

Greetings,

This week Mr. Lhotka and I have had the pleasure of teaching a bully prevention lesson to all children at Shirley Hills. We taught our students that we label behavior not people. That all of us make mistakes, however, it is a team effort to put an end to bullying behavior. In our early grades we spoke about Recognizing bullying (is it mean, on purpose, one-sided, repeated) and how to Report bullying by identifying trusted adults they can report to. We spent time reviewing Stop, Walk and Talk which is our tool to remove ourselves or others from a bullying situation. We also taught how to approach an adult when reporting bullying by practicing, "I need to report bullying." For our older grades, we spoke in depth about the role of bystanders and how they can support and help stop bullying in our school. How bystanders can become upstanders by supporting a person who is being bullied through many ways including helping to report, including others, being kind to all and finding respectful but firm words when talking to a person who is bullying. At Shirley Hills, we are like any other school and a true reflection of the community around us...we have bullying behavior that we need to end. The more we teach our kids and relay back to our families the better chance we have of ending bullying behavior.

Thank you for all you do for your kids as try to we support you in creating generations of kind, caring people!

Enjoy your weekend!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

11/25 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm

11/27 Ice Safety Presentation by Mound Fire Dept

11/28-29 THANKSGIVING BREAK

12/03 Reading & Math Classes begin (Reading on Tuesday, Math on Thursday)

12/04 WeCAN Toy Collection begins

12/05 Imagination Fair, 5:00-7:00pm

PTA MEETING 11/25/19 GUEST SPEAKER

- Please join us **Monday, November 25th** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the Media Center.

- This month we will be joined by our school social worker, **Ms. Howard**. Come and learn about Ms. Howard's role within our school.
- As always, FREE CHILDCARE will be provided!

BOOK FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Parents, Guardians and Grandparents, thank you for making our Book Fair SO successful!! You helped us raise money to buy books for our Media Center, and we are very grateful!! Thanks, too, for all the volunteer hours you put in to pull this event off. Your sacrifice of time and service is appreciated. Thanks, Debbie Loomis Media Specialist

STUDENT MORNING DROP OFF REMINDER

- Please follow the single file drop-off arrows painted in the north parking lot.
- Staff will be at the north door at 8:45am to greet your child(ren) and escort them safely into the building.
- To keep the line flowing smoothly, please do not get out of your vehicle to assist your child.

READING & MATH CLUB BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES

- The Reading & Math Club run through Minnesota's Targeted Services program will begin Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.
- If your child's teacher discussed this with you during conferences and you've been thinking about it, please sign both pages of the forms and return them to the school office.
- Since we have to plan for teaching staff, please return your forms to the school office no later than next Wednesday, Nov. 20th.

WECAN COLLECTION

- WeCAN (Western Community Action Network) is a local non-profit organization that serves members of communities in our area.
- Every year our school collects items for WeCAN to share with these families. This year we will be collecting **toys**.
- Donation bins will be set up in the school lobby from **December 4th - 13th**. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!