



Weekly News for Parents Shell Elementary School September 4th-11th, 2020

What a great first week back to school! We sure were tired, but it was amazing to be back with our students. We appreciate the flexibility of our Shell parents this week as we worked together to acclimate to our new procedures. We would also like to compliment our brick and mortar students for doing an incredible job of adhering to safety guidelines. Shell Digital Academy students deserve some serious kudos, too! We know that learning a new Canvas platform is a lot of work and takes some serious dedication. In summary, current time we have once again shown us that our Shell family teachers, staff, and parents/guardians are a true team that works together in the best interest of the children. When times get tough, we get tougher!!

Friendly Reminder

Masks/facial coverings are required by all visitors on our school campus! We are doing all we can to keep our students and staff healthy. If you should need to stop by the Shell front office, please help us by respecting our efforts and wear a facial covering during your time in the building. We have additional facial coverings we can offer to those adults visiting the office that do not have one :)

Free Covid-19 testing for students

Schools are now offering free Covid-19 testing for students who show significant symptoms of Covid-19 OR who have had significant contact with a person testing positive for Covid-19. This free testing provides results within approximately 24 hours.

This testing is **NOT** mandatory and **DOES require a parent consent form**. The school would never at any time test/swab your child without your consent or knowledge.

Birthday Treats, Class Treats, and lunch drop off this year

Just a reminder that at this time we must limit parent/guardian visits to our front office to essential purposes such as conferencing, student check out for appointments, clinic pick up, materials pick up, etcetera in order to limit the number of external visitors that enter the building during the school day. For this reason, we have adopted the following temporary policy, which will be in effect until further notice:

Student lunches may only be dropped off in the front office if absolutely necessary - for example, if a student

The benefits to taking advantage of this free Covid testing:

- It's free!
- It's immediately available
- Fast results
- Negative results mean your child is able to return to school and avoid a 10 day school absence.

The parent consent form for this free testing is attached to this week's newsletter for your convenience, but you may also fill it out at the time of the test administration if you prefer.

Parent/Guardian may be present when the test is administered. As always, please call our school's front office and ask to speak to Nurse Felesiah Oliver, Holly Burton (Principal), or Isa Carter (Assistant Principal) if you have any questions.

forgot their lunch and that student has allergies which prevent them from eating a school lunch.

If you would like to provide class treats for your child's birthday or as a class snack:

Please arrange/speak with your child's teacher in advance so they are expecting the drop off.

Treats must be individually wrapped and store bought - for example - little Debbie Cupcakes for a birthday celebration.

Treats must be dropped off the day before they are delivered to the classroom.

Happy Birthday!

September 2nd Mrs. Keith

September 5th- Coach White

September 6th- Mrs. Masciale

September 7th- Ms. Divona

September 15th- Mrs. Tysinger

September 24th- Nurse Oliver

September 28th- Mrs. S. Robinson

October 7th- Mrs. Parsons

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it myself.

~Joyce Maynard