



Joseph D. Sharp Elementary

March 2016 EDITION BULLDOG



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28	29	1 • Class Picture Day-5th grade • Kindergarten Registration	2 Attitude Assembly	3 • Bertucci's Night • Class Picture Day-K~4th	4 School Out - Teacher In-Service	5	
6	7 PTAGeneral 7pm	8 4th Grade Daughter and Parent Night 7PM	9	10 5th Grade Son and Parent Night 7PM	11 5th Grade vs. Parents Basketball Game	12 Sharp Basketball End of Season Party	
13	14	15	16 Recorder Concert 7pm	17	18 TALENT SHOW 6pm	19	
20	21					25	26
27	28 Happily Ever After Assembly	29	30	31	1	2	

Event Detail:

- Mar. 2 Attitude Assembly Creativity and Curiosity by Ms. Sleeth's and Ms. Gilbert's classes
- Mar. 3 Bertucci's Thursday, March 3, 2016. You must present the flyer!!(Page 6)
- Mar. 8 4th Grade Daughter and Parent Night with Nurse Shapiro Goldman at 7 PM
- Mar. 10 5th Grade Son and Parent Night with Nurse Shapiro Goldman at 7 PM
- Mar. 11 5th Grade Students vs. 5th Grade Parents Basketball Game (March 12 – Sharp Basketball End of Season Party)
- Mar. 16 Recorder Concert 7 PM
- Mar. 18 Talent Show 6pm / Report Cards Issued
- Mar. 28 Happily Ever After Assembly

Additional Dates:

- Bulldog articles for next month are due to [Christy Kam](#) by Friday, March 18 via email at sochristy@hotmail.com
- April 1 Movie Night in APR 7pm
- April 5 Friendly's 5pm
- April 8 Volley for Support
- April 17 Phillies Night
- April 29 Adult Fundraiser 6pm

5th Grade Students VS. 5th Grade Parents Basketball Game





“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin

Dear SHARP Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

What a great meeting we had in February, the best PTA meeting I have had the pleasure to attend. We approved By-Laws with a spirited debate, allocated dollars for technology and basketball, engaged our NJPTA representatives on the topics of Advocacy and PTA structure, and learned more about PARCC from Mr. Mis-cioscia. We also ran out of time. I am energized and excited about our upcoming PTA meeting and I hope you will not miss it. Here are the top 5 reasons to attend:

1. Dr. Meloche (Superintendent – Cherry Hill Public Schools) will be joining us for a District update and Q&A. If you have specific questions to address that you want to make sure he gets to, please email me beforehand.
2. Eleanor Stofman (President – Cherry Hill Education Foundation) will be joining us for a Foundation update and Q&A.
3. We will be voting on several funding allocations – sure to move Sharp forward.
4. Natalie will present an enlightening “Where Your PTA Dollars Go” Treasurer report.
5. I will be taking requests for songs and dance numbers. And I have been practicing.

Mark your March calendar for:

Bertucci's – March 3
PTA General Meeting – March 7 (Our final meeting before elections)
3rd Grade Recorder Concert – March 16
Talent Show – March 18 (We NEED several more volunteers)
Happily Eve0r After Assembly – March 28
**** Remember that March 4, 21-25 School is closed ****

If you would like to get MORE involved, there are LOTS of opportunities and I would love to talk to you about it. And, as always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, feel free to email or call me anytime.

Warm Regards,
Ben Oadia
President, SHARP PTA
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A message from your PTA...

Bertucci's Night - Sharp Bertucci's night is happening Thursday, March 3, 2016. You must present the flyer so Sharp can get credit.

PTA Meeting-Save the Date!

Our next PTA meeting is happening on **Monday, March 7th**. Dr. Meloche (Superintendent – Cherry Hill Public Schools) will be joining us for a District update and Q&A. Also Eleanor Stofman (President – Cherry Hill Education Foundation) will be joining us for a Foundation update and Q&A.

Volunteer Opportunities

Talent Show-We are looking for more volunteers to help out at our **Talent Show on March 18th**. If you are interested in helping out please email Ben Oadia Ben1721@aol.com

SchoolKidz-We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator to oversee the SchoolKidz program for the 2016-17 school year. Work on collecting lists and coordinating with school administration will begin immediately. For more information or to volunteer please contact **Alpa Shah at 3386482mom@gmail.com**

KidStuff Book - We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator to oversee the KidStuff coupon book distribution and sales tracking for 2016-17 school year. For more information or to volunteer please contact **Alpa Shah at 3386482mom@gmail.com**



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Dear Sharp Community:

The important process of compiling class lists begins in the month of April. Ideally, students are combined into a group that allows for maximum academic and social development for each child. Children are placed to achieve a balance regarding gender, ethnicity, number of students at the grade level, and diversity in both academic and social development. As in all decision-making processes that occur in our building, I will continue to focus on one thought – “What is in the best interest of each student?”

As a first step in the process, teachers meet with their grade level colleagues to review all students and make preliminary recommendations regarding placements for the coming year. Considerations that teachers factor into their decision include knowledge of each child’s demonstrated learning preferences, identification of which children work well together and who may benefit from being in separate classes, and the developmental level that each child has reached during the year. Preliminary class lists are reviewed by various members of our staff including the next year’s grade level teachers, the Literacy Teacher Coach, guidance counselor, if applicable the Child Study Team and resource teachers, and me for possible adjustments. As a final step, I designate a teacher for each class. In making the decision to match a class list to a teacher, each teacher’s instructional repertoire and management style is considered. Each teacher’s prior experience with siblings is also considered on an individual basis.

Finally, it is most important to state that requests for specific teachers will not be taken by our staff or me. I feel confident that Sharp has an outstanding cohesive teaching staff that continually adheres to working in the best interest of students. A guaranteed and viable curriculum articulated by collaborative grade-level teachers is reliable at Sharp School. Therefore, you can rest assured that your child will receive the same educational program regardless of his or her teacher assignment. In addition, as an application of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) Initiative, grade-level teachers take responsibility for all students on their grade-level. As the person that is entrusted with both personnel decisions and student placement, I sincerely hope that you place your confidence in me to orchestrate this process.

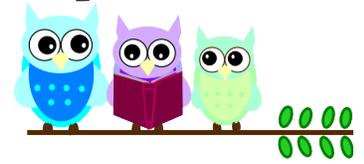
It continues to be a wonderful year of learning, personal connections, and growth. I thank you for your continued support of all of our Sharp students. Best wishes for continued success through the remainder of the school year!



Sincerely,
Ric Miscioscia
Ric Miscioscia, Principal



Library News from Mrs. Laskey



I really love the winter months in school. It seems as though everyone is comfortable in their routine and learning just seems to occur naturally.

Grade 5 students are becoming experts in creating Powerpoints as they used library time and technology to prepare a winter book report. What a great way to showcase their skills and complete a writing project at the same time. Thanks to the Fifth Grade TAG students and others who served as Table Captains to help others. Many new sports books were purchased as a result of the Fall Book Fair and the fifth graders enjoyed checking out the new books. Fourth graders complete units on atlases, both print and online. They are probably ready to help plan the next family trip!



room instruction. Kindergarten students are picking books every week to share with family and friends. They are excited about becoming readers.

This month, I thank Andrew Langmuir who donated a book Hurricane Katrina to the library. He picked out this book from the Fall Book Fair. The book is full of amazing photographs. Nicholas Keller also donated a book from the Book Fair, Nature Attacks. There are some fierce looking creatures out there. Thanks for that great book, Nicholas.

The Edwards family donated MANY popular titles, including lots of Star Wars books of all levels. With the success of the movie, you can imagine how these gently used books fly off the shelves and into kid's backpacks. The Hart family gave a HUGE box of brand new books to the library. What a great gift to the entire Sharp community!



Third graders completed the Thinking Hats unit, which introduced them to the concepts of thinking about problems and issues from a number of different perspectives. We all enjoyed coming up with ideas for broken hockey sticks. I bet we see some Sharp students on future episodes of Shark Tank. They had very creative responses! Third graders also received a special visit from a librarian at the Cherry Hill public library. Mrs. Shields came to talk to us about the Caldecott award. It is always fun to see if our choice matches the actual winner.



My fabulous volunteers come in week after week to make library a terrific experience for all the kids. They are the most devoted bunch of people I know. They are always willing to find a book, check them out, put them away and even put on a Band-Aid if the situation calls for one. I am delighted to see them every week.

We look forward to warmer weather around the corner, spring break and lots of great opportunities to read and grow every day. I am lucky to be able to come to work at Sharp each day and see your children and you! Happy Spring!

Second graders continue to enjoy seasonal books as well as those that focus on informational text. We love Gail Gibbons books. It seems like they are too pretty to be considered non-fiction. First graders also enjoy seasonal books and books associated with units studied in class. It is a super way to connect library learning with class-

Mrs. Laskey
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We need to talk.

Puberty!



Reminders!!!

4th grade Parent/Daughter Night - Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Library

5th grade Parent/Son Night - Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Library

From the Office of Marci Shapiro Goldman,
School Nurse

Support Your Sharp School PTA!



Do you have an Eat Well, Do Well Card? This free card—when properly linked to Joseph D. Sharp School—will

enable the Silver Diner to donate money back to our school every time you have it swiped when paying for your meal. Please refer to the following web link for more information: <https://www.silverdiner.com/eatwelldowell/join>



Calling all bakers...

If you'd like to bake a dessert to be sold at our *Talent Show on Friday, March 18th*, please email Colleen Abronski (abronski444@gmail.com).

Food sales at the Talent Show are a great way to support your school whether you are baking, buying dinner/treats or both!

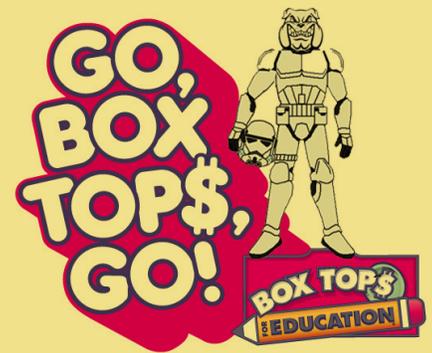
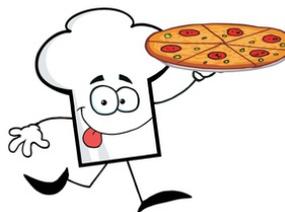


No time to make dinner before the Talent Show on Friday, March 18th?

No worries! You can pre-order pizza slices/pies and hoagies (the rolls are baked-to-order), and your dinner will be waiting for you!

You pick the time you want your dinner—before the show or at intermission.

The Talent Show Pizza + Hoagie forms will come home with your child shortly. **Just complete and return the form with payment in an envelope marked "Talent Show Food Order."**

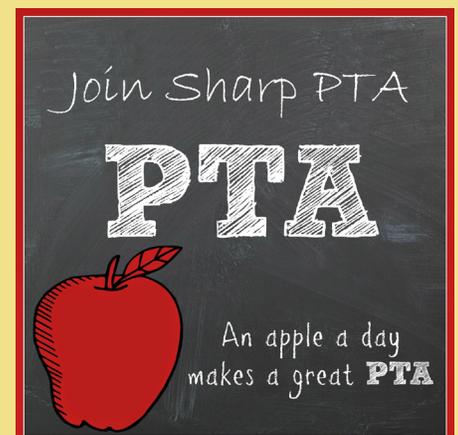


Thank the following people for their help with

the **BOX TOPS** contest!

Thank you to *Mary Bove* for organizing the entire effort, *Rob Bove and Tammy Raden* for help with the display case and *Dannielle Carter* for help with assembly.

Thank You!



Thank you for supporting the Sharp School PTA!

9 Steps to Planning a Healthy Spring Break for You & Your Kids!

Over the next few weeks, the majority of school-aged children will go on spring break. If your family vacation involves travel, chances are it will include junky resort food, germ-y hotel rooms, and plenty of opportunities to visit a local doctor. To avoid the latter, here are some simple tips to keep the whole family healthy on vacation.



1. Boost immune systems prior to travel by eating well and getting enough sleep.

2. Wash hands, wash hands, wash hands. Pack germ-killing wipes and sprays for when you can't and don't be shy about using them. You're not the first person to wipe down an airplane seat back tray table! Just make sure to avoid products containing triclosan, a toxic antibacterial agent.

3. Keep your (clean) hands to yourself and tell the kids not to put theirs in their mouths. Planes, trains, and rental cars can harbor germs. So can multi-use items like complimentary magazines, pillows, and blankets.

4. Drink copious amounts of water. Airplane air is as dry as can be. Hydration is important.

5. Bring healthy travel snacks in an effort to avoid sugar highs and crashes when better choices are unavailable. If you haven't packed any, look for items with the fewest ingredients you can find—preferably ones you know and can pronounce!

6. Consider renting an apartment with a kitchen instead of a staying at an all-inclusive hotel. This way you can shop locally and make healthy meals. Bonus: there might even be a blender for cocktails!

7. There are some nasty flu strains as well as stomach viruses going around. Take 10 minutes before heading to the beach to give your hotel room a clean sweep. Studies show the least hygienic spots are the TV remote, bathroom faucets, and the bedspread (stash it in a drawer). Wiping down switches, phones, and knobs can further reduce exposure to germs.

8. Going somewhere warm? Practice safe sun with our sunscreen tips and the Environmental Working Group's sunscreen recommendations.

9. Swim safe, too. Many pools are over-chlorinated. Indoor pools have especially high concentrations of vapors in the air as they lack ventilation. Try not to let the kids turn into mermaids.

What are your favorite spring break tips?

Bertucci's
LOCAL

Dining for Dollars

When you present this flyer
15% of what you spend
will be donated back to
Sharp Elementary PTA

Thursday, March 3rd, 11 am - 10 pm
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery

Bertucci's of Marlton - 515 North Route 73, Marlton, NJ 08053 Ph:856-988-8070

SHARP SCHOOL'S 7th ANNUAL DAY AT THE



SUNDAY APRIL 17 at 1:35pm
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES vs WASHINGTON NATIONALS

\$23.00 PER TICKET

Section 310

NO PURCHASE LIMIT

TICKET SALES ARE 3/1-3/11 ONLY!

SUNDAY APRIL 17 at 1:35pm
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES vs WASHINGTON NATIONALS

\$23.00 PER TICKET

Section 310

NO PURCHASE LIMIT

TICKET SALES ARE 3/1-3/11 ONLY!

TICKETS ARE SOLD ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

DON'T MISS OUT...WE ALWAYS SELL OUT!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE PERMITTED
BUT SHOULD REMAIN SEALED UNTIL AFTER ENTERING THE STADIUM.

Any questions, please email Kristen Viglietta kristenviglietta@gmail.com

Please return the bottom portion with payment in a sealed envelope to: Attn: Kristen Viglietta,
PTA Phillies Day

SHARP SCHOOL PHILLIES DAY

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

EMAIL(for confirmation of tickets): _____

OF TICKETS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED(checks made payable to: Sharp Elementary PTA):\$ _____