

AFTERCARE MARCH NEWSLETTER



Sharon
Community
Education

Welcome to March! Get ready for longer days and warmer weather as we kick off this month with daylight savings on March 9th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward and enjoy that extra hour of daylight. And mark your calendars for March 20th, as we officially welcome the first day of spring. Say goodbye to winter blues and hello to blooming flowers and chirping birds. March is a time for new beginnings, fresh starts, and a renewed sense of energy. Let's embrace the changing season and make the most of the opportunities that come our way. Cheers to a wonderful month ahead!

As a friendly reminder, there is no aftercare on Thursday, March 20th. This is an early release day for Elementary only. Staff will be attending a PD.

Registration for Term 3 Enrichment opened on February 26th. Classes are filling up, so don't wait to secure your spot! Plan ahead and enroll your child in the exciting enrichment classes before they reach full capacity. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your child's learning experience and skill development. Thank you for your attention and prompt action in signing up for Term 3 Enrichment classes!

Sincerely,

Erin McCabe
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WEATHER NEWS

We follow the Child Care Weather Watch guidelines that suggest we go outside as long as the temperature feels 20° or higher. Please be sure your child has appropriate winter clothing to be able to play safely outside, especially once the snow comes.

This means:

- a winter coat
- a winter hat-NOT a baseball hat
- winter mittens or gloves
- snow pants
- boots

Please make sure your child's name is on all items. You would be surprised how many pairs of black snow pants we get!

If we go outside and there is snow on the ground and your child doesn't have snow pants or boots, they will still go outside, but will need to stay on the hardtop only. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A COAT, HAT AND MITTENS.** Please see attached charts.

In the case of snow, here are some reminders about school closings. If school is closed after care is closed. If school is delayed, before care is delayed by the same amount of time. A one hour delay in school equals a one hour delay at before school. If school is dismissed early, we are at the discretion of the Superintendent. If Dr. Botelho deems it safe to stay open, we will stay with your child until 4:00PM, if Dr. Botelho asks us to close, we will notify and you immediately of the closure.



Inclement Weather & Closing Information

School Cancellation: All Communication Education Programs including Before-School Care, After-School Care, are **CANCELED** on "SNOW DAYS" and for other system-wide emergencies. There will be **NO** Community Education Programs when school has been canceled. Because some of our Enrichment Programs are held in locations other than school, Enrichment classes may still be held. Check the Community Education website to find out if class is held. Official school cancellation announcements will be communicated via text, email, and/or phone call to the contact information we have on file.

Delay of School: In the event of a school opening delay, Before-School Care will also be delayed. If school is delayed an hour, Before-School Care will open at 8:15AM, if there is a 90 minute delay, the program will open at 8:45AM, a two hour delay the program will open at 9:15AM.

Community Ed. Cancellation: During the regular school day, if students are dismissed early from their schools due to a storm, impending storm, or other emergency, there **will be** After-School Care as soon as the students are released to us until 4:00PM, **unless** the Superintendent determines that for safety reasons we close at an earlier time.



PROGRAM NEWS

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 emailing the Community Ed. Office at communityedabsences@sharonschools.net 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

March 20- Early Release (ALL) NO AFTERCARE

March 25- Early Release (ALL)

March 31- Early Release (ALL) NO AFTERCARE

April 18-25 - April Break

May 7- Early Release (ALL)

May 26- Memorial Day

June 19- Juneteenth

After Care Schedule for 2024/2025 Early Release Days

March 20, 2025 NO After Care/Lounge (staff professional development)

March 25, 2025 school dismissal until 6:00

March 31, 2025 NO After Care/Lounge (Eid)

May 7, 2025 school dismissal until 6:00

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 the Community Ed. Office at communityedabsences@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 Dismissal Times

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

TERM 3 ENRICHMENT



Meet the Brochure Cover Contest Winner:

Justin Z. participates in many enrichment programs such as Chess, Roblox Coding and Game Design, BotBasics and much more. These programs help him develop critical thinking skills, creativity, and technical knowledge. Justin enjoys learning new things and exploring different interests through these engaging activities. He is passionate about expanding his skills and knowledge in various fields, which is evident in his active involvement in a wide range of enrichment programs. Justin's dedication to learning and growing through these programs makes him a well-rounded individual with diverse talents and interests.

When Justin is not participating in school activities, he can be found playing with his pretend kitchen, watching Dead Pool, and going to his favorite restaurant, Flaming Grill, with his family. He also likes to celebrate Halloween and Christmas. Justin's favorite cars include Lamborghinis, Cybertrucks, and Teslas.



WHAT'S NEW?

Drag n Drop Coding with Scratch

Visual/Game Based Python

Art Adventures: Inspired by the Masters

What is the Air Quality in my Town

Spanish

Roblox Game Development

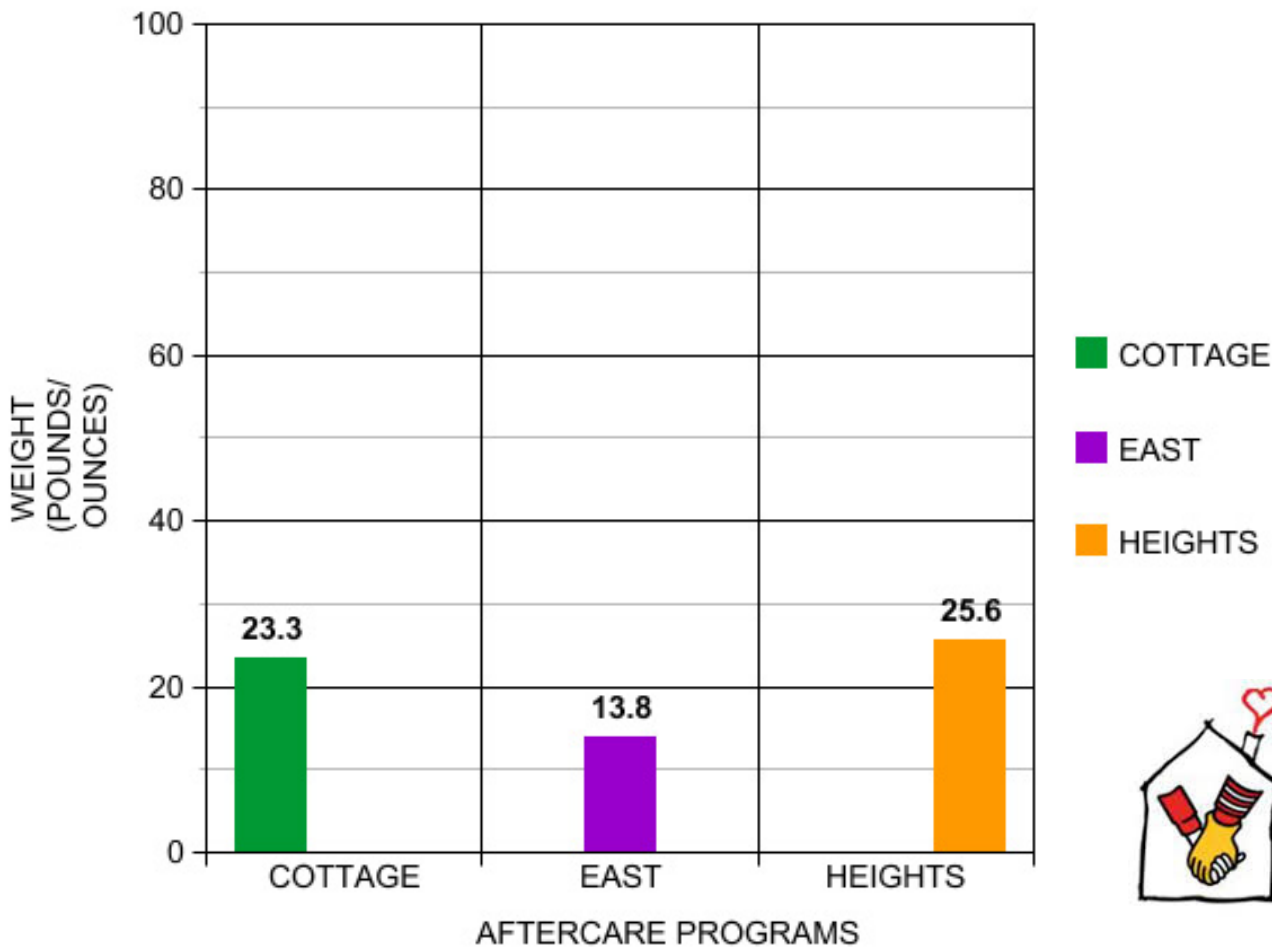
POP TAB WARS

Back by popular demand are the Pop Tab Wars. Beginning **Monday, November 4, 2024-Friday, May 23, 2025** 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.

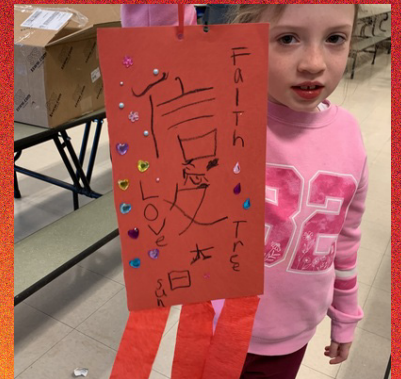
Tabs will be collected at the end of each week and weighed. Last year's winners were Heights who brought in 47.9lbs of tabs, followed by Cottage with 43.9lbs and East with 9.8lbs. Donations will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Providence, RI.

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!

2024-2025 POP TAB WARS



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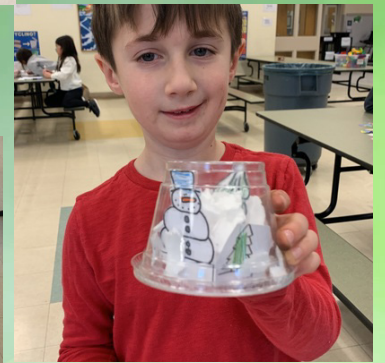
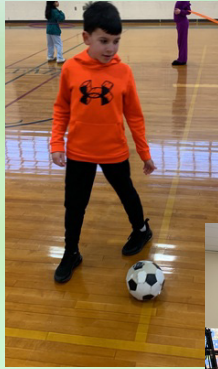
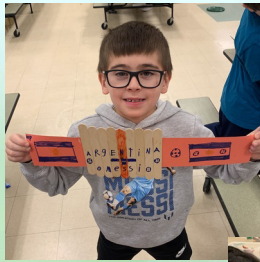
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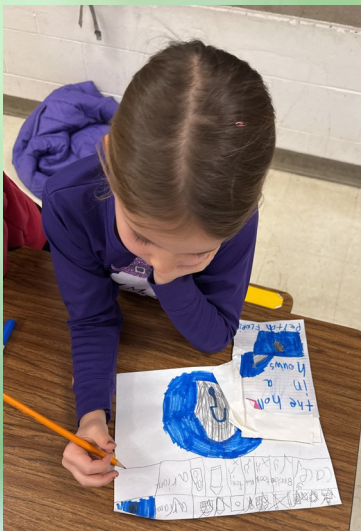
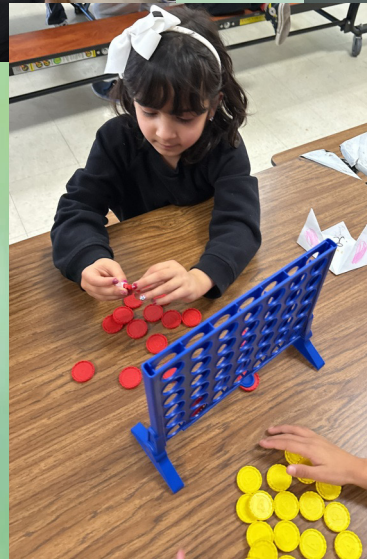
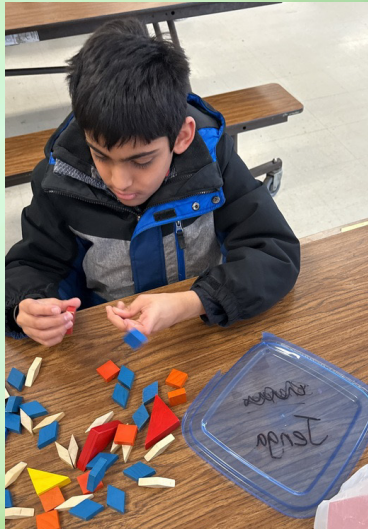
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