



# February 2023

## Home-School Connection

### Dates to Remember

Feb. 1-28 Read for Ronald McDonald House  
Feb. 2 EPTSO Meeting - 6 pm - Schoharie Free Library  
Feb. 3 **2 Hour Delay**  
Feb. 6 Elementary School Physicals 9-11:30 am  
Feb. 13-18 Kindness Week  
Feb. 16 BOE Meeting 7 pm  
Feb. 20-24 **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Recess

### EPTSO Corner

**Elementary-** Tickets for the NYC trip go on sale on February 1st. Please check your email for more details.

**Parent-** Please join us for our monthly meetings to find out how you can support our school.

**Teacher-** The EPTSO supports you! Please know that we are here to help and remember that if you need something for your classroom please fill out a funding request.

**Student-** Remember to stop by the Little Free Library to pick up a good book and to read for 20 minutes every day.

**Organization-** Getting involved with the EPTSO is a fantastic way to support your child's education, get to know other parents, and model community spirit for your children. Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday February 2, 2023 at the Schoharie Free Library.

### No Place for Hate

"I promise to do my best to treat everyone fairly.  
I promise to do my best to be kind to everyone—even if they are not like me.  
If I see someone being hurt or bullied, I will tell a teacher.  
Everyone should be able to feel safe and happy at school.  
I want our school to be No Place for Hate."

For the fifth year, everyone in Schoharie Elementary School signed the No Place for Hate promise. The commitment of each of our students and staff members to become a "No Place for Hate" is one we take seriously. Please speak with your child about remembering the promise they've made to end hate in our school.

Mrs. Polikoski



Message from the School Nurse



**Vaccine Reminder:** Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine is required for **students who have turned age 11, and prior to entering grade 6.** Please discuss this with your student's health care provider.

**Attendance Reminder:** A signed, written excuse is required for all days that your student is absent, **even if you call and speak with the school nurse OR your student was sent home from school by the nurse.**



### Read for Ronald McDonald House



Students will be asked to read for the month of February, and donations will all be due by March 6th. Last year, we raised about \$2,200. This year, I set the goal for \$1,500 because I'm hoping we can exceed it using the theme of "sending our love" to Ronald McDonald House.

### Cold Weather Reminder

Please send your child with appropriate winter clothing as they do go outdoors for recess. Appropriate dress includes a winter coat, snow pants, boots, mittens/gloves, and a hat. We will continue to go outside unless the temperature is below 20 degrees.

### News from the Counselor

We are excited to welcome Sweethearts and Heroes to Schoharie Elementary February 9th and 10th. They will do assemblies and work with each of our classes to encourage leadership, acceptance, and how to combat bullying.

In second grade we are learning how to be a social detective. Ask them about their imaginary social detective magnifying glass! Third grade is working on a superflex curriculum and learning how to combat some social super villains like rock brain (getting stuck on their idea). We will continue working with this for a few weeks. In 5th grade this week we are learning how our brain affects our emotions and how it functions when we are in fight, flight, or freeze mode. First grade is meeting Kelso, a frog who helps them solve small problems. Kindergarten played with playdough to show me how situations may make them feel and we read a book about how to turn mistakes into opportunities. Fourth grade had conversations about our no name calling week. This can all be reinforced at home. We are grateful for all the work parents do at home to support the learning we are doing in school.



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