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Weekly News for Parents
Shell Elementary School
Friday, December 6, 2019

It's Santa's workshop season! Students may use Mustang Bucks they earn during the weeks leading up to winter break in our school holiday store. Volunteers will be on hand to wrap gifts that students purchase for family members and friends. The better your choices, the more Mustang Bucks you earn!

Happy Birthday!

Ms. Brooke 12/12
Mrs. Brown 12/14
Mrs. Biles 12/14
Ms. Paulson 12/22

Ms. Palmer 12/23

Ms. Bass 12/27

Ms. Courtney 12/28

Deputy Castillo 1/1

Spotlight on Compassion

We often teach kids to mind their own business. But what if we didn't? What if we taught them to wonder about people, even those who might hurt them? What if we reminded them that everyone is fighting a hard battle? What if we pushed them to challenge their assumptions and give others the benefit of the doubt—or even better, ask them about their lives? All I know is that my life is better when I assume that people are doing their best. It keeps me out of judgment and lets me focus on what is, and not what should or could be. With your kids, help them use their natural love for stories to come up with their own narratives for the toddler throwing a tantrum in the grocery store, the man who's getting upset at the bank or the bully in the book their reading. In the end, the story they're changing will be their own.

Excerpt From:
<https://offspring.lifehacker.com/teach-kids-compassion>

Coming Events

12/9-12/13

Holiday Book Fair Week

Tuesday, 12/10

Shell Team to District
Robotics Tourney

Polar Express AR and Parent
Book Fair Night 5:30-7

Wed., 12/11

SAC Meeting @ 1:30

Sat., 12/14

Annual Hawthorne
Christmas Parade and
Festival

Tues., 12/17

Grades 3/4 Music
Performance- dress
rehearsal @ 8:30 and
Parent Performance @ 6

12/21-1/6

Winter Break

Tues., 1/7

School Resumes

In the end, only three things
matter: how much you loved,
how gently you lived, and
how gracefully you let go of
things not meant for you.

-Buddha