

AFTERCARE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Sharon
Community
Education

With the school year underway we will be bringing back Homework Club at aftercare. Homework Club is a time where students will be given a space to work on any assignments they have been given. A staff member will be available to help students with any questions they may need during this time. Homework Club will begin this month and run through the end of the year.

If you would like your child to attend Homework Club, please sign up at the aftercare desk during pickup. You will want to indicate your child's name, grade, how many days (ex. M, W, TH) and how long (ex. 15min) or if until completion.

October/November is our kickoff to our club program. Each school will have club options to choose from. Possible clubs that will be offered are cooking club, walking club, fine arts club, handing sewing/crocheting club, engineering and many more.

For any clubs in which your child is leaving the premises, where they are being fed, or where they will have a product applied to them, you will need to sign the attached permission slip to have your child participate.

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PROGRAM NEWS

Review all program policies

If you need to change your child's dismissal routine (e.g. change from taking the bus to getting picked up, dismiss early for an appointment, etc.), you must email/send in a note to the school office, classroom teacher, Community Education. We recognize that much of our world now communicates digitally, and it's tempting and logical that you would like to email your child's teacher. However, we run into issues when either the teacher is out that day and unable to alert the school office, or if the email comes in during class instruction time. The teacher is usually unable to pass along the message to the appropriate parties. Also, the school office does not communicate to our office when your child is out from aftercare or is going home a different way. With all of that in mind, please send in a hard copy dismissal note to the classroom teacher and email school office as well as Bridget Maddalena, bmaddalena@sharonschools.net at Community Education before 2:00PM.

We want to thank you for your patience with the Before and Aftercare waitlist. Please know that we at Community Education are continuing to do our best to be able to accommodate as many children as we safely can into our programs with the amount of staff we have. We will contact families individually via email should space become available. If you need to make any changes to your child's schedule we will need it in writing. All changes can be sent to bmaddalena@sharonschools.net

On the Early Release days, it is important that your child has a lunch from home or it is communicated to them that they are getting a bagged lunch from school. Aftercare does not provide lunches.

REMINDERS

October 9th – Indigenous People's Day (No School)

October 11th – Early Release (ALL)

November 9th – Early Release (ALL)

November 10th - Veteran's Day (No School)




**SAVE
THE
DATE**

No Aftercare

**Thursday, November 16
AND
Thursday, March 21**

**This is a staff training day for all
aftercare employees.**





EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Early release coverage is available only to students in the Aftercare Program in Sharon Public Schools that are currently enrolled on the designated early release days listed below from their early dismissal time to 6:00PM. Again, students only attend if it is a day they are currently registered for. If the early release day is a day your child normally attends, but will not be coming, contact Bridget Maddalena, bmaddalena@sharonschools.net or 781-784-1574 no later than 10:00AM that day.

We also encourage you to contact your child's school office and classroom teacher to let them know as well. If someone else is picking up your child make sure they are on your authorized pickup list and have them bring an ID with them.

Each school will have a grab and go bagged lunch that students will be provided with. If your child does not want the school grab and go bagged lunch option your child should bring a lunch from home.

Early Release Days

Wednesday, October 11 (ALL)
Thursday, November 9 (ALL)
Tuesday, November 14 (ALL)
Thursday, December 14 (ALL)
Wednesday, January 10 (ALL)
Tuesday, March 12 (ALL)
Tuesday, March 19 (ALL)
Thursday, May 9 (ALL)

Early Dismissal Times

Middle 11:10AM
Heights 12:20PM
Cottage 12:30PM
East 12:35PM



KAYMBU

Tonight, October 6 at 8:00PM you should all receive the Kaymbu email with photos from the week. This is a great way to see what the aftercare students are doing. They often contain captions that explain projects and activities. Kaymbu is a visual newsletter that is fun to look at with your children. This becomes a wonderful opportunity for parents to reflect and family members to reflect on all the wonderful activities the students have engaged in while in our program throughout the week.

The staff does try to make sure every child on the approved list is photographed, but their main goal is to document activities for you with pictures. Children who attend every day tend to be in more photos, so please do not be offended if you do not see a lot of pictures of your child. Our staff is busy and does their best!

The Kaymbu app sends one email to each family whose email we have listed in our system. Feel free to forward it to other family members. The individual photos can be downloaded as well for convenience. If for some reason you do not receive the email, check your spam folder and then email emccabe@sharonschools.net notifying that you did not receive it. This will only get sent out to families who have selected their child to be photographed. If your child is on the "**No Photo**" list, your child will not be photographed and you will not receive the weekly emails.

POP TAB WARS

Back by popular demand are the Pop Tab Wars. Beginning Monday, November 6, 2023-Friday, May 24, 2024 all programs will be collecting Pop Tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. Students who would like to participate will receive a large zip loc bag to be filled and return back to the program for deposit. There will also be a bin at the sign-out desks to deposit any loose tabs.

Tabs will be collected at the end of each week and weighed. Last year's winners were Heights, who brought in 92.2lbs of tabs, followed by Cottage with 34.6lbs and East with 20.8lbs. Donations will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Providence, RI.

Tab donations help families physically, economically, and emotionally during their health care journey. A Ronald McDonald House program helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child.

Each tab goes a long way!



Pop Tab Fun Facts:

It takes 1,280 pop tabs to make one pound.

RMHC receives approximately 70 cents per pound.

It would take about 63,360 pop tabs placed end-to-end to reach a mile.

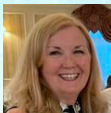
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