



SCOTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER (Biweekly)

November 17, 2023

Dear SES School Family,



As we prepare for our Thanksgiving Break this upcoming week, it is a good time to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. I know I am thankful for all the proactive people who work and volunteer to make SES such a great place for our students.

Every day, our teachers, staff, parents, grandparents, and community members find ways to support our students to be the best version of themselves. Not only do they help students learn, but we also provide a safe, nurturing place for them to grow.

SES is much more than a school. When I visit classrooms, I see teachers and staff working with students on skills for success. I am thankful for creative educators who look for ways to motivate and excite our students. I am thankful that SES continues every day to cultivate an open and positive school climate.

Every day, I marvel at the incredible devotion of our educators and their unique ability to teach and inspire our children. Every day, I celebrate the amazing support of our families.

Our school community should be celebrating that together, we are providing support for all, in order to provide excellence here at SES. As we move through this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful to be a part of SES. I believe that the success of our school is built on a foundation of mutual respect and inclusiveness. SES is committed to continuing this focus and supporting our families during the school day and beyond.

During this time of giving thanks, I want to share my gratitude and thank you for being such an important part of our children's lives. This is a wonderful time of the year to get together with friends and family, to celebrate and be thankful for all the wonderful people in our lives. On behalf of the SES staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support, and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Much thankfulness,
 Ann Knowles, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, November 21st All Students at School
HARVEST FESTIVAL for all grades

Wed., Nov. 22nd – Fri., Nov. 24th
NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break



Monday, November 27th

- Return to school
- Holiday Food Drive begins

Tuesday, November 28th 6:30 PM
School Readiness Council via Zoom

Sunday, December 3rd Scotland Town Green
TREE LIGHTING

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th
Polar Pals Shopping fun store 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

Monday, January 1st
Happy New Year 2024

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

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





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 [sst.rock@scotlandes.org](mailto:ssr.rock@scotlandes.org).
Be well,
Nurse Sharon

REMINDERS:

- Keep your child home when sick and please call or email ([sst.rock@scotlandes.org](mailto: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 (aknowles@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, DECEMBER 5th

at 3:15 PM Café

*We have future events
planned and we need
your help!*



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



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Each Grade Pumpkin Decorating



SES LEAVES OF THANKFULNESS