

DECEMBER

**Symmes Elementary School**

**Shark Bites**

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A Hillsborough County Public School


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**Student Hours:**  
M 7:40–12:55, T-TH 7:40–1:55  
**To report your child's absence:**  
Please call 740-4182 press 1 and leave a message.

**Upcoming Events**  
**November 30**  
• Progress Alerts Sent Home  
**December 9**  
• Beef O Brady's Spirit Night  
**December 21–January 1**  
• Winter Break  
**January 4**  
• Students Return  
**January 11**  
• SAC Meeting 5:30pm  
• PTA Meeting 6:30pm  
**January 14**  
• End of 2nd Marking Period  
**January 15**  
• No School/Non Student Day  
**January 18**  
• No School

Shark Families,  
December is here and the end of our 1st semester is quickly approaching. We will be completing our mid year Iready assessments in reading and math for 3rd–5th grade this week and for grades K-2nd when we return in January. This will allow us to measure the growth of our students academically. Teachers meet monthly to do data digs to look for trends, areas of strength and areas of focus. They then use that information to plan for lessons moving forward. If you have questions regarding your students' progress please reach out to their teacher. All students should have received a mid term progress alert at this point in the 9 weeks.  
Thank you to everyone who supported our virtual Fun Run this year. We raised \$16,401.00 for our school. Our top ten fundraisers were **1. Lila Rhoads, 2. Diane Tomlinson, 3. Aniyah Morgan, 4. Hayley Chalut, 5. Mackenzie Chalut, 6. Peighton Bluiitt Barnes, 7. Alexander Harrod, 8. Bruce Williams, 9. Chloe Connolly, 10. Cayden Ortiz.** The total raised from our top ten was \$6, 526.00. They will enjoy lunch with the Principal! They will also get to help dress up Ms. Fuentes and I in crazy clothes for a day. We will meet with faculty to decide how to spend the funds raised this year.  
I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. 2020 has been a challenging year for all, but we as a shark family have made it through together! My hope is 2021 brings everyone good health and happiness.

Anna Rothenbush  
Principal




**Spirit Night**  
To Support our PBIS Program  
December 9th  
5pm-7pm

**889 E Bloomingdale Ave**  
**Brandon, FL 33511**



Please make sure to label your child's clothing now that it's getting cooler.



**Dress Up Days**  
Our Staff is having some holiday fun and students may join in!  
12/8–Wear Your Sparkle  
12/9–Wear Your Favorite Holiday T-Shirt  
12/10–Wear a Santa Shirt, Hat or Red and White  
12/17–Pajama Day  
(Must be school appropriate and students must wear shoes)  
**NO SLIPPERS**



# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ELP	3 ELP	4	5
6	7 PTA Holiday Shoppe Ends	8 Wear Your Holiday Sparkle!	9 ELP Wear Favorite Holiday Tshirt  Beef O Brady's Spirit Night 5-7pm	10 ELP Wear a Santa Shirt, Hat or Red & White	11 Raise the Flag—Wear Red/Bucs Gear	12
13	14 PTA Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17 Wear PJ's Day	18	19
	Jingle Bell Jog					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Winter Break					
27	28	29	30	31		
	Winter Break					

## Upcoming Events

- January 4—Students Return to School
- January 11—SAC Meeting 5:30/PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- January 14—End of 2nd Marking Period
- January 15—No School/Non Student Day
- January 18—No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 12—No School/Non Student Day
- February 15—No School/Non Student Day
- March 8—No School/Non Student Day



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