



SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER (Biweekly)

May 13, 2024

Greetings SES School Family,

Exciting news as we enter our final weeks of school. Mrs. Dawn Davis, Interim Director of Special Education has started working with SES in getting to know our students, teachers and families. She will be joining us on July 1st in this role as a permanent position. We welcome Dawn here to serve our Special Education department, with the many years of experience she brings. She will be a wonderful asset to our team, as she leads her department in creating and maintaining protocols that provide success for all students.

Over the next two weeks, students in grades three through six will be participating in Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC). These end-of-the-year assessments provide a road map for our educators in better understanding the teaching and learning for our students. It also provides an opportunity to see a snapshot of each child's understanding of real world critical-thinking and problem solving skills. We appreciate your child coming to school well rested and ready to learn.

PRESCHOOL: SES is NOW enrolling preschool and kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 academic year. Preschool is a tuition-based program subsidized by a *School Readiness grant* program. We welcome any family interested, to reach out to enroll in our preschool program. We do offer full-time, but part-time could be a possibility as well. We are also open to out-of-towners in preschool if you have interested friends.

Warmest May Wishes,
Ann Knowles, Principal

SES NEW WEBSITE:
www.scotlandes.org



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Gr. 3-6 SBAC Testing here at SES through Friday, May 24th

Friday, May 17th

- 6 PM PTO 3rd Annual BINGO in Cafe

Monday, May 20th

- 9 AM Scotland Public Library visit preschool/K

Wednesday, May 22nd

- PHHS Parent Night for 6th graders

Friday, May 24th 1:00 PM Dismissal Holiday weekend

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day NO SCHOOL



Tuesday, May 28th

- Gr. K – 4 Loos Center for the Arts Musical
- 6:30 PM School Readiness Council Meeting Zoom

Thursday, May 30th

- Field Trip Gr. 6 High Meadow

Friday, May 31st

- Field Trip Preschool – 1st Gr. to Roger Williams Zoo

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, June 4th

- 2 PM Music Showcase with Chorus - Open to public
- 3:15 PM PTO Meeting in Café
- 7:00 PM BOE Meeting in library

Wednesday, June 5th

- Gr. K-4 Charlotte's Web at Loos Ctr. For Arts
- Gr. 5 & 6 Field Trip Adventure Park

Friday, June 7th Field Day

Wednesday, June 12th 1:00 PM Dismissal

- 5:45 PM 6th Grade & Kindergarten Step-Up Celebration

Thursday, June 13th Last Day of School 1:00 PM Dismissal

HEALTH OFFICE

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.

PTO NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

At 3:15 PM Café



Our prekindergarten & kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025

academic year is here.

We remind all families to contact the front office, Mrs. Deb Wright directly at: (dwright@scotlandes.org)

to make sure that any preschool age children that will be enrolling for the fall be included in our new enrollment.

ENROLL NOW!

Preschool & Kindergarten
Registration



SBAC TESTING Grades 3-6

Make sure your child is well rested on test days. Our testing window is between Mon., May 13th - Fri., May 24th.

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SLEEP CHART FOR KIDS

AGE	Recommended	May be appropriate	Not recommended
New borns 0-3 months	14-17 hours	11-13 hours 18-19 hours	Less than 11 hours More than 19 hours
Infants 4-11 months	12-15 hours	10-11 hours 16-18 hours	Less than 10 hours More than 18 hours
Toddlers 1-2 years	11-14 hours	9-10 hours 15-16 hours	Less than 9 hours More than 16 hours
Preschoolers 3-5 years	10-13 hours	8-9 hours 12 hours	Less than 8 hours More than 14 hours
School-Aged 6-13 years	9-11 hours	7-8 hours 12 hours	Less than 7 hours More than 12 hours
Teenagers 14-17 years	8-10 hours	7 hours 11 hours	Less than 7 hours More than 11 hours
Young Adults 18-25 years	7-9 hours	6 hours 10-11 hours	Less than 6 hours More than 11 hours

Directly linked to college readiness



The new tests are intended to measure whether students are on track to be college-ready.

Higher Bar = More Challenging



The test is based on the Common Core state standards, which raised the bar for what students need to know at each grade level. The tests are harder, but give you a much better picture of whether kids are really prepared.

Less multiple choice → More real-world problem-solving



Many questions on the new test have students apply what they know to more complicated problems with multiple steps.

Computer-based and adaptive



While the old tests were taken with paper and pencil, now students take the entire test on computers. It's adaptive which means that during the test, the questions will get harder if a student is doing well, or easier if they appear to be struggling.

