



Sam Case Elementary ***Cub Communicator***

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Message from the Principal

Dear Sam Case Families!

I hope this finds you well! For the month of December, Sam Case has lots of activities going on that are listed below. We also are focusing on Be Safe as part of our school goals. We hope you are able to join us. As we head off in our different directions (or even just stay close to home) I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Whatever your beliefs or traditions are, I hope that you are able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. The Sam Case students and staff alike will work very hard right up to the last day and all will be deserving some time to relax. Before you know it, we will hit the ground running after the break and it will be as if we never left! Have a safe and healthy holiday season and we will see you in 2019!

Sincerely,

Shelley Moore
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Dates to Remember

Early Release Wednesday Dates: 5th, 12th, 19th

Dec. 7th: Coffee with the Principal: FREE 8:10-9 am Sam Case Cafeteria

Dec. 11: Vision Screening

Dec. 11th: Booster Dine Out Fundraiser: 5-7 PM Izzy's

Dec. 11th: Site Council Meeting: 5:30-6:30 pm

Dec. 12th: Booster Club Meeting: 6-7 pm: at Yaquina View: All are welcome!

Dec. 13th: Family Holiday Movie Night: 5-7 pm with movie, ornament making and cookie decorating, and Carols: Pizza Dinner \$3

Dec. 14th: Hearing Screenings

Dec. 20th: Winter Concert: 6:30 pm at Newport High School: Fairgrounds Parking is available too

Dec. 21st: 3rd grade Marketplace for some classes: 1:45 pm

Dec. 24th-Jan. 4th: NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

Specialist Corner

Special Education

- 1) Become a Strong Advocate:** ask questions, know your rights and keep communicating.
- 2) Get Acquainted With School Regulations:** know how they apply to your child and understand your rights too.
- 3) Learn How to Access Additional Services:** specialized therapy, insurance and mental health services are examples of these services.
- 4) Develop a Good Relationship With Your Child's Teachers:** keep communication open so that all know what is happening and can work together for what's best for your child.
- 5) Keep the Future in Mind:** Knowing what your child may do in the future can help guide the educational choices that you're facing here and now.

Character Education!

Students are spending this month are diving into the character trait "SELFLESSNESS." Students will be learning and practicing ways to think and do for others more than for themselves. We will show selflessness by helping other students and staff around our school throughout the month of December!

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Music:

All of the music classes are currently working hard perfecting the songs they will be performing in the upcoming Winter Concert. The program will be held once again at Newport High School. It will be following Yaquina View's concert and will start at 6:30pm in the gym. There is no admission charge. We look forward to seeing everyone there and sharing in good music and a good time for all.

Library

Welcome to our new Librarian Mrs. Cottrell! Mrs. Cottrell has been one of our reading assistants for two years. She is a bright light and full of joy. She has two children and has a wonderful love of reading, books and children. She loves Sam Case very much and we are very lucky to have her.

Home-School Connection

Become an Active Partner in Learning

Most educators believe in parent participation in children's education, but "participation" means different things to different teachers. To some, it might mean helping children with homework, returning notes and sending things in on time, and coming to a conference when notified to do so. But it should mean much more. Work with the teacher to find out some ways you can contribute to the classroom, but always be sure to do it within the guidelines she'll provide for you. By the same token, you have valuable insight about your child — no one knows her better than you — so it's important to take initiative and communicate that knowledge to the teacher throughout the school year.

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Booster Club news

December Dine Out : Dec 11 at Izzy's. 5-8 pm
Thanks to all for Charleston Wrap Help! We met our goal!!
Please join the Booster Digital Mail Club www.yvscboosters.com

Attendance Tip of the Month

Did you know???

- Appointments between 11-12:30 your child will not be marked absent. **THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENT, OR ON A DAY OFF!**
- An excused absence is still an absence that the state and our district tracks.
- We take attendance for a.m. and p.m. sessions daily.
- Your child is considered absent after 9 am for the a.m. session and after 1 pm for the pm session.
- The state requires us to provide a reason for each absence.

Community Resource: School Resource Officer Safety Information

School Resource Officer: Tom Lekas

Safety Quiz

1. Does your child know his address , phone number, and parents' full names?
2. Have you taught your child what to do in an emergency? (and different types of emergencies :fire, injury, accidents, etc.)
3. Does your child know who is and is not allowed in the house when you are not home?
4. Have you set up emergency plans for what to do if your child loses his/her house key, misses the bus, is being followed, or injures him/herself?
5. Have you taught your child about "stranger danger" and some tricks people might use to abduct children? (ask for help to find a lost pet, give candy, need help carrying something, say your parent told me to give you a ride home, etc.)
6. Have you taught your child that their body is their own and that it is NOT OK for someone else to touch the private areas of their body?
7. Does your child have access to important phone numbers and a way to contact people?
8. Does your child know how to safely enter a house when they are alone, or if home alone do they know what to say when they answer the phone or when someone comes to the door?
9. Does your child really know that a stranger can be anyone they do not know well & that people who try to hurt or abduct children may just look like a friendly person asking for help?
10. Do you know where your children are when they leave the house?

How did you do? Be honest. Are there any safety issues you need to discuss in greater detail with your children?
Students at Sam Case will all get a safety talk this month regarding what is safe to bring to school. Ask them later this month.....

