



Shell Elementary School

Weekly News for Families

February 12-19, 2021

School success goes hand in hand with being in school every day!

Did You Know?

- Missing just a day or two every month can make it harder to learn to read by the third grade.
- **Students with too many absences struggle to catch up, even with take-home assignments.**
- All families have hopes and dreams for their children. **Being in school every day will enable children to do well in school, and graduate from high school ready for work or college.**

What Can You Do?

- **Develop a regular bedtime and morning routine.**
- Help your child lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- **Make sure your child has the required shots before school starts.**
- Avoid missing school unless a child is truly sick and seek help if chronic illness is a challenge. Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other families for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Arrange medical appointments when school is not in session when at all possible.
- Avoid extended vacations when school is in session.



Mon., 2/15

No School/Flex Day

Mon., 3/8

Interim Reports

3/22-3/26

Spring Break

Mon., 4/5

FSA Testing Window Opens for Grade 3 ELA (Reading) and Grades 4/5 Writing

Mon., 5/3

FSA Testing Window Opens for Grades 3-5 Math and Grades 4-5 ELA (Reading)

Mon., May 10

FSA Testing Window Opens for Grade 5 Science

There are 84 more school days left in the 2020-21 school year- that means every Shell Mustang has 84 more opportunities to learn at school!

Happy Birthday!

Ms. Boles 2/13

Ms. Siyufy 3/6

Mrs. Ratliff 3/19

Ms. Walker 3/20

Mrs. Ankney 3/20

Ms. Bach 3/20

You may access the most updated copy of the Alachua County Public Schools 2020-21 school year calendar at [School Calendar 2020-21](#).