



SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY

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A School of Academic Distinction and Achievement

April/May 2009

Dates to Remember

- April 27 - Return to Regular (Pre-Hurricane) School Hours.
Students Do Not Report Prior to 8:00 a.m.
Instruction begins at 8:30 a.m.
- April 27 - Pennies for P.J.'s Contest Begins!
April 27 - Contest Deadline for Eggs Shells
April 28 - Volunteer Brunch 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
April 30 - Raffle ticket money, stubs, and any unsold tickets turned in
April 30 - Pennies for P.J. contest ends 8:30 a.m.
- May 1- Cake Contest 8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.
May 1 - Sale of discounted Ride tickets ends 12:00 p.m.
May 1, 2, & 3- SPRING CARNIVAL
Friday, May 1- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 2- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 3- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- May 5 - School Improvement Team Meeting 7:55 a.m.
Agenda: 2009-2010 School Improvement Plan
- May 5 - Last day to take AR tests. All AR books are due.
May 6 - PTA Board and Chairpersons meeting 9:30a.m.
May 7- Papa John's Pizza Night
May 7 - PTA General Assembly & Election of New Officers 6:00 p.m.
May 7 - PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
May 14- Skate Galaxy Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
May 18 - Honors Programs 9:00 a.m. (PreK-4) and 10:30 a.m. (5th Grade)
May 18 - Candlelighters Footsteps for Friends Cancer Walk at 2:00 p.m.
May 19 - AR Awards Program at 8:30 a.m.
May 19 - Fourth Grade Kickball Tournament at 9:00 a.m.
May 20 - Fifth Grade Field Day Activities at 9:00 a.m.
May 20 - 21 - Bag Lunches Served
May 20 - End of Year Parties 12:00 Noon until 1:00 p.m.
May 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences with Dismissal at 1:25 p.m.
May 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences with Dismissal at 1:25 p.m.
May 21 - Report Cards Issued **if all School Fines have been paid**
May 21 - Last Day for Students

School News

The extended times that were designated by the school system due to days that were missed because of hurricane activity will end April 24, 2009. Therefore, we will return to our regular schedule April 27, 2009. Arrival time for students is 8:00 a.m. and instruction will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dismissal will be 3:20 p.m. for bus riders, 3:25 p.m. for daycare/carpool and 3:30 p.m. for walkers. Please adhere to these guidelines as there will be no teacher on duty to supervise children who arrive early.

Volunteer Brunch

Our Annual Volunteer Brunch will be held Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. We hope all of our volunteers who have given of their time and talents will join us for this celebration.

Shenandoah Elementary School Improvement Team Minutes from March 31 2009 Meeting

Principal, Carolyn H. Sauer, welcomed team members to the meeting. Members present were Michelle Miller, Anne Creighton, Kelley Faucheux, Cathy Broussard, Donna Sanders, Stephanie Martin, Lori Bramlette, Deborah Russell and Patty Cook. The group continued their discussion regarding the school system policy for Uniform Wear and Dress Code. Several areas were discussed in order to clarify and be more specific regarding policies for students at Shenandoah Elementary beginning with the 2009-2010 school term. The revised/updated guidelines will be announced to our school families in the April and May school newsletters. Our school district is participating in the SACS Accreditation process. Mrs. Sauer informed the group that Shenandoah Elementary is one of twenty parish schools selected as a site for visits from the SACS Accreditation Team. Our visit will be the morning of April 21. The Administrative Team will be joined by School Improvement Team Members to participate in a question/answer type forum. Specific details will be provided to team members within the next few days. Because of a scheduling conflict, the next of our School Improvement Team will be held Tuesday, May 5 rather than Wednesday, May 6. This will be the final meeting for this school term. The meeting will begin at 7:40 a.m.

2009-2010 Dress Code Changes

Please read and become familiar with the changes and clarifications of school dress codes for Shenandoah students beginning with the 2009-2010 school term.

DRESS AND GROOMING

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board requires all elementary school students to wear uniforms. Uniforms are available at several area stores. The following are the basic guidelines for dress and grooming:

1. Acceptable garments include navy blue uniform pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers that are not more than five (5) inches above the knee. Dresses do not fit uniform guidelines. Jeans, biking shorts, stretch pants, sweat pants, windsuits, jogging suits, and Cargo pants are not acceptable. (Navy corduroy pants are allowed for winter wear.)
2. Plain burgundy shirts or blouses that have a collar are mandated. Burgundy shirts that have the official school crest on the upper left chest area are acceptable. T-shirts (white/short-sleeved only) may be worn under uniform shirts/blouses. Colored under-shirts are not to be worn under uniform shirts. (Collared plain burgundy long-sleeved shirts, blouses or turtleneck shirts are acceptable during the winter season to offer protection from cold weather.)
3. Footwear must be sneakers or Oxford style shoes with closed toes and closed heels. Sandals, flip-flops, Croc-style shoes, open heels, pointed-toe boots and cleats are not acceptable. Roller skates, and/or shoes with skates, are not permitted to be worn by our students while on our campus during the school day. All shoes must be safe and durable for rigorous play during recess and physical education.
4. Solid color black, brown, navy blue or white belts must be worn with clothing that has belt loops.
5. Shirts and blouses must be "tucked in."
6. Plain navy blue or burgundy coats, jackets, sweaters, parkas, sweatshirts, etc. are permitted as outerwear inside the building. In addition, navy blue or burgundy official school logo jackets/windbreakers may be worn inside the building to provide extra warmth. Burgundy or navy blue official school logo sweatshirts may be worn inside the building if they have a burgundy collared shirt underneath. Other colors of outer winter garments may be worn outside the building.
7. Hair must be neat, clean and styled so that it does not present a disruption to the instructional climate of the school. Bangs, or hair length that covers the eyes, must be "clipped/pinned" away from the face. No hair curlers should be worn at school. Hair colorings, styling and cuts may not create/cause classroom disruption.
8. Nails must be short in length. Acrylic/artificial nails are not permitted.
9. No sunglasses may be worn unless prescribed by a physician. Documentation will be required.
10. Make-up is considered inappropriate for elementary students and is not allowed to be worn or carried on campus.
11. Caps/hats are not allowed at school. Permission from the principal, will be given for caps/hats to be worn for documented medical and/or religious reasons or special occasions. Hoods/winter coverings are allowed on the playground during inclement weather but may not be worn inside the building.
12. Approved club uniforms for scouting organizations, etc., may be worn on club meeting days. (Team uniforms for sporting activities are not acceptable.)
13. Authorized School Spirit Shirts may be worn with uniform garments each Friday.
14. Any clothing accessories such as socks, scarves and jewelry are not to be worn if they present concerns related to safety or classroom disruption. Therefore,
 - a) Earrings may not be larger than the ear lobe and may not loop or dangle.
 - b) Hair ribbons, etc. may not extend past the shoulders.
 - c) Leggings must be solid black, navy blue or white, and
 - d) Socks that extend above the ankle/crew length must be solid black, navy blue or white.
15. The Dress and Grooming regulations will be applied to all students.

Community Coffee Program

We recently were awarded \$675.97 as a payout for our participation in the Community Cash for Schools Program. Thank you for continuing to send proof of purchase bar codes.

Teacher News

- Dana Kelly, our Computer Lab Teacher, is graduating this semester with a M. ED. We're very happy for her accomplishment.
- Kathrin Munding, one of our gifted Resource teachers, has submitted final paperwork and taken exams to become a National Board Certified Teacher. We are proud of her efforts and expect her to receive this prestigious recognition.
- Deborah Russell, one of our Fourth Grade Teachers, was selected as the 2009 Baton Rouge Symphony K-8 Classroom Teacher of the Year. That award is given to a teacher who excels in successfully integrating music with the academic curriculum. We are very please she received this award.
- Third Grade Teacher, Angela Delaroderie, has been selected to participate in a nationally recognized AIMS Science and Math project/workshop. We are happy to have her represent our school.

SACS Review

As most of you are aware, our school was one of the twenty parish schools to be reviewed in order to obtain district accreditation. This national recognition is significant as it alerts people from across the nation that East Baton Rouge Parish School System offers a quality educational program. The final decision regarding accreditation for our system will be in a few months. We want to thank all of our parents and community members who participated in the interviews.

PTA News

- **19th Annual Spring Carnival IS HERE! May 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Each parent is expected to work at least ONE 2 ½ hour shift during the weekend. WE STILL NEED 100 VOLUNTEERS! Send in your purple form with your choice of shifts that you can work. It takes everyone at the school to make this weekend happen. Please plan on doing your part to make the Spring Carnival a fun and enjoyable experience for our students and our community. Please contact Patty Cook @ 751-9649 or lsupatty@cox.net if you have any questions.**
- **Silent Auction Items needed for Carnival** – We still need Silent Auction items! Please check with your company managers to see if they would be willing to donate a new item, service or gift certificate to our silent auction. Please contact Kathy Coldwell @ 751-3903 or mkcoldwell@cox.net.
- **Clean egg shells** - Please continue to send in your **cleaned egg shells**. Put your child's name and teacher's name on a full dozen and send them into the school! Our current total is approximately 630 dozen we are trying to collect 1000 dozen, please send in your CLEAN egg shells NOW! The deadline for egg shells to be counted in the contest is Monday, April 27th. Remember the CLASS that collects the most egg shells will win a pizza party! Class Prizes for second and third place also!

- **Classroom gift baskets** – Please send in new items for your classroom gift baskets. Each student that brings in a gift basket item for their classroom, ancillary or gifted resource will have their name entered in a drawing to win **10 game booth tickets**. Also, the basket that brings in the most money from silent auction, that teacher receives 100% of the money to be used in her classroom. Please contact your teacher or room parent if you have questions regarding the baskets.
- **Pennies For P.J.'s** - Your teacher could win up to \$250.00 and will wear her pajamas to school! The teacher that collects the most pennies between Monday, April 27th and Thursday, April 30th will receive 100% of the amount collected up to \$250.00! Dig through your couch and dressers and send in those pennies. This is a fun and exciting contest for the students because they want to see their teacher in her Pajamas! Go cash in that change jar for PENNIES! Contest ends Thursday, April 30th at 8:30 a.m.
- **Cake Contest** – Show off your decorating skills or have your child decorate their own cake! Submit a cake for the cake decorating contest on Friday, May 1st between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. The cakes will be sold at the silent auction. Just to let you know, a cake that a Dad decorated won the contest last year... You can do it too!
- **TICKETS, TICKETS, TICKETS!** – Don't forget to buy your DISCOUNTED ride tickets and your Friday night catfish dinner tickets! Don't get stuck buying your ride tickets full price at the Carnival. Buy your tickets now at .75 cents each and save big! Most rides require more full price tickets than our .75 cent tickets so send in your order form today! To guarantee delivery of your tickets, student order forms must be to school by Thursday, April 30th! All discounted ride ticket sales end at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1st.
- **Papa Johns Pizza Night** – Thursday, May 7th will be our last Papa John's pizza night for the school year. Your student's classroom can still win a pizza party for the most sales. Don't forget to mention Shenandoah and your child's teacher and the classroom will get credit for your sale.
- **PTA General Assembly and Election of New Officers** – Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. will be our final General Assembly PTA meeting of the year. Order your pizza early then come join us and the student council, for the election of the new PTA board.
- **Skate Galaxy Night** – Come out to Skate Galaxy on Thursday, May 14th from 6:30 – 8:30 to celebrate the final days of the school year! Skate Galaxy is located at 12828 Jefferson Hwy. Shenandoah receives a percentage of all skate admissions.
- **Thank you** to all who came out to support the Laser Tag of Baton Rouge/Shenandoah Fundraiser nights. We had about 33 children and family members enjoy the fun!
- **Thank you parents, teachers, students and staff** for making my time as PTA President a wonderful and memorable experience! I have truly enjoyed my two year term as your president and I hope to continue to volunteer in other ways at the school and in the community. I look forward to a wonderful Carnival weekend and hope that you will join me out there in support of our school and our children. Thank you again for your continued support of Shenandoah PTA!
- Julie Edmonson

Student News

- Fourth Grader, Kameron Cummings, Fifth Graders, Jordan London, Mishonne Marks and Emily Schittone and Second Grader, Malik Kelly (who served as an alternate) participated in the recent EBR Physical Fitness Meet. Our school scored as one of the top ten teams coming in seventh out of 34 schools. Kameron Cummings ranked second place of all male participants. Kameron will participate in the statewide competition. We are proud of all of these children who represented our school and send special congratulations to Kameron. We also give our PE teachers, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Comeaux, special thanks to their efforts.
- One of our second graders, Micah Picou, recently participated in the Level 4 State Boys Gymnastics Meet where he placed second. Twenty-three boys competed in floor exercises, parallel bars, high bar, rings, vault, and pommel horse. Micah won the silver (second) in the all around category for boys his age. Well done, Micah! We're proud of you!
- We congratulate the following students for their accomplishments during the third nine weeks.

★A Honor Roll★

★First Grade★

Bellan, Mitchell
Booth, Grace
Francis, Aliah
Marks, Haley
Paul, Shanna

★Second Grade★

Boatner, Kennedy
Edmonson, Jillian
Williams, Payton

★Third Grade★

Pham, Kevyn
Quantrille, Duncan
Shikhalieva, Amina

★Fourth Grade★

Hopper, Allana

★Fifth Grade★

Edmonson, Rachael
Huntley, Maria
Lin, Yang Yao
Liu, Andy
Marks, Mishonne
Self, Breanna

★A/B Honor Roll★

★First Grade★

Bourg, Harrison
Couvillon, Jack
Crowson, Riley
Daugherty, Makenzie

DeGraff, Emma

Dunn, Dyllon

Falcon, Gavin

Hamilton, Ryann

Haynes, Hailey

Hommel, Isabella

Nienaber, Nicholas

Noyes, Abigail

Quantrille, Ana

Perry, Jonathan

Roussel, Evan

Rowe, Jordan

Sauer, Richard

Singleton, Harlow

Smith, Grace

Steffek, Kelsey

West, Jordan

Wheeler, Markel

★Second Grade★

Bergeron, Hannah

Coldwell, Abigail

Cook, Maximus

Cunningham, Kyla

Dabney, Nikayla

Degraff, Jackson

Delasalle, Bridgett

Easterly, Abbie

Fisher, Shawn

Gray, Joshua

Hendrix, Marylee

Johnson, Maya

Kelly, Malik

Miller, Kya

Milton, Naikym

Morales, Luis

Ross, Amari

Rushing, Jordyn

Seitz, Peyton

Taylor, Breanna

★Third Grade★

Bourg, Elizabeth

Burleigh, Brennan

Byerley, Ann

Cardona, Jordan

Cook, Jennifer

Cosey, Blake

Fendlason, Heidi

Hart, Christopher

Johnson, De'Ja

Marcella, Riley

Marks, Logan

Pierson, Alexandra

Roussel, Morgan

Rushing, Ethan

Rutledge, Candice

Sanders, Abbie

Schneider, Kendall

Tullier, Rachael

Williams, Abigail

Wilson, Brayden

★Fourth Grade★

Aughey, Katelyn

Boone, Tyler

Choumar, Abdallah

Easterly, Amber

Evanco, Grace

Ferrell, Brandon

Gabel, Brooke

Heughan, Makenzey

Hopper, Autumn

Lawrence, Kyra

Martin, Ashley

Martin, Jessica

Pham, Vivianne

Sauer, Maggie

Schneider, Hayden

Stafford, Gage

★Fifth Grade★

Braggs, Diatrice

Drury, Isaac

Duhon, Cameron

Grass, Nicholas

Hendrix, Peyton

Johnson, Tamirra

Trupiano, Gabriel