

AFTERCARE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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Dear Aftercare Families,

Happy October! We're excited to embrace the new season with your children as the days get cooler and the fall fun begins.

Here are a few important updates and reminders for the month:

Fall Activities

- This month, we'll be doing a variety of autumn-themed crafts, games, and outdoor activities (weather permitting). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for cooler temperatures and outdoor play.

Halloween Fun

- We'll be celebrating Halloween, with themed crafts.

No School/Aftercare Closures

- List closure dates on the next 2 pages, such as staff development days and holidays.

Lost & Found Reminder

- If your child is missing any sweaters, water bottles, or lunch containers, please have your child check the designated areas at their schools.

Communication Reminder

- If your child will be absent from aftercare or picked up early, please call us at 781-784-1574 or email communitydabsences@sharonschools.net. This helps us ensure everyone's safety and accurate attendance.
- Be sure to include your child's name, school, grade and date they will be out.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

visit <https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/>

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 the Community Education at **communitydabsences@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

October 13th – Indigenous People's Day (No School)

October 20th – Early Release (ALL) **NO AFTERCARE**

November 5th - Early Release (ALL)

November 11th - Veteran's Day (No School)

November 13th - Early Release (ELEM) **NO AFTERCARE**

November 26th to 28th - Thanksgiving Break (No School)



SAVE THE DATE

October 20, 2025 – No After Care/Lounge (Diwali)

November 5, 2025 – School dismissal until 6:00 PM

November 13, 2025 – No After Care/Lounge (Staff Professional Development)

December 10, 2025 – School dismissal until 6:00 PM

December 23, 2025 – School dismissal until 4:00 PM

January 14, 2026 – School dismissal until 6:00 PM

March 19, 2026 – No After Care/Lounge (Staff Professional Development)

March 20, 2026 – No After Care/Lounge (Eid al-Fitr)

March 24, 2026 – School dismissal until 6:00 PM

May 6, 2026 – School dismissal until 6:00 PM

May 27, 2026 – No After Care/Lounge (Eid al-Adha)

KAYMBU



On Friday, October 3 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, and they often contain captions that explain projects and activities. Kaymbu is a visual newsletter and it is fun to look at them 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 and you can feel free to forward it to other family members. The individual photos can be downloaded as well for your convenience. If for some reason you do not receive the email, check your junk mail and then let me know if you do not have 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 you will not receive the emails and your child will not be photographed.



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