

# Shelledy Newsletter

## September, 2018

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*Mission Statement: We do our BEST together! Hacemos nuestro mayor esfuerzo juntos*



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### Upcoming Dates:

PTO Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 11 – 5:30 – Library  
Carnival – Friday, September 14 - Playground  
School Advisory Council - Monday, Sept. 24 – 6:00 PM - Library  
Picture Day – Friday, Sept. 28

### Focus on Learning:

#### School Advisory Council (SAC)

We will hold our first SAC meeting on Monday, September 24 at 6:00 PM in the Library. Our agenda will include the following items:

1. Introductions and Planning
2. Mill and Bond Upgrades
3. Share and Review School Budget
4. D51 Learning Model - Outcomes and Planning

Veronica Daehn Harvey will continue to be our chairperson. Any interested parents and community members are always welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

#### Ways to Share our Work

Our staff is always hard at work to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. We want to encourage you to be a partner in this learning and work by engaging in conversations with your child about their day. One way we are sharing and supporting you with conversation starters is by posting weekly events and/or thoughts on our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/d51schools.org/>.

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### Focus on Safety:



#### Security Vestibule

If you have visited Shelledy Elementary recently, you will have seen our new Security Vestibule that was funded from Mill and Bond monies. When arriving at Shelledy, after signing in to our computer system, you will be "buzzed" into the school by one of our front office secretaries. Safety is extremely important to us and this is one more added addition to our safety plan.

#### Before School Safety

We have staff assigned to playground supervision starting at **8:35 AM** each morning. Children should not be on school grounds before this time as there is no adult supervision.

#### Hand Sanitizer



We have seen quite a few students with hand sanitizer products in their lunch boxes or clipped to their backpacks. Please be advised that students should not carry hand sanitizer in their pockets, backpacks or lunch boxes. We highly encourage students to wash their hands several times a day.

We appreciate your support of this safety effort and ask that you do not send any hand sanitizer products with your children.

#### Drills



On August 17 and August 21 we held our first two fire drills. Having conversations with your child(ren) about these drills will help reinforce the importance as well as decrease the level of anxiety. In

addition, to support reducing the anxiety, all fire drills will be announced this year.

We will have our first Lock Down drill before the end of this semester. Our first drill will be a Shelter-in-Place drill. During this drill we pull all students and staff into the building, continue our learning but ensure that students and staff remain in classrooms and in the building. Having this type of drill first, will allow students to get used to the idea of a lockdown and prepare them for our Lock Down later in the year.

### **Attention All Dog and Cat Owners**

Our district **prohibits** any dogs or cats on school grounds (except service animals). Many of you have been taking advantage of the warm weather and bringing your furry friends along with you to school. Our policy includes pets walking to and from school. Basically, they should not be on school grounds unless confined within a vehicle. As most of you know, I am an animal lover and enjoy seeing all of your pets; however, we need to follow the required State Health Departments guidelines ('Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado', Regulation 3-402) and Board Policy IMC-R (Animals on School Premises).



### **Safety and Flow of Traffic in Our Parking Lot**

To keep students safe, help with the flow of cars and prevent staff and parents from being blocked in, we have the following expectations:



- Parents picking up kindergarten students and their siblings will pull alongside the curb closest to the playground. Kindergartners and their siblings will be brought to your vehicle.
- Parents picking up blended - fifth grade students will pull along next to the kindergarten pick up line.
- A staff member will call the students by radio to have other staff escort them to their vehicles.

As a reminder, we do have staff members serving as cross walk guards to assist students/families in crossing the street. Many families utilize these guards and stop along the curb to let children out to cross at the cross walks. We also have a large number of bike and scooter riders that support the flow of our traffic- rain and snow will add to the number of vehicles - keep this in mind.

We are always thinking of ways to keep your children safe and we appreciate your patience as well as your support in following these guidelines.

### **School Messenger**

If you would like to "opt in" to text notifications from District 51, please text "yes" to 67587.

### **Reminders from the Office**

#### **Online Registration**

Instead of sending home massive amounts of paperwork for families to fill out, D51 has created an online registration system that is quick and easy. If you have not yet registered your students online, please go to the following link to complete. [https://www.d51schools.org/for\\_parents/enrollment\\_and\\_registration](https://www.d51schools.org/for_parents/enrollment_and_registration)

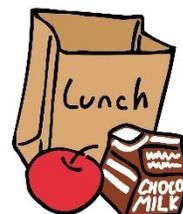
#### **Class Fees**

Just a friendly reminder to pay your class fees to the front office if you haven't already done so. Thanks to everyone who has already supported student activities and supplies by paying the \$25.00 fee.

#### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications**

It is highly encouraged that everyone to fill out an application or Free and Reduced Lunch. You are not required to utilize the program but it does assist in our school receiving federal dollars to support our students.

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>



## Focus on Our Community:

### PTO News

PTO Meeting Tuesday, September 11th - Join us at 5:30 PM in the Shelledy library. All Shelledy parents and guardians are invited to attend. A pizza dinner and childcare with a craft will be provided. Future meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. No meeting in January.



Box Top Reminder - Don't forget to clip and return those box tops! As a friendly reminder, please do not return expired or incomplete box tops. The class with the largest total at the end of December will receive a pizza party.



PTO Fall Carnival - Our Fall Carnival will be on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the food booth and the game stations. Please use the following link to sign up as we cannot be successful without the parent support <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ca9ab2ea2f85-carnival>



If you would like more information, please ask!  
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### Counselors Corner

We have an exciting change in the counseling office this year. Ms. Oberer has retired, and Ms. Jill will be taking over the School Counseling Program here at Shelledy full time!

A few words from Ms. Jill...

I'll be teaching guidance lessons in all our classrooms (preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) again this year. I'll be using classroom lessons to augment the MindUp, Habits of Mind, and Growth Mindset work we've been doing as a building over the past several years. If you're interested in previewing or learning more about MindUp, please contact me for more information. I'll continue teaching the Riding the Waves program in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. This program is also available for your review. Please contact me if you're interested in learning more about Riding the Waves.

Peer mediation services will be available to all students through the counseling office. Students are always welcome to drop in to visit, or eat lunch with me (these activities are not considered "counseling" and do not require parental consent).

Small groups will be starting over the course of the next month. (Student participation in formal small group activities requires parental consent.) Any student may come to the counseling office to speak informally with me, about an issue that is bothering them, once or twice. If I need to meet with a student more than once or twice on an individual basis, about a specific concern, I will contact parents/guardians or send home a consent form.

If your child received small group or individual counseling services last year and you want these services to continue you will need to fill out new consent forms for the 2018-2019 school year. **(Please understand, school based small groups and individual counseling services are not a substitute for community based mental health services. Our focus as school counselors is on supporting students' academic and social success in the school setting. I am happy to provide referrals to community based services on request.)**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the counseling program. I can be reached at 254-6460.

Sincerely,

Jill Lloyd