



# Home-School Connection

## October 2021



### Dates to Remember

Oct. 1 Read for Ronald McDonald House Launch  
Oct. 1-30 Read for Ronald Fundraiser  
Oct. 4-8 Week Against Hate  
Oct. 7 EPTSO Zoom Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Oct. 8 Go Home Early Drill - dismissed 15 minutes early  
Oct. 11 **NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**  
Oct. 20 PBIS School Spirit - Wear Orange for Unity Day  
Oct. 21 BOE Meeting 7 pm  
Oct. 22 K-5 Progress Reports go home with students

### Absence Excuse

In the event your child is absent from school, please send in a written note on the day he/she returns to school to excuse him/her, as required by NYS law. Please include in the note the date of absence and the reason for the absence. It is school policy that if an excuse is not received within three days of absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

### EPTSO Corner

**Elementary-** This month we are looking forward to our 2nd annual Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest! Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

**Parents-** We have extended the deadline for our Fall Flower sale to October 6th. Thank you for your support. The link can be found on our Facebook page and will be emailed out via Messenger.

**Teachers-** Please remember we are here to support you however we can. We are continually grateful for your dedication and support of our students.

**Students-** Stop in and choose a free book from the Little Free Library in front of the elementary office. Remember to read for 20 minutes everyday!

**Organization-** In order to continue providing for our students and staff we need more volunteers. Please join us virtually on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. The Zoom link will be emailed out to families via school messenger.

\*\*\*Like us on Facebook – Schoharie Elementary EPTSO\*\*\*

### FROM MRS. POLIKOSKI, THE PRINCIPAL

We are so grateful to have our students back at school with us. September was a busy month of learning routines and developing classroom communities where children can be taught at their instructional level. We appreciate the efforts all members of our community have made to adapt to the changes required that allow us to remain open.

Please remember that students must arrive at school by 7:45 in the morning. If they are dropped off at 7:55 or later, they are tardy and need to be signed in by a legal guardian. Also, please arrive for parent pick up by 2:06. Staff need to be in meetings and at after school work responsibilities once your children are picked up, so please be prompt. We appreciate your timeliness, which allows us to ensure everyone can learn and do their jobs to the best of their ability.

After school programs have started up for students in grades 4 & 5. Students are enjoying band, choir, and intramurals from 2:00-2:45.

October is National Bully Prevention Month. October 4-8 is a district wide "Week Against Hate." Students will Walk Against Hate in Physical Education that week to show our that we are committed to kindness.

### READ FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Once again, we are a participating school in the annual Read for Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. Our partnership with Ronald McDonald House is two-fold, and so important. One, we can support the only non-subsidized Ronald McDonald House sites in the nation. The Albany sites were devastated when COVID-19 required drastic changes that left many families without the comfort and support which helps sustain many during children's significant health crisis. The need to support them now is even greater as they work to remain open and follow social distancing guidelines during the pandemic. Equally important to both the Ronald McDonald House and us, children will read! Whether your child collects online donations or not, please have them follow the reading calendar included.

### Message from Your School Nurse:

Although we are not requiring the COVID 19 Attestation Screening Form to be completed each morning, please stay vigilant in monitoring your student for illness on a daily basis. If they are displaying any symptoms, please keep them home and call the Nurse's Office at 518-295-6660, for further guidance.



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If your student had an annual physical over the summer, please request that a copy is sent to the School Nurse. It can be faxed to 518-295-9506.