



SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER (Biweekly)

October 13, 2023

Dear SES School Family,

Fall greetings to all of our school families. Our parent/teacher conferences are around the corner in November. As a supportive partner in educating your child, we look forward to meeting with each students' parent/guardians. This fall 2023, parent-teacher conferences will take place over two days, Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th. On these two days, we will dismiss at 1 PM for all students in order for parents/guardians to visit with their child's teacher(s). Look for a schedule sign up to come home from each homeroom teacher in the next two weeks.



Our support for your student is ongoing in their academic, social and emotional growth. We strive for excellence and we continue to have the "not yet" philosophy when one does not yet understand. Shifting mindsets require students and adults to build new skills, specifically to understand and get better at the process of learning.

We foster a growth mindset largely through lessons and supportive language. Students will learn that the brain is like a muscle, and it gets stronger the harder we work it. Our hope is that our students will connect their hard work with growth. They need to learn how to evaluate their own effort, set ambitious but achievable goals, and come up with alternative learning strategies when they struggle—rather than simply just to "try harder" using the same strategy.

As educators we develop and adjust learning strategies in the classroom. As we move forward we want to help students do this for themselves. We teach them evaluation, reflection and self-advocacy skills and give them opportunities to practice and get better. Our hope is that this will make them successful growth-oriented, lifelong learners.

Warm Autumn wishes,
 Ann Knowles, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, October 16th

- Fire Dept. Visit to SES 9 AM

Wednesday, October 18th

Bus Safety Drill 8:30 AM with Savino



Thursday, October 19th

- Field Trip Gr. 5 & 6 to CT Science Center

Friday, October 27th

Trunk or Treat at PHHS



Tuesday, October 31st

Happy Halloween

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, November 2nd

- Field Trip Grade 4 (Hiking Outdoors)

Friday, November 3rd Field Trip Gr. 2 & 3

Tuesday, November 7th BOOK FAIR This Week

- PTO Meeting Café 3:15 PM
- BOE Meeting Library 7 PM

Wed., Nov. 8th & Thurs., Nov. 9th

EARLY RELEASE 1 PM Both Days

- Scholastic BOOK FAIR OPEN in Library



- Parent Teacher Conferences Available Days
 - Wednesday 1:30 – 7 PM
 - Thursday 1 - 4 PM

Friday, November 10th NO SCHOOL

Veteran's Day Observed

Monday, November 13th Field Trip Grade 5 & 6

Wed., Nov. 22nd – Fri., Nov. 24th

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving



Monday, November 27th

Return to school



Handbook

Our Family Handbook is available on our website. The handbook is a great resource as it has some general information as well as contact numbers for

LUNCH PROGRAM Monthly Lunch menus have been provided. All students are able to receive free breakfast and lunch daily at school.



REMINDER: I am so excited to announce that our school is transitioning to electronic health records. It is the same software that most CT schools use, including Region 11 middle and high schools.

If your child visits the health office and requires treatment or an assessment from the nurse, you will receive an encrypted email detailing the clinical documentation. You will also receive an email with the password that you will use to open any further emails from the health office. Most often these emails go straight to your inbox, but some servers may send it to a junk folder. Please add noreply@hosting.snaphealthcenter.com to your contacts list to ensure that you receive any emails from me sent via the SNAP health center.

Email will be my primary method of contact, but I will continue to call parents/guardians for any serious concerns that need to be communicated in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the health office or email me at [sst.rock@scotlandes.org](mailto:ss.t.rock@scotlandes.org).

Be well,
Nurse Sharon

REMINDERS:

- Keep your child home when sick and please call or email ([sst.rock@scotlandes.org](mailto:ss.t.rock@scotlandes.org)) as soon as you know your child will be out. This allows us to know that our students are safe at home with you. This way we don't have to call parents and inquire as to the whereabouts of their child.
- If you are planning on taking a family vacation, send an email to (aknowles@scotlandes.org) or a written note. The office will respond and will be able to document those days.
- If a child is absent, please send in a note immediately upon their return.

NOT YET: *Students should feel they are on a learning curve not a dead end.*



PTO

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

at 3:15 PM Café

*We have
future events
planned and
we need
your help!*



We love our Volunteers!
Please sign up to help with our school events!



PTO FUNDRAISER

Friends and family nationwide can support the PTO!

Follow this link to set up an account:

<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/TB4L>

Set up an account for your student - get an email with more information to add a personal message, photo and goal.

Invite friends and family to browse through the hundreds of additional products available to **ship directly to their house.**

The Scotland PTO will receive \$5 per pie/cookie ordered and 40% from all Simply Shipped collections. The funds will go to support various student activities.



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