

AFTERCARE APRIL NEWSLETTER



As the warmer weather approaches, we are excited to announce that our kids are now able to spend more time outside! With the days getting longer and lighter, we have extended our outdoor playtime to allow children to soak up the sunshine and enjoy the fresh air.

We are also thrilled to bring art activities outside for a creative and inspiring experience. From painting in the sunshine to creating nature-inspired crafts, our students will have the opportunity to explore their creativity in a new and refreshing environment.

We look forward to seeing our children thrive and have fun in the great outdoors this April! Thank you for entrusting us with your little ones.

Sincerely,

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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 31- Early Release (ALL) NO AFTERCARE

April 18-25 - April Break

May 7- Early Release (ALL)

May 26- Memorial Day

June 19- Juneteenth

June 20- Last day of school- Aftercare will run until 4:00PM

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

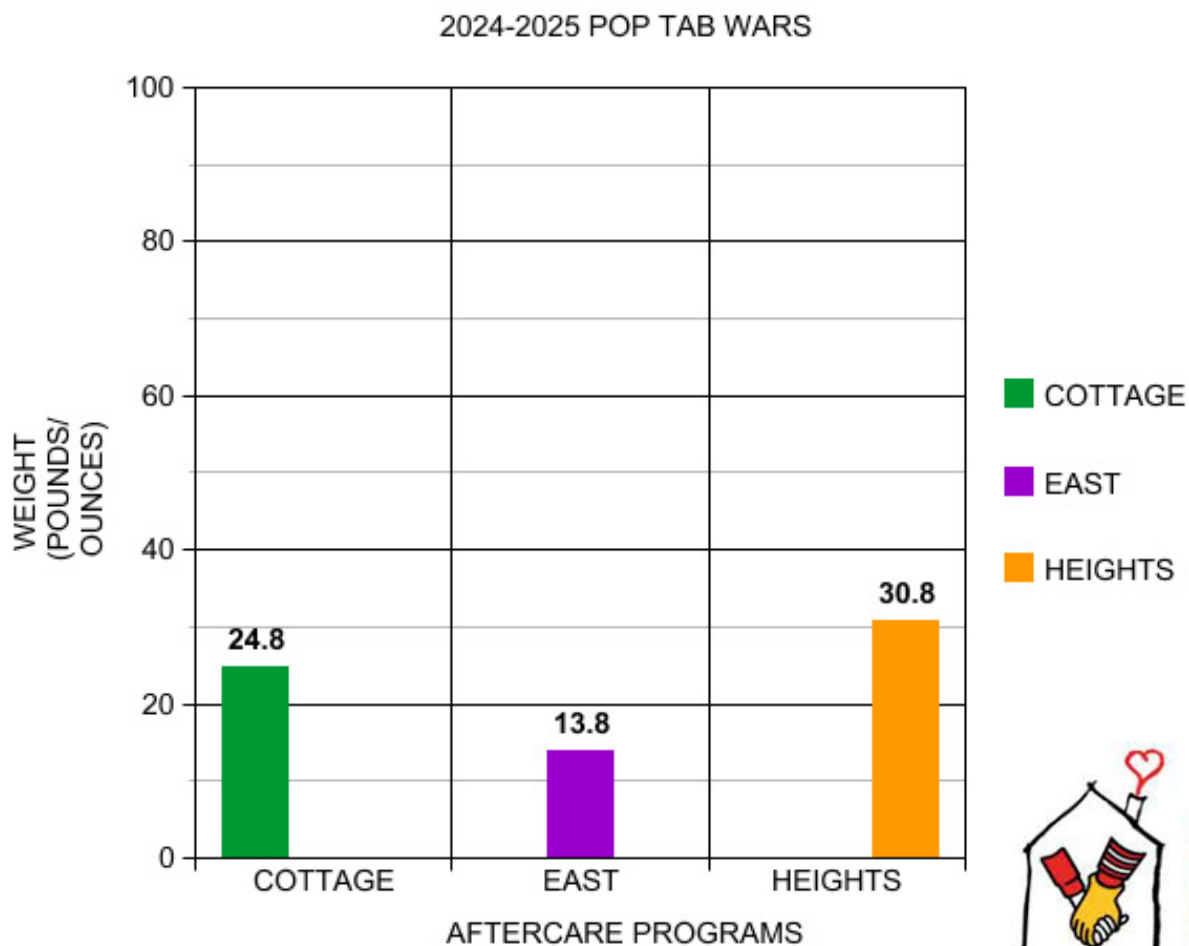
Middle 11:10AM
Heights 12:35PM
Cottage 12:35PM
East 12:35PM

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.

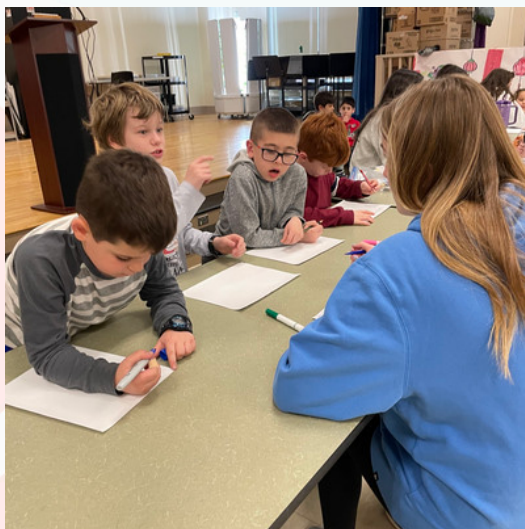
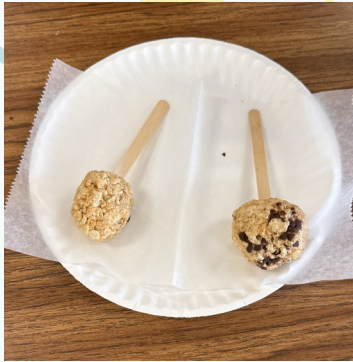
Tab donations help families physically, economically, and emotionally during their health care journey. A Ronald McDonald House program helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child. Each tab goes a long way!



St. Patrick's Day



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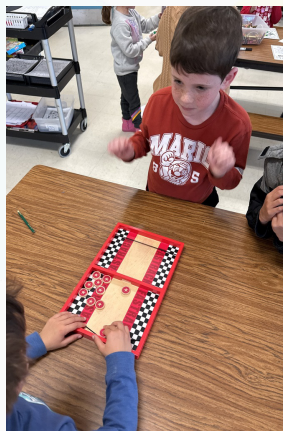
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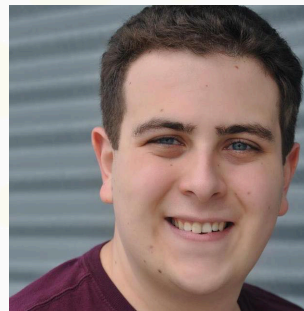
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