



SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY

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A School of Academic Distinction and Achievement

December/January 2008

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 18 – Skate Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 – School Day – Students Dismissed at 12:35
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 5 – Winter Holidays for Students
- Jan. 6 – Students Return to School
- Jan. 7-26 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Jan. 7 – School Improvement Team Meeting 7:40 a.m./Agenda – 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan
- Jan. 7 – PTA Board & Chairperson Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 8 – Papa Johns Pizza Night
- Jan. 9 – Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m.
- Jan. 9 – Report Cards Issued
- Jan. 12 – Honors' Program 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr./Holiday – No School
- Jan. 21 – Staff Development Meeting/ Early Dismissal - 12:30

Albertson's Community Partners Program

Our school is participating in the Albertson's Community Partners Program. Recently, each family received a community partner card. This is how the program works: Whenever you are shopping at any Albertson's store, simply remind the store cashier to scan your card anytime **DURING** your order. Our school has been given an identification UPC number and when your purchase/transaction is properly recorded; our UPC number will be on the receipt. Albertson's will contribute money to our school based on the amount of sales we transact at their stores. We hope you will use your card to help our school. If you know you will not use an Albertson's Partner Card, please return it to us so we can give it to someone else. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 753-3560.

PTA News

- **Pizza night** – Thursday, Jan. 8th - [Order from any Papa John's location and don't forget to mention your teachers name and Shenandoah. The class with the most sales will get a pizza party. Questions? Contact Rae Self at 756-3357 or raself@ebrschools.org](#)
- **Confetti Eggs** – We need your *cleaned* egg shells for Carnival. So while you're cooking for the holidays, save your egg shells. Wash them out with soapy water, let them dry, and put them back in the carton. When your carton is full, write your Child's name and teacher's name on the outside and send it in! If you have [questions](#), [contact](#) Jennifer Schneider [at](#) 752-9870.
- **Box Tops for Education** – Please send in your Box Tops sheet.
- **Skate Night** – This Thurs., Dec. 18 at 6:30-8:30 at Skate Galaxy on Jefferson Hwy. Come celebrate the beginning of the holiday.

Fundraiser for St. Jude

We as a faculty would like to help the students of Shenandoah have a better understanding of gift giving at Christmas. We feel it is important for children to recognize the benefits of giving to help others. For this reason we are suggesting the students donate \$2.00 (more or less) to a school wide collection for St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Students may start bringing their donations to school Monday, December 1, 2008. In addition to the cash donations, we will sell snacks, for \$1.00 or less each, during afternoon recesses December 10-19, while supplies last.

Toys for Tots

SHARING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH OTHERS

A big part of the Holiday season is giving and sharing. Today you and I have many reasons to be thankful. What about the thousands of families affected by hardship in our own community? Every year since 1947, the United States Marine Corps Reserve has collected and distributed toys to children in need at holiday time through their Toys For Tots program. This year the children, staff, and administration of the East Baton Rouge School System and Aramark Facility Services once again have a unique opportunity to share with others through the annual Toys For Tots Campaign. Our combined efforts will bring joy and laughter to children in East Baton Rouge Parish for whom, without the Toys For Tots program, the holiday season would be one of disappointment. Over the last five years the children from East Baton Rouge Parish School System donated over 20,000 new toys. We hope to exceed last years total by collecting an even larger amount of toys this year. Please take this opportunity to help someone less fortunate than you. Everyone who wants to share their holiday spirit with others is asked to bring a **new toy**, still wrapped in the original package, and place it in the collection container at your local school. **Please do not wrap the toys** and please do not donate toy guns, knives, or anything that would suggest violence. As your family unwrap their gifts this holiday season, you will have the gratification of knowing that your donation has put joy and laughter in a child's heart somewhere in the East Baton Rouge Parish area.

Once again we will participate in this wonderful effort. I want to thank you in advance for your support as we provide new toys for children who are less fortunate. Please have your children bring their new unwrapped toy donations to the office.

Shenandoah Elementary School Improvement Team

Minutes from December 3, 2008 Meeting

Principal, Carolyn H. Sauer, welcomed team members to the meeting. Members present were Stephanie Martin, Deborah Russell, Travis Johnson, Michelle Miller, Anne Creighton, Felecia Barnes, Kelley Fauchoux and Lori Bramlette. The group looked at the objectives for Goal 1 and discussed activities for English Language Arts. They then worked through a portion of the activities for Goal 2 which address Mathematics. The next meeting has been scheduled for 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2008. Meetings are open to the public.

Calendar Change

Please be informed that all schools will be open for instruction, Friday, December 19. That day had previously been scheduled as a "contingency day". Because of missing school during hurricane season, we will use that day as one of our required "Make-Up Days". Students will be dismissed at 12:35 p.m.

Student News

- **Team Infinity Science Fair Results Nov., 2008:** Student Choice Award Winners – Mishonne Marks & Heughan, Creativity Award Winners – Christopher Hart, Jasmine Jordan, Elizabeth Bourg, Brennan Burleigh, Breanna Self, Sharkman Cox, Sage Horn, Hayden LeBlanc, Makenzey Heughan, Allana Hopper, Andy Liu, Joey Bourgeois, Mishonne Marks, Riley Marcella & Jordan Cardona. Congratulations to all participants for a major job well done.

Faculty News

- Nicholas Phelps, our upper grades Music/Art teacher is moving to Texas to pursue an advanced degree. Ms. Jamie Leonard will join our staff, in that position, when we return from the holiday break.
- Andrea Moore, one of our ESS teachers, who has been on leave, will return after the holidays.