

Sharon Elementary School Bulletin

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Week of May 7th- May 11th , 2018

Character Counts Trait: Citizenship

Monday, May 7th, 2018

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Star Reading and Math Window
- DIBELS/TRC/Mclass Testing Window
- NWEA Testing Window EOY
- EOY Writing Prompt
- Coffee and Donuts Provided by Abundant Life Church
- Staff BINGO Board
- Need 2 More Workers for County Track Meet (Let Mrs. B. know if you can help)-Long Jump
- Class Lists Due to Mrs. B by 3:00
- 6:00 p.m. EXCEL Parent Mtg at CHA

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

- Mr. Warner Here
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Star Reading and Math Window
- DIBELS/TRC/Mclass Testing Window
- NWEA Testing Window EOY
- EOY Writing Prompt
- Staff BINGO Board
- Need 2 More Workers for County Track Meet (Let Mrs. B. know if you can help)-Long Jump
- Elections in Gym (Gym Closed All Day)-Extra Outside Supervision on this date/Please Park in Back Lot
- Cate from SWMH Here
- PTO Staff Luncheon Day
- Away Track Meet at JHC

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Star Reading and Math Window

- DIBELS/TRC/Mclass Testing Window
- NWEA Testing Window EOY
- EOY Writing Prompt
- Staff BINGO Board
- Need 2 More Workers for County Track Meet (Let Mrs. B. know if you can help)-Long Jump
- Prayers for Mrs. Smith...surgery Round 2
- School Nurse's Day
- 7:30 a.m. RtI Mtg in Conf. Room
- Safety Patrol Breakfast Party
- Azzip Give Back Night to Drama Club

Thursday, May 10th, 2018

- Mr. Warner Here
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Star Reading and Math Window
- DIBELS/TRC/Mclass Testing Window
- NWEA Testing Window EOY
- EOY Writing Prompt
- Staff BINGO Board
- Need 2 More Workers for County Track Meet (Let Mrs. B. know if you can help)-Long Jump
- 7:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. AED Training with Mrs. Clark in library
- Gym Closed All Day-Fifth Grade Music Program @ 6:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Bruggenschmidt @ ICare Banquet in a.m.
- 4:00-8:00 IEP Help at CSB with Mrs. Wagner

Friday, May 11th, 2018

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Star Reading and Math Window
- DIBELS/TRC/Mclass Testing Window
- NWEA Testing Window EOY
- EOY Writing Prompt
- Staff BINGO Board
- Need 2 More Workers for County Track Meet (Let Mrs. B. know if you can help)-Long Jump
- Mrs. B. Give Class Lists to Teachers-Final Version
- Pay Day/Jean Day
- SMUD School In Session
- Gym Closed-9:00 a.m. Fifth Grade Music Program in Gym
- Lunch Provided by Abundant Life Church

- 2:00 Coach Hurt Here to Talk to Gr. 5 Boys in Gym about Football/Gr. 5 Family Life Talk for Girls
- Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 5/13/18

Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 14th, 2018 : EOY Mclass Testing, EOY NWEA Testing, EOY Writing Prompt, Citizenship, Star Reading and Math Window, Gr. 3 Holly's House Visit, Easter Seals Dollar Drive, Mr. Warner Here, Last Day to AR Test, Mrs. Bruggenschmidt @ NES in a.m., First Grade Muffins with Mom in p.m., 3:15 WCSC Track Meet at CHS (Need Long Jump Workers)
- Tuesday, May 15th 2018 : EOY Mclass Testing, EOY NWEA Testing, EOY Writing Prompt, Citizenship, Star Reading and Math Window, Gr. 3 Holly's House Visit, Easter Seals Dollar Drive, Cate from SWMH, Fifth Grade Crusader Quest, Elementary Track Rain Date
- Wednesday, May 16th, 2018: EOY Mclass Testing, EOY NWEA Testing, EOY Writing Prompt, Citizenship, Star Reading and Math Window, Gr. 3 Holly's House Visit, Easter Seals Dollar Drive, Mr. Warner Here, Mrs. Smith Returns Half Days, 7:30 a.m. Rtl Mtg in Conf. Room, 4th Nine Weeks AR Celebration, Track Team Party, Gr. 2 Bee A Friend to Planet/Earth Day Field Trip, Teacher Retirement Dinner @ Rolling Hills
- Thursday, May 17th, 2018: EOY Mclass Testing, EOY NWEA Testing, EOY Writing Prompt, Citizenship, Star Reading and Math Window, Gr. 3 Holly's House Visit, Easter Seals Dollar Drive, Gr. 2 Field Trip Rain Date, Gr. 2 Pen Pal Field Trip, Gr. 3 Field Trip to Audubon Park, Peer Mediator Pizza Party, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Fifth Grade Dance in Gym (Gym Closed in p.m.)
- Friday, May 18th, 2018 : EOY Mclass Testing, EOY NWEA Testing, EOY Writing Prompt, Citizenship, Star Reading and Math Window, Gr. 3 Holly's House Visit, Easter Seals Dollar Drive, Mr. Warner Here, Relay For Life Jean Day, Stop Taking Grades, 9:15 a.m. CHS Graduation March at SES in Hallways, Gr. 2 Pen Pal Rain Date, EXCEL Parents Notify Us if Student Going to EXCEL, 12:45 K-2/2:00 Gr. 3-5 Cinderella Performance in Gym (Gym Closed All Day), 6:00 p.m. Cinderella Performance in Gym, CHS Awards Night
May 20thJDRF at Holiday World**
- Monday, May 21st, 2018: Print Report Cards, Holly's House Gr. 3, AR Celebration for all Nine Weeks at Elite Air, Staff Pitch In (Grilling), 6:00 p.m. Bus Driver Banquet at CSMS, 6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting/Elections
- Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018: Mr. Warner Here, Cate SWMH Here, K-4 Field Day, 2:15 Gr. 5 Awards Day Walk Through in Gym
- Wed., May 23rd, 2018: 9:00 a.m. Fifth Grade Gradation in Gym (Gym Closed in a.m.)...fifth graders may leave after awards day, End of 4th Nine Weeks/End of Second Semester, Report Card Day, Last Day of School, 1:30 Move Up Day
- Thur. May 24th, 2018: Mr. Warner Here, Gym Closed...Floors Resurfaced, 6:30 a.m. Custodial Breakfast at BMS, Teacher ½ Work Day, 11:00 Retirement/Good Bye Luncheon in Library
- Office is open until June 7th from 8:00-3:00 (Closed Lunch 12-1)

Weekly Focus

Food for thought in this techno world. Finding the healthy balance with technology is key to keeping our kids safe and thriving in today's age.

An App Full of Reasons Why the Mobile Device-Youth Experiment Is Failing

Posted on [December 21, 2017](#) by [ftpjames](#) —

At the dawn of the most recent millennium, mobile technology was still in its infancy. Only about a 1/3 of people had a mobile device, most of which were adults. Today, [92% of all adults in the U.S.](#) have a cell phone as well as approximately 85% of middle schoolers. The iPhone was released in 2007; today, [73% of youth ages 13-17 have access to a smartphone.](#)

For parents, the decision to provide a mobile device comes with uncertainty, but certainly is the going trend. Kids can (theoretically) be reached at all times. Mobile devices help keep youth busy. They provide instantaneous information and an unrivalled breadth of experiences.

Yet, midst the promise of a new age, the decades long experiment of youth and their mobile devices is failing. Promises of mobile technology and youth are giving way to a landslide of problems. Here are a few:

The great sleep recession: Sleep affects almost every area of physical and psychological functioning. [85% percent of teens](#) sleep with mobile devices by their side. They are afraid to miss a 2 AM text. What they are really missing is an opportunity for a much needed good night's sleep.

Sexting: Sexting didn't exist until mobile devices became available. Now teens are using apps that can't even be tracked to send racy photos at alarming rates. If the photos weren't enough, [youth who engage in sexting](#) are 4-7 times more likely to engage in sexual behaviors, be promiscuous earlier, and physically mature at a younger age.

Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying is another issue that didn't become prominent until mobile devices entered the youth world. Bullying and teasing have always been an issue. But now the number and breadth of ways that a youth can be bullied has expanded infinitely, and both the bully and the bullied remain affected as long as a digital trace endures.

Distractions galore: The average adolescent female sends [over 4,000 texts per month.](#) That's approximately 8 texts per waking hour. And it's not even their day job (school). Question: "Where do they find the time?" Answer: "In the middle of everything else."

Traffic Accidents: The leading cause of death with teens is traffic accidents. [The leading cause of traffic accidents with teens](#) is texting. Drunk driving is second. More than 50% of teens *admit* texting while driving. Even more likely do.

Classroom Woes: Mobile devices in classrooms, whether it is the ring, buzz, or all the other potential diversions, [are clearly associated with decreased learning, retention, and](#)

efficiency. Think passing notes and classroom shenanigans were bad? Try being a teacher and competing with mobile devices today, especially when classroom bans are often not reinforced.

Pornography: The average male first views pornography by age eleven, mostly online. By the time they are young adults, [they access it on average 50 times a week](#). Any wonder that pornography profits out grosses NBC, ABC, and CBS combined? Mobile devices make it all too easy.

Social Skills Declining: Eye contact, gestures, and basic interactive skills have long been the basis of relationships. [But increasing evidence indicates that](#) even the most core skills are being affected by mobile devices. Try having a conversation with someone who seems only half there; then imagine this was the norm. No wonder young people are flocking to the digital world.

Obesity/Sedentary Behaviors: By now, we all know the dire news about [pediatric obesity and Type II diabetes in youth](#). Ironically, mobile devices encourage anything but mobility. The apps that purport to increase activity [don't have the data to support their claims](#). Meanwhile, the only safe way to game, text, message, or the like is to stop moving, which is one huge problem many overweight youth face today.

Brain Development: This one goes deep into the neurons and the glial cells to areas of functioning that affect all the previously mentioned domains. Nothing looms more important to our youth than the development of skills such as emotional regulation, impulse control, sustained attention, and “if...then” consequential thinking. They only have a little over twenty years to develop these skills before the brain reaches its maturation; mobile devices are not helping. The writing on the wall keeps getting bigger and bolder even as the rocky marriage of youth and mobile technology continues. Even for those who are not swayed by the concerns noted above, it must make you wonder. If it wasn't for the trends and the desire to be able to reach children at all times, would this marriage make any sense? Patterns can change if we as parents so desire. It seems time we put the mobile device-youth experiment to rest, and look at better options to meet our needs and theirs.