

Fun Fact:

A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.



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EVERYONE
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WILL
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Calendar

January 27

Superstar Math Due

January 30

Spirit Day

February 1

PTA Gift Card
Orders Due

February

3, 10, 17

Superstar Math Due

February 6-10

PTA Geography
Tests

February 10

PTA Gift Card
Pickup
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
SHS Lobby

February 16

PTA Meeting
9:30 a.m.
Cafeteria

February 17

Early Dismissal
No PM Kindergarten

February 20-21

Winter Recess
School Closed

March 2

Spirit Day

March 23

iCare for SHS
Auction Evening

Shelly Moves to New Home!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shelly Fund. We far exceeded our goal and Shelly is now swimming happily in her new home. Thanks to our Project Eagle volunteers - **Madison Fetchick** for making an awesome raffle box; **Daniel Jaeger** and **Josh Taylor** for die cutting turtles; **Elijah Baraw**,



Kieran Coffey and **Aidan Finnegan** for collecting donations and putting turtles in the tank; and **Guy Bacon**, **Elise Beier**, **Emma Bogursky**, **Michael Haddick**, **Karl Miller**, **Amyla Posey**, **Kaia Posey**, and **Shilin Ray** for making posters to promote the Shelly Fund and our raffles. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners - **Gabriel Appiah**, **Cyrena Arokium**, **Guy Bacon**, **Aeryn Correia**, **Callum Edmund**, **Colin Edwards**, **Kate Garner**, **Catie Gregory**, **Hannah Groonell**, **Shannon Hegarty**, **Daniel Jaeger**, **Carter Jeffrey**, **Rebecca Markowski**, **Brendan Murray**, **Treasa O'Sullivan**, **Kaia Posey**, **Jenna Scoville**, and **Mrs. Virgalla**. A special thanks to **Lynn Edwards** to alerting us to Shelly's need for a new home. And finally a huge thanks to **Mrs. Feda** for taking such wonderful care of Shelly and helping her move go so smoothly. Check out the gallery of photos from our fundraiser on the *Scrapbook* icon on the SHS home page at <http://newtown.sandyhook.schooldesk.net/>!

Rashi Kumar and **Jennifer Taylor** — Project Eagle Chairpeople



Shelly Fundraiser Math Project

To prepare for the Shelly fundraiser, I worked with fourth graders **Ryan Beardsley**, **Tyler Fuori**, **Kevin Gong**, **Keenan Murphy**, **Attila Sepkin**, and **Colin Zhang** on an open-ended math project. The students worked in small groups to come up with the dimensions of a tank that would hold at least 400 paper turtles. In the end, they combined their ideas to create the poster that was used for the fundraiser. They did an outstanding job using math in a practical situation!

Kris Feda — Math/Science Specialist



FootPrint Post Advisor Still Needed

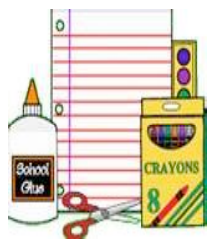
After 28 years in production, there is a very real possibility that SHS's *Footprint Post* will no longer exist after this year. **Mrs. Lillian Bittman** has been running the FPP for the last 13 years, but she has decided to move on when this school year comes to a close. We are hoping to find a replacement for her very soon so he or she can spend the rest of this school year shadowing Mrs. Bittman. She has the entire program ready to turn over, or someone can come in and put his or her own spin on the newspaper program. Either way, we need help! The students who work to put the paper together learn invaluable skills and have fun doing it, and all our kids at SHS love reading the paper. PLEASE don't let this school tradition die. Contact Mrs. Bittman at footprintpost@aol.com if you have any questions about the responsibilities or would be interested in taking over the program. Let's keep this wonderful tradition a part of Sandy Hook School for years to come.

Spring Book Fair Co-Chair Needed

We need your help! We are looking for a co-chair for this spring's book fair. Please consider giving your time to this event. It's a great fundraiser for the school and a ton of fun for the kids! We want to be able to make it the best book fair yet and can't do that without a co-chair. If you are interested or have any questions please contact me at traceyjaeger@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for considering helping us out.

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Tracey Jaeger — PTA President



School Supplies Kits for 2012-13 School Year

SHS has now partnered with Staples for our prepackaged school supplies kits in order to bring quality products with a great price. The school supplies lists have been streamlined for all grades so they truly reflect what each grade needs, and the new school headphones will be provided in kits. Stay tuned for order forms which will be coming home soon.

**Zoey Haddick and Carly Posey —
Prepackaged School Supplies
Chairpeople**

Brownies Blanket and Towel Drive

Brownie Troop 50371 is organizing a blanket and towel drive for the Waterbury Homeless Shelter. There are currently 130 people who reside there. Please help us to make a difference! Items needed are twin size blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and warm socks. All items must be new. Please contact **Christine Doscher** at (203) 304-1204 any questions. Thank you!



Food Drive Update

Grade levels are working hard to reach the goal of collecting 100 food items by the 100th day of school. The Faith Food Pantry is grateful for our donations. Suggested items the pantry is in need of include: juice, complete pancake mix, syrup, and for the loving pets, cat and dog food.

Kris Feda — Math/Science Specialist

SHS Connection Submissions

Next Issue: February 2

Deadline: January 26

E-mail: SHSConnection@yahoo.com

Contact Lynn Edwards at

(203) 364-9731 with any questions.



Dance China Arrives at SHS on January 30

Monday, January 30 will not only be Spirit Day at SHS, but it will also be the day we welcome DANCE CHINA NY, thanks to the generous support of our PTA! The Manhattan-based DANCE CHINA NY is in residence at the New York Chinese Cultural Center, founded in 1973 in New York's Chinatown. DANCE CHINA NY's dancers include internationally-renowned artists from performance stages and academies throughout mainland China, Taiwan, and the U.S. DANCE CHINA NY transports audiences to a world of colorful myths, historical drama, and timeless beauty, performing a vast and dynamic range of Chinese dance and Peking Opera styles. DANCE CHINA NY's repertoire of traditional and contemporary folk and classical dances weaves a vibrant vision of China's ancient indigenous folk cultures across varied terrains of time and region - legend and reality. They evoke the haunting beauty and melancholy of imperial courtesans, recreate the rousing carnival rhythms of a harvest festival, and conjure up the dramatic beating of drums and clashing of swords on a distant battlefield. Noted for pieces with powerful grace and contained elegance, DANCE CHINA NY performs regularly throughout the United States for audiences of all ages. DANCE CHINA NY has toured to hundreds of cities across 23 states, bringing the movements and rhythms of China to communities large and small. Each year, DANCE CHINA NY performs at over 500 events and reaches an audience of over 150,000 people. Check them out at www.chinesedance.org.

All SHS PM kindergarten students and parents/guardians are invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. performance in the cafeteria, since there will be no afternoon performance. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. **Tony Salvatore — Assistant Principal**

Congratulations, Nutmeg Readers!

Congratulations to the following students who have read all ten Nutmeg novels: **Jenna Dunn, Duncan O'Leary, Kyle Pettit, Jessica Rose, and Samantha Vertucci**. Congratulations also goes to the following third graders who met the third grade goal of reading at least five Nutmeg novels before voting time: **Andrew Bazuro, André Boily, Jake Dandrea, Emmi DeSousa, Molly Doherty, Aidan Finnegan, Nick Fischer, Hope Moyers, Kyle Milks, Ben Paley, Sydnee Savoie, Meredith Taylor, Tanner Trede, Matthew Weisgerber, and Nate Wheeler**. Third and fourth graders who have read at least one Nutmeg novel will be voting for their favorite next week in library class. The **new** 2013 Nutmeg novels will be announced on February 1 and copies of all will be in our library!

Yvonne Cech — Library Media Specialist



Teachers' Wish Lists

We would like for you to be aware of our teachers' wish list requests for educational materials and supplies; items will stay on the list until they are received. If desired, please note your name on any donations so that our teachers can thank you. Your donations are welcomed with much appreciation!

- iTunes gift card, for iPad Apps - **Connie Malgrande (Speech/Language Pathologist)**
- iTunes gift card, for iPad Apps - **Marianne Young (Special Education)**

iCare for Sandy Hook School Event

Please mark your calendars and save the date for this adults-only SHS event! Thank you.

**Christine Doscher, Jen Finnegan, and Kristin Larson
— Auction Chairpeople**



*iCare for Sandy Hook School Auction Evening
Friday, March 23, 2012
7 - 11 p.m.*

*Rock Ridge Country Club
Newtown*

Details and formal invitation to follow