Dear Parents,

Attendance is a key component for our school to achieve its very best. Each day a new concept is taught or reviewed in all core subject areas in both brick and mortar and elearning classes. We know if our children are present and learning daily, they will be ready for the FSA assessments. The dates for these assessments are: Grade 4 & 5 FSA Writing – April 6, Grade 3 FSA Reading – April 6-7th, Grade 4-5 Reading-May 3-4th, and Grade 3-5 FSA Math-May 5-6th, Grade 5 FCAT Science – May 12-13th.

There are many ways you can give back to your school. Many families were able to support our recent pizza fundraiser. Another way to support Schmidt is picture sales. A portion of the cost is given back to the school. **Group pictures will be taken on February 2nd.** Last year we were able to purchase additional computers so that we are currently 1-to-1 and all students are assigned a laptop.

We are a uniform school at Schmidt Elementary. Please remember that our uniform consists of a white, red or navy top and khaki, dark blue or jeans bottom. Friday is school spirit shirt day. Your child earns Sailor Sea Dollar when they are in uniform. **Your child is coming to work dressed for success when in uniform.**

Thanking you in advance for your support and involvement in your child’s education.

**Jan Kelly**, Principal
Hello Schmidt Sailors,

SLAM projects are due the first week in February. Thank you to all students that put such hard work into these projects. We will display them in the library for our showcase and have judges choose winners to go to our virtual district showcase in April.

I have extended the deadline of the reading challenges. The First and Second Grade Challenge is due March 5, and the 10 Book Challenge for grades 3-5 is due April 2. This challenge is available to all students. It is on Canvas and can be picked up in the library.

Coming up in February:

- Black History Month activities, displays, and projects
- Schmidt SLAM Showcase
- Library Check-out in the library for on-site students
- Book Club begins for 4th and 5th grade

ELearners – we still put the cart out every Friday if you have any books at home to return. If you want to check books at, make sure you put them on hold by Thursday night. See the Schmidt Media Center page on Canvas for more information.

Mrs. Lugo
erin.lugo@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

Below are some of the activities that students will be participating in during the month of February:

* Morning show highlights
* Every Tuesday, Student Biography Read Alouds on the morning show.
* Every Thursday, Book Read Alouds written about Black History and Culture.
* Virtual Field Trip to African American Museum in DC.
* Book Display/Activities in the Media Center: Spotlight of Influential Black Leaders.
* MyOn Black History Project.
* Door decorating contest.

Thank you in advance for your support and helping us celebrate Black History Month!

Best Regards,
Raiza Sepulveda
Now that the weather is colder please send your child with warm clothes. Most days we will be outside and even though we are moving around extra warmth is always a good thing. Our next lessons will cover throwing. We will practice all the throwing skills including: underhand, overhand, and even Frisbees. It would be great if you could find some time to work on some of these basic skills at home with your child. You can practice with any type of ball you might have.

If you have any questions feel free to email me at (Jeremy.Voulgarakis@sdhc.k12.fl.us)
A Helping Hand From Our Social Worker

Information
Von Miller’s Super Bowl Vision Day

Former Super Bowl MVP Von Miller is hosting his annual Super Bowl Vision Day program on February 6th at Bell Shoals Church located at 2102 Bell Shoals Road Brandon, FL from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is offering free optometry services and prescription glasses to students in need.

The appointment scheduling webpage https://tinyurl.com/y4z6zkyy will be open until the Friday before the event or until all available spots are filled.

Please see above the opportunity for students without insurance or Medicaid to receive free vision exams and glasses if needed on Saturday, 2/6/21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bell Shoals Baptist Church, 2012, Bell Shoals Rd., Brandon, 33511. Please see the link above for registration. Call 813-272-4048 with any questions.

Cindy K. Sampson, Ph.D., LCSW
School Social Worker
Schmidt Elementary, Monday- Friday 813-651-2110, ext.226, RT.6
"Preparing Students for Life"

VISITOR PROCEDURES
Please note at this time there will be no visitor’s allowed on campus due to COVID. This is for the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your help with this, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

IMPORTANT INFO
Have you recently moved, changed your phone number/email? If so, please contact the office so we can update information on your student’s emergency card. You may email us at:
Kathiejo.gavin@sdhc.k12.fl.us or kayla.dupuis-kerrick@sdhc.k12.fl.us

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