



*April 2024*



# BLACKHAWK BUZZ

## From the Principal's Desk

Hello SES Families!

Greetings to each of you! With the green grass and trees budding, it can only mean that spring is here to stay! Spring Break starts this Friday, March 29th and students return on Tuesday, April 9th. Don't forget they have Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, off due to the solar eclipse! We will make this day up on our previously scheduled flex day, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

We hope that you can create some special memories with your children during this time away! Take advantage of every free moment; you will never regret it! Last week we packed so much in with our Dodgeball tourney, Doughnuts with Grown-Ups, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Science Fair! It was great to see so many of you in the building. Such awesome events take many volunteers, so another BIG thank you to our PTO, as well as our many staff members that came out to help. We love being able to do the "extras" for our students!

Another school year will be over in the blink of an eye! Let's continue to keep our students focused on their academics and making right choices as we enter the last 9 weeks. Our ILEARN testing will begin the week of April 15th. Thank you for your continual support and encouragement! Have a wonderful Spring Break and Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Valerie Roberts



## **Six B's**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be a  
Peacemaker**

**Be Safe**

**Be Your Best**

**Be Kind**



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Spring Break</b>					
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>9</b> Cub Scouts @ 6:00 pm SES Cafe	<b>10</b> Girl Scouts @ 6:00 pm SES Cafe	<b>11</b> Kindergarten Open House/ Tour @ 5:30-6:30 pm	<b>12</b> 4th Qtr. Midterms	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> School Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	<b>16</b> Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm SES Café  PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm SES Media Ctr	<b>17</b> Rising Stars Practice @ 3:30- 5:30 pm SMS  Internet Safety Presentation @ 6:00 pm SES Cafe	<b>18</b> Rising Stars Dress Rehearsal @ 3:30-5:30 pm SMS	<b>19</b> SES students in person  Rising Stars @ 7pm SMS	<b>20</b> Lions Club & Phi Beta Psi Pork Loin Dinner 1:30-8:00 pm
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Field House Opening Celebration @ 6:00 pm Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm SES Cafe	<b>24</b> Girl Scouts @ 6:00 pm SES Cafe	<b>25</b> Student Govt. Meeting Instrument Testing 5th grade	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
					<b>5th Grade Camp</b>	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
<b>Camp</b>						

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## PARENTS—PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- \* Please call the school by 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence.
- \* All appointments which require 2 1/2 hours or less from school will not affect your child's attendance with a doctor's excuse. (This does not count for Perfect Attendance.)
- \* All transportation changes need to be submitted to the office by 12:00 p.m. for the same day.
- \* Please put your child's name on lunch boxes, book bags, jackets, masks, etc. We hope this will help in finding lost items.

If your child is late to school, please remind them they must ring the bell to be able to enter the building if they are not accompanied by their parent.



### SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY PTO

#### 2023-2024 MEETING DATES & TIMES

November 14—6:30 p.m.

December 12—6:30 p.m.

February 20-6:30 p.m.

March 19—6:30 p.m.

April 16—6:30 p.m.

May 14—6:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in the SES Media Center.  
Childcare is provided by NJHS.



#### OUR EVENTS

Blackhawk Walk                      Donuts with Grownups

Blitzen's Barn                         Spring Carnival

Teacher Appreciation Week

### WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY

Please share this information with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and church friends!

#### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Go to Kroger community rewards.com and register your Kroger Rewards card:

Our school's special number is LR814. Each quarter we get a nice donation from Kroger for our PTO based on the sales that are registered for our PTO!!!!

# April 2024 COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Teaching Kids How to use Money Wisely

Managing money wisely is an important life skill, and the earlier you start teaching your little entrepreneur some dollar sense, the better they will be down the road. The easiest way to teach children how to manage money wisely is through the save, spend, and give method.

Whether you allowance on certain extra chores completed, or a weekly set allowance, gather 3 jars or boxes per child. Label the three jars: save, spend, and give respectively. The rules typically are that you can take Spending money and put it either in Giving or Saving, you cannot move Saving or Giving money. Find what works best for your family. Sometimes, the traditional 10% Giving, 60% Savings, 30% Spending works. Other times, during a certain season, more money must be used for Savings rather than Spending.

**Save.** The savings jar is for money to be used for large purchases, or to go into a savings account for future use – such as a bicycle, or a big trip. Money in this jar goes towards the large purchase, or a real bank account.

**Spend.** Spending money can be used however the child wants – such as candies, movie tickets, trips to the Dollar store, vacation souvenir extras, or other “fun” things.

**Give.** Teaching giving to others is important even at a young age. Giving can include birthday or Christmas presents, sponsoring a child, school fundraisers, or tithing at church.

These guidelines help your child visualize how money is spent in a very real way. Help your child by letting him or her make mistakes in their money choices, and then feel the consequence of that choice. They will learn more by feeling it, than you warning them off of it!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I'm happy to talk with you any time! Feel free to call or email any time:

Amy Lents  
School Counselor  
317-758-4491 x. 2118  
[alents@sheridan.k12.in.us](mailto:alents@sheridan.k12.in.us)

# MESSAGE FROM OUR NURSE

Lots of students are reporting dry chapped lips.

This is not healed or soothed with one application of a product.

Please send a tube or stick of lip product with your child to keep at their desk or in their back pack if needed.

Please inform the school if your cell or home phone number has changed; it is very important that we are able to reach a student's parent/ guardian if needed.

The weather seems to be constantly changing right now, please make sure your children are prepared. Kids need coats, hats and gloves when it is cold and appropriate jackets for warmer days, as well as gym shoes for PE days.

If your child has needed a clothing change recently please return the borrowed clothing as soon as possible. Donations of elastic or draw string shorts / pants and slip on shoes (clogs or flip flops) are always welcome.

## **Attention Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

State Law requires that all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have the below listed vaccines prior to the start of the next school year. Please discuss this with your health care provider as soon as possible. Delay of this could lead to your child not being able to attend school next August.

- \* Tdap (Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)-1 dose
- \* MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate)- 1 dose
- \* Varicella (chicken pox) vaccines- 2 doses
- \* Hepatitis A -2 doses

Head lice is always a concern please continue to check your child's head on a regular basis. Please inform me or your child's teacher if lice is found so, we can check any other suspected children here at school.

## **Exclusion Orders- (Children should remain home for any of the conditions listed below).**

- Temp. greater than 100.0, not to return until 24 hours after fever has ended without the use of Tylenol or Motrin.
- Conjunctivitis if considered contagious
- Viral eye infection until treatment has begun, and not draining or weeping any further.
- Impetigo until treatment begins
- Scabies until treated
- If live bugs are found the student will be sent home.

If a child is found to have nits and the nits are ¼-1/2 inches from the scalp the student will not be sent home,

but the parents will be notified and responsible for removing the nits.

- **Vomiting or diarrhea with or without fever for 24 hours,**

(Children who are vomiting/or have diarrhea need to remain home until these symptoms have stopped, and 24 hours have past)

- Ringworm until treatment begins
- Undiagnosed rash if fever is present
- Chicken pox-exclusion until cleared by Dr.
- A positive culture for Strep-until 24 hours of appropriate treatment and without fever.

Continue to return any follow up information regarding vision and hearing referrals and I will update your child's health file.

Thanks, Charlotte Snodgrass R.N.  
317-758-4491 ext. 2103

# APRIL 2024

## Sheridan Elementary School

### BREAKFAST



**School Information:**  
School will resume on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>.  
April 19<sup>th</sup> SES students are in attendance.



**Nutrition Tip:** Make Fruit More Appealing. Make a fruit smoothie by blending fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt with fresh or frozen fruit. Try bananas, peaches, strawberries, or other berries.



#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

1  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

2  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

3  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

4  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

5  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

8  
**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS.**  
Eclipse day ☹️

9  
Welcome back 😊  
DONUTS, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

10  
MINI PANCAKES, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

11  
APPLE TEXAS TOAST, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

12  
DONUT HOLES, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

15  
DONUT STIX, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

16  
EGG AND CHEESE POCKET, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

17  
MINI WAFFLES, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

18  
STRAWBERRY MINI BAGEL, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

19  
**SES students are in attendance today.**  
PANCAKE WRAP, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

22  
CRUNCHMANIA, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

23  
APPLE FRUDEL, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

24  
MINI FRENCH TOAST, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

25  
CEREAL, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

26  
CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCH, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

29  
CINNABUN, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

30  
BREAKFAST PIZZA, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

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## Sheridan Elementary School

### LUNCH



**School Information:**  
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**April is National Garden Month.** Consider planting some seeds at home. You can start your seeds indoors in a small container (an empty cereal bowl from school would work well) and move them outside to a patio or garden plot when the weather allows.



#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

1  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

2  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

3  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

4  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

5  
SPRING BREAK ☹️

8  
**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS.**  
ECLIPSE DAY ☹️

9  
Welcome back 😊  
Chicken nuggets, French fries, baked beans, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk  
**OR** Sunbutter sandwich

10  
Smoked sausage, green beans, scalloped potatoes, cornbread, applesauce, milk

11  
Meatball sub, baked chips, romaine salad, sliced cucumbers, fresh fruit, milk

12  
Quesadilla, refried beans, Spanish rice, pepper strips, pineapple, milk

15  
Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet potato patty, great northern beans, celery sticks, mixed fruit, milk  
**OR** Chef salad

16  
Ravioli, romaine salad, grape tomatoes, wango mango juice, fresh fruit, milk

17  
Blackhawk bowl  
Chicken smackers, potatoes, corn, cheese, gravy, roll w/ butter, peaches, milk

18  
Walking taco, w/ lettuce, cheese, seasoned black beans, Mexi corn, pepper strips, fresh fruit milk

19  
**SES students are in attendance today.**  
Egg patty, sausage patty, cinnamon roll, hash brown, tomato juice, cooked apples, milk

22  
Corn dogs, baked beans, sweet potato fries, radishes, pineapple, milk  
**OR** turkey sandwich

23  
Fish shapes. Coleslaw, tater tots, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

24  
Chicken pot pie, w/ biscuit, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, milk

25  
Taco w/ lettuce & cheese, nacho chips w/ salsa, refried beans, fresh fruit, milk

26  
Pizza, baked chips, pasta salad, cherry tomatoes, tropical fruit, milk

29  
Chicken tenders, mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes, celery sticks, mixed fruit, milk  
**OR** sunbutter sandwich

30  
Hamburger, French fries, mixed veggies, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk

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# Spring Fling

**April 2, 2024**

**Family-friendly FREE event to kick off  
child abuse prevention month!**

Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds  
4:30 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

This is a rain-or-shine event  
Many activities will be indoors  
Registration **NOT** required but is encouraged  
**Register HERE**

**FREE FOOD  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FAMILY RESOURCES  
AND MORE!**

**WIN  
PRIZES!**



**Pinwheel Promises**  
of Hamilton County™

A Chartered Council of Prevent Child Abuse Indiana



# Keeping Our Students Safe in an Online World

A workshop to learn about digital tools related to your child's education and safety -- relevant for parents of children of all ages.

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**FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER MEGAN BANET  
SPONSORED BY THE INDIANA STATE POLICE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH**

Sheridan Elementary Cafeteria  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Beginning with a light meal

Please Click [HERE](#) to Register.





# Empowering Parents in the Digital Age

A workshop about digital tools related to your child's education focused on improving home-school communications. Relevant to parents of children of all ages. Presented by SCS teachers. There will be presentations for parents of elementary, middle, and high school parents.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA  
BEGINNING WITH A LIGHT MEAL**

Please Click [HERE](#) to Register.



April 22, 2024



# Planet Protectors Create Less Waste in the First Place!

A story about reuse on Earth

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Solid Waste and Emergency Response (5305W)  
EPA530-K-99-006  
September 1999  
[www.epa.gov/osw/kids.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osw/kids.htm)

## Choose to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

- Wash and reuse it as a drinking glass.
- Use it as a cookie cutter.
- Fill it with freshly picked flowers or use it to water them.
- Take it on your next fishing trip to carry live bait.
- Decorate it with your favorite things and use it to store pens and pencils.
- Display a prized marble collection.
- Use it to store leftovers.
- When you run out of jobs for your empty jars, recycle them.

## What On Earth Can You Do With An Old Jelly Jar?

Space creatures might think the idea of reusing containers is an alien concept but here on Earth it's easy to keep an old jar out of the trash and give it new life. Follow these tips to keep a jar in use and out of orbit. Or, take a trek around your home or school to find more ways to reuse old jars or other items.

Printed on paper that contains at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber.

# Contributing to a healthier planet is a walk in the park!

Here are simple ways to make every day Earth Day

## LOWER YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Bike or walk
- Carpool or take public transportation
- Choose an energy efficient vehicle
- Make fewer trips by grouping your errands
- Drive smart: go easy on the brakes and gas, use cruise control, and keep your car well-maintained

## REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE

- Reuse or repurpose containers, clothing and cloth grocery bags
- Give clothes a second life by donating or buying used
- Know what items your local recycling program collects, and what items are recyclable

## BE H<sub>2</sub>O SMART

- Repair leaky faucets and replace old equipment like toilets and dishwashers when possible.
- Turn off the water to brush teeth and shave
- Run full loads of laundry and dishes
- Collect rainwater to use in your garden

## FEED PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILLS

- Check your refrigerator, pantry, and freezer before shopping to avoid buying foods you don't need
- Plan your meals for the week before heading to the store
- Properly store fruits and vegetables so they last longer
- Befriend your freezer and leftovers

# RECYCLING:

## CONSIDER THESE NUMBERS



1

number of trees you can save by recycling a three-foot stack of newspaper.

3

hours you can power a TV with the electricity saved by recycling a single aluminum can.

4

hours you can power a lightbulb with the energy saved by recycling one glass bottle.

30

cubic yards of landfill space saved by recycling one ton of plastic.

46

gallons of oil saved by recycling one ton of cardboard.

1,000

years it takes for plastic to decompose in a landfill.

25,000

number of aluminum cans the average person in the United States goes through in a lifetime.

1,000,000

years needed for glass to degrade in a landfill.

28,000,000,000

bottles and jars that end up in trash cans every year in the United States.





# SUMMER BREAK

SUPPORT SUMMER MEALS  
FOR THE 30 YOUTH WE  
TRANSPORT TO THE BOYS  
AND GIRLS CLUB

*Donate Supplies  
from our*  
**amazon** *wishlist*

[Click Here](#)

SHERIDAN  
**youth**  
**Assistance**  
**PROGRAM**



SHERIDAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL KIT SALE

COMING SOON

Online orders will be accepted in May through mid-June for 2024-25 school year. Back to School Supply assistance will be available. Watch for details.



# Sheridan Community Schools

## Volunteer/Visitor Process

Sheridan Community Schools will now be requiring all volunteers and visitors to have a background check through Safe Visitor Solutions which will include an Arrest Alert.

### **Arrest Alert**

If a volunteer is arrested at any point after their background check has been submitted, an alert will be immediately marked in the SafeVisitor Portal and the volunteer's status will be switched from Approved to Pending and the individual will not be permitted to volunteer/visit until an investigation is concluded.

### **Cost**

The cost of the background check is currently \$15.95, however the cost of the arrest alert will be going up starting September 1, 2023. The base cost for a background check will now be \$32.45 beginning September 1, 2023. **This raise in cost is through the background check company and not due to a decision made by Sheridan Community schools.**

Background checks need to be submitted at least two weeks prior to visiting the school/event. There is a possibility that additional funds will be required for the background check as some counties throughout the United States require fees for court records. SafeVisitor Solutions will email you asking for the additional funds if necessary. The cost may vary from \$1 to \$99 per county. To pay the additional funds or to ask for additional information, you can call SafeVisitor Solutions toll-free number for assistance at (888)-215-8296.

### **VOLUNTEER/VISITOR STATUS DETERMINATION**

- No felony convictions
- No battery convictions
- No sexual offenses
- No crimes against children
- No misdemeanor convictions in the past 5 years
- 2 or more DUIs or alcohol related charges within the last 5 years
- No pending cases for disqualifying felony or misdemeanors
- No open warrants or arrests with pending adjudication

If a volunteer is not permitted to volunteer in our schools due to pending charges, at the time the pending charges are resolved, the volunteer's status will be re-evaluated.

A status determination appeal may be filed with the Superintendent's Office. A committee will examine the report and the initial determination and make final recommendations to the Superintendent concerning the volunteer's status. Please contact Leslie Price to request an appeal at [Lprice@sheridan.k12.in.us](mailto:Lprice@sheridan.k12.in.us)

If you wish to join our Blackhawk team as a volunteer/visitor, please follow the link below.

<https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/000111/vol>

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Apply today!



## become a mentor

Do you believe in Sheridan youth?  
Can you spend 4 hours a month for 1 year  
with a middle school student?

<http://youthassistance.org/become-a-mentor-sheridan>

or call/text 317-647-5063

### 2023/2024

#### School Reminder

7:45 a.m. Student drop off

8:05 a.m. class time begins

8:05 a.m. Breakfast served in classrooms

#### Dismissal times

Group A 2:33 p.m. (last name beginning with A-J)

Group C 2:43 p.m. (last name beginning with K-Z)

2:43 p.m. load buses

2:48 p.m. buses leave

### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Our emergency notification and text alert system is SchoolMessenger. There's nothing to sign up for, as it links directly to our student management system (PowerSchool) so that all parent/guardian information is automatically registered to receive our text and email alerts. If you've had a cell phone number or email change, please make sure the office has your current information. To make sure you've opted-in to give us permission to send texts to you, simply text the word "Yes" to the number 67587 on your cell phone.

Are you a social media user: Like us on Facebook (sheridanschools), follow us on Instagram (sheridanschools) and Twitter (@sheridanschool1).

### Recess Guidelines

Wind chill below 10 degrees  
= indoor recess

Wind chill between 11-15  
degrees  
= shortened outdoor recess

Wind chill 16 degrees and  
above  
= full outdoor recess

**Please send students ready  
to enjoy recess comfortably.**



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## Community for Autism at Sheridan School

C.A.S.S. has been formed to assist students with Autism function throughout the school day. We are a support group to assist teacher, staff and parents in the Sheridan Community School District. We help students who have been diagnosed with Autism succeed in school. This is done through observation of students, suggestions to teachers, and curriculum ideas. For more information, please visit our link under the “Services” tab on the S.C.S. website



Director of Special Education—Lacey Truex

Elementary—Jennifer Gonzalez, Cathy Doyle

Middle School—Molly Heil

High School—Amber Vanhorn

Related Services—Abigail Lefler

### EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT TEAM

Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center

420 W. North Street Arcadia, IN 46030

Phone: 317-984-1653

If you have a child that is 2 years old and showing signs of a delay in speech or behavior, please contact the above team for an evaluation. If your child qualifies, we start services for your son or daughter at age 3. Services range from daily preschool, to speech services one time a week. Please feel free to contact the above team for assistance. Early intervention is the key to a successful time in school. Learn more about the ECAT team at their website: [www.hbmcoop.org](http://www.hbmcoop.org)

[Click on the Early Childhood link.](#)

