Sheridan Elementary

A Quality School ... Just For Kids!

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Dear Sheridan Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the last week of October! Our **Shape Up Sheridan** event was a HUGE success yesterday! The students and staff put forth tremendous effort and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. A **special 'Thank You!'** to ***Dionne Farms*** for their generous donation of delicious Gala Apples for our students to enjoy following their participation! If your child is participating in the fundraising portion of this event, ***all fundraising is due on Tuesday, October 27***. Thank you to our PTO for helping to plan and coordinate the prizes and healthy snacks for the event!

During our Shape-Up day we had the opportunity to talk with our students about the importance of *effort* and *sportsmanship*. We discussed how these were very important life-long skills to help them to be successful as students, throughout their education, and even as adults. Please feel free to continue this discussion at home and to encourage all of our students to put forth their best efforts and to be positive and supportive in their relationships with their peers and families!

Next week we will be holding our annual **Pumpkin Contest**, and creatively celebrating **Halloween**. Please read below for details on these events and reach out to us if you have any questions!

Have a terrific weekend,

Mark Oberman

****Please make sure to continue reading the following pages for important Sheridan and Public Schools of Petoskey (PSP) information and events. Direct links are included when possible!***

October 29 - ***Pumpkin Contest***
Our soon to be assembled Sheridan Student Council will be holding our annual Pumpkin Contest! The contest will be set up and conducted entirely outside of the school, to maintain health and safety protocols, while still allowing us to provide this fun opportunity for our students and families. Parents will drop the pumpkins off on Thursday morning, from 9:00-12:00, along the sidewalk in front of the school. Pumpkins will be placed by categories and parents will fill out a slip with the students name and attach it to the pumpkin. Categories will be judged by our Student Council members and classrooms will participate in pumpkin walks so that all of our students can see the creative and fun creations! *All pumpkins must be picked up by the end of the day on Friday, October 30.*

October 30 - ***Halloween***
In order for us to celebrate Halloween in a safe and fun way, we will be having students wear orange and/or black clothing, or Halloween themed attire, but *we will not be wearing costumes or holding the Halloween parade at school this year*. Classrooms will be holding small individual parties toward the end of the day, at which time individually packaged, adult delivered treats may be shared. Please see the brief summary of our Halloween guidelines below:

1) Student's can dress in fun Halloween attire (black, orange, Halloween themed clothing)
2) Classrooms will have parties at the end of the day.
3) We will be sharing a '**Virtual Costume Parade**' during the classroom parties for students to share their costumes. **Please make sure to email a picture to your child's teacher if you would like them to be included in the slideshow!*

November 5 - ***PTO Meeting from 3:20-4:20***
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362725729
Meeting ID: 873 6272 5729

November 6 - ***No School***

November 24 - ***½ Day - Online Instruction for ALL students***

November 25 & 26 - ***Thanksgiving Break***

December 2 - ***Picture Retakes***
Retakes will be available on December 2nd. All students will have their pictures included in the yearbook, regardless of whether they were taken on our initial picture day or during retakes.

Flyers and Friday Information
Information received from outside groups is now shared on our district webpage. Please either add a bookmark for https://www.petoskeyschools.org/parents/flyers/ or use the '*Parents*' tab and select '*Flyers*' to access it at www.petoskeyschools.org.

Technology Support
Please use the Tech Support for Families and Students link to access **PSP Tech Assistance**.

Health Screening & Mask Wearing
Please continue to be diligent with daily morning health checks. If your child(ren) exhibit *ANY* of the following symptoms we ask that you keep them home until 24 hours after the symptoms have improved.

- ☐ Temperature of 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- ☐ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- ☐ New onset of severe headache

Mask wearing is expected at all times, unless students are eating/drinking, or taking a safely scheduled and properly distanced mask break.