

Sept. 5, 2025

### Principally Speaking.....

Heights Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation! It has been wonderful seeing all of the students this week. This week all classrooms worked on building community and began to jump into their Math and ELA work.

Every day we have 5th grade students report the Heights Hedgehog News to the school, we have up and coming News Anchors. Below you will see next week's motivational quote: BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY.

#### Go Hedgehogs!!!

### **Curriculum Information:**

If your child participated in the optional Summer Learning program this year, please have them return their Summer Math Menu and/or Summer Reading Challenge to their classroom teacher by Friday, Sept. 12th. If you need a copy of the form, they are available on the homepage of your school's website.

#### **Music Notes:**

All **4th graders** who would like to try out an instrument should follow this link and read carefully to sign up!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vBKBHGG-AGANBAH5V5YtffyiuUp7noLQ-ehRqRlnZ9c/edit?usp=sharing

All **5th graders** who played last year and are continuing with their instruments should follow <u>this</u> <u>link</u> and fill out the form to sign up!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIBTRU1kXyJGW3nriGeE5-ERhL6iba6IuQqwCZVBfUxo68ng/viewform

Any 5th graders who wish to sing in Chorus please click (or copy and paste) here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqEBkRz2rmPEpCJMQ-JVyJN3S\_AEqgWvoCxMZpS9MI3rG62A/viewform

### **Family Information: PLEASE REVIEW OUR <u>STUDENT HANDBOOK</u>**

Families please remember to notify the office and your child's classroom teacher when your child is absent. Also, when dropping off or picking up your child please pull all the way through the loop, and do not go around the car in front of you. This is the safest way to dismiss the children, we want to prevent accidents and have the students remain safe.

#### **Bus Changes - No Changes Until October 1st**

Students can ride the bus home with another student beginning on October 1. There are no changes allowed on Fridays or Early Release Days. Requests for bus changes must be turned in to the office 24 hours in advance of the change. If your student(s) already rides a bus, there is no charge for the change. If your child does not ride a bus, there is a fee of \$5 per day. Please use this <a href="Bus Change Form">Bus Change Form</a>

#### **Bus Rules of Behavior (Students)**

Please review the bus rules of behavior: Here

#### Nurse's Corner:

Thank you to everyone who has been prompt with handing in physicals, immunizations updates, daily medications, and emergency medications. <u>I am still missing several epi pens and several inhalers</u>, if this applies to your student, please reach out so I know your plan.

I will start with state mandated screenings next week starting with 5th grade (**vision only** next week, scoliosis screenings will happen in the Spring) If you do NOT want your child screened, please send me an email letting me know you would like to "opt out" your child. Findings in need of referral will be emailed to home emails on file with PowerSchools.

The health office **DOES NOT** stock **snacks** or **extra clothes**. Each student, K-5 should have a weather appropriate change of clothes in their locker. Even if you feel you are far past the need for this, accidents including spills at lunch and puddles at recess happen! It is so much easier to have students change in their own clothes quickly than wait for a grown up to bring clothing.

Fourth grade families: I still need MANY updated physicals. (56 to be exact!) If you have provided one, thank you very much! If you have not, please send in a hard copy with your student or email it to me. Dated after 8/1/2024, please! bsoderstrom@sharonschools.net

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Kindly,
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#### PTO Updates:

9/19/25 Back to School Family Concert Information Here

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

9/11 - Monthly Community assembly 9:20

9/23 - No School Rosh Hashanah

9/24 - Early Release 12:35 dismissal

9/25 - Open House K-2 (5:30-6:15) 3-5 ( 6:45 - 7:30)

9/29 - Picture Day

Thank you, Lisa M. Farrell