



SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER (Biweekly)

January 19, 2024

Greetings SES School Family,

We have settled back into our routines and it is wonderful that students are excited to learn and be at school where they are loved! Throughout 2024, Scotland Elementary School will pride itself in offering an educational experience that benefits all students and families in all that SES can be. We are excited to be offering afterschool activities Monday – Thursdays that children are having fun exploring and enjoying students from other grade levels. Registration is required for all students for each afterschool activity. Afterschool programming runs Monday – Thursdays 3:00 – 4:30 PM (snack is provided).

Scotland Elementary School

We Are a Small School Community

SES is able to create educational experiences that meet each child's needs. In a small school you can know each other well. This can lead to easy acceptance of new ideas among friends as well as a strong sense of identification and belonging for all. SES supports all students through the challenges of the school year with one-on-one attention from dedicated staff.

We Are a School Environment Focused on the Whole Child

In addition to academics, SES nurtures students' personal and social growth and civic conscience. Outside the classroom, students can participate in school-sponsored events, various pursuits, and leadership experiences such as student council. It is part of the journey at SES to create a learning environment where a growth-mindset and risk-taking are encouraged. Where mutual respect is practiced and we support all members of our SES family in the positive development of intellectual, social, emotional, and physical abilities and believe that high expectations lead to the best results.

We Are an Engaged Community

Every school works better when the students, their teachers and families are working toward a common goal, and at SES the members of the community have actively chosen to be part of the educational journey. As a parent, you have an important stake in supporting the school and can actively engage in your student's education. The staff and teachers at a school like SES understand that this builds and enhances the school community, and we want and value your participation. It's hard to imagine a more powerful team than school and parents working together to enrich student experiences and setting them up for success. In 2024, we welcome and embrace success for all of our SES family.

Best wishes and please stay healthy & joyful!
Ann Knowles, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, January 22nd – Thursday, Jan. 25th

- *Afterschool Activities with registered students*

Wednesday, January 24th

- *Grade 2 & 3 Field Trip Dress warm*

Thursday, January 25th 6 – 7:30 PM ZOOM

- *Internet Safety Training for Parents & Teachers*

Friday, January 26th

- *Grade 5 & 6 Field Trip*

Monday, January 29th – Thursday, Feb. 2nd

- *Afterschool Activities with registered students*

Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 PM

- *School Readiness Council Mtg via Zoom*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, Feb. 5th – Thursday, Feb 9th

- *Afterschool Activities with registered students*

Tuesday, February 6th

- *3:15 PM PTO Meeting in Café*
- *7:00 PM BOE Meeting in library*

Friday, February 16th No School

Professional Learning Day All Staff

Monday, Feb. 19th &

Tuesday, Feb. 20th

NO SCHOOL Winter Break



Tuesday, March 5th

- *3:15 PM PTO Meeting in Café*
- *7:00 PM BOE Meeting in library*

Thursday, March 7th & Friday, March 8th

*Early Release Days 1 PM with
Parent-Teacher Conferences as needed*

Friday, March 30th No School Good Friday

Tuesday, April 2nd

- *3:15 PM PTO Meeting in Café*
- *7:00 PM BOE Meeting in library*

Friday, April 12th Early Release 1 PM

Monday, April 15th – Friday, April 19th
SPRING VACATION



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.

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, February 6, 2024

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!



AFTERSCHOOL FUN

Introduction to Spanish taught by Mrs. Claudia Mendoza



IT'S TIME FOR WINTER CLOTHES



Please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothes to bundle up for outdoor recess



All items should be labeled with your child's first & last name



Students in grades kindergarten through 6 will be spending time creating and designing an invention in Maker Space with Mrs. Lisa Finley. Students will go through the Invention Convention curriculum and homeroom teachers are assisting Mrs. Finley and exciting students to try their best! We will be able to enjoy an evening presentation event where student creations will be displayed for all to view and enjoy. Look forward to wonderful creativity and innovation to come from our students.