



SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER (Biweekly)

December 1, 2023



Dear SES School Family,

Welcome to the busy month of December! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. Thanksgiving is often considered the “kick-off” to the holiday season and this will be a very busy time for our school family.

Everyone has been busy, as we came to the end of the first trimester. I hope that you have had the opportunity to meet or talk with your child’s teacher and have a good idea of how your student is doing with their academic progress. Report cards will be distributed at the end of next week.

The cold weather is here and snow may be too. Please be sure that your children come to school prepared to go outside for their recess. Students will be going outside, as often as possible, during the winter months. Please have coats, hats, mittens, ski pants and boots ready for preschoolers too!

Another piece to the winter arrival is the chance for snow days. If the forecast calls for bad weather, you will receive a telephone message to the phone number on file. You may also tune in to the local radio or television stations so that you will be aware of any cancellations, delays or early dismissals. Notices are issued as early as possible by the Superintendent after consultation with the local departments and the bus company. The district’s phone messenger system will be used to send a message, as soon as the decision is made. It is difficult to make the call that is the safest for our students and staff while trying not to cancel school unnecessarily. Please know that it is made with safety as the primary concern.

During December here at SES, we are asking students to give the gift of kindness with our Student Council Food Drive. Non-perishable food welcome. Together let’s spread joy, happiness and kindness throughout our holiday season.

Warm Winter Wishes,
 Ann Knowles, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, December 3rd Scotland Town Green
TREE LIGHTING All Invited from the Scotland Community

Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th
Polar Pals Shopping for students

Tuesday, December 5th

- 3:15 PM PTO Meeting
- 7:00 PM Board of Education in library

Friday, December 8th

- Hanukkah Begins



Tuesday, December 19th

- Student Council field experience 9:10 – 11:45 AM

Friday, December 22nd

- 11 AM Music Sing Along All Grades in Gym (Parents Welcome to Attend)
- Early Release at 1:00 PM to begin Holiday Vacation through Monday, January 1, 2024

Friday, December 22nd 1:00 PM Begins Holiday Break

Sunday, December 24th & Monday, December 25th
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, January 1st
Happy New Year 2024 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

- **Return to school full day**
- 3:15 PM PTO Meeting in Café
- 7:00 PM BOE Meeting in library

Monday, January 15th No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day





REMINDER: SES is using electronic health records. It is the same software that most CT schools use, including Region 11 middle and high schools.

If your child visits the health office and requires treatment or an assessment from the nurse, you will receive an encrypted email detailing the clinical documentation. You will also receive an email with the password that you will use to open any further emails from the health office. Most often these emails go straight to your inbox, but some servers may send it to a junk folder. Please add noreply@hosting.snaphealthcenter.com to your contacts list to ensure that you receive any emails from me sent via the SNAP health center.

Email will be my primary method of contact, but I will continue to call parents/guardians for any serious concerns that need to be communicated in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the health office or email me at ssr.rock@scotlandes.org.

Be well,
Nurse Sharon

REMINDERS:

- Keep your child home when sick and please call or email (ssr.rock@scotlandes.org) as soon as you know your child will be out. This allows us to know that our students are safe at home with you. This way we don't have to call parents and inquire as to the whereabouts of their child.
- If you are planning on taking a family vacation, send an email to (akowles@scotlandes.org) or a written note. The office will respond and will be able to document those days.
- If a child is absent, please send in a note immediately upon their return.

DECEMBER REMINDERS

Don't just live through days;
make them count

You already have the
right person - you

Choose people that choose you

Nothing is too good for you

Growth is uncomfortable
but worth it

OurMindfulLife.com

PTO

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th

at 3:15 PM Café

We have future events

planned and we need

your help!



**VOLUNTEERS!
NEEDED**

We love our Volunteers!
Please sign up to help
with our school events!



Dear Parents:

As announced earlier we have chosen to offer our children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters and friends this year through a service program called POLAR PALS GIFT SHOP.

The shop will be set up in the school in just a few days and will be run under the supervision of local parents and grandparents.

The gift items are "Kid Priced" (Pocket Change to Moderately priced Department store type Gifts). Most of the items are in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 range.

It is our hope that through this program our children will learn about handling money and receive the joy of being able to select a special gift for a loved one.

See the back of this letter for complete details including Times, Dates and Place.

