. During math, we will be wrapping up Unit 6 on decimals and moving into our last two units on measurement, the metric system, and geometry. For writing, we have finished our unit on expository writing and will begin writing various forms of poetry. On May 21, we will have a field trip to the Colorado State Capital Building in Denver. Permission slips will be handed out at the beginning of the month with more details to go home in Thursday folders, as this date gets closer.

## **Fifth Grade News**

### **Math**

Students will be continuing to learn Module 6 with coordinating planes. They will take this test towards the end of the month. This will be their last math test in elementary school. Students will need your help with their math facts to help with their confidence while mastering 5th grade math.

### **Writing**

Students will be finishing functional writing on their 'How To' papers. Next students will read and discuss various types of poetry to wrap up the end of the year.

### **Literacy**

Students will be reading a variety of text genres to gain knowledge on different reading strategies. Students will also have to identify how the structure of the text is written.

### **Homework**

Continue to encourage your student to read nightly, 20-30 minutes each night and continue to work on their homework packets. The homework packets will be sent home every week in their Thursday Folders and expected to be returned the following Thursday. Students also have access to Khan to work on math concepts at school and at home.

