

# Shark Talk



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## Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec 1** End of Interim Period, 4th Grade McDonald's and End of Walk-a-thon
- Dec 10** Breakfast with Santa 8-12
- Dec 12** Interims go home
- Dec 22- Jan 4** No School (Winter Break)
- Jan 13** Early Release
- Jan 16** No School ( MLK JR. Birthday)
- Jan 17** No School (Teacher Work Day)

## Message from the PTO

- Volunteers needed for Breakfast with Santa– please call Stephanie @ 200-2388 or email stephanied101@hotmail.com
- Breakfast With Santa, Saturday December 10th. Enjoy breakfast, served from 8 until 10. There will be a silent auction and many activities until noon. Friends and family are welcome.
- Clean Out, Clear Out! The annual rummage sale is coming in January. We need your items...call 597-3471 for pick up!
- Shark Shop is featuring new holiday gift ideas!
- Thanksgiving Banquet Volunteers– we are so grateful for your help!!!



## From the Guidance Office

### 3 Rs Parenting Tips

**Did you know that the Golden Rule applies to parenting? Kids will do to others as their parents do to them. Treating our kids with respect teaches them to go and do likewise. Being fair with our kids makes them want to be fair to their friends and teachers. Our children soak up what they hear when parents speak to others. They are like sponges. But, understand that they pick up the bad, too.**

**Special thanks go out to the K-Kids from Grade Four. They have been helping our school by tutoring younger children. They are learning that helping others always benefits the one who is giving more than the one who is receiving!**

**During this holiday season take time to enjoy the small simple things in life. Slow down, absorb special moments with your child.**

**Julie Frizzi**

**NPES Guidance Counselor**

**239-377-7706**



## Meet Mrs. Brown

By: Khaki & Kendra

**KM/KB:** What is your favorite part about working here?

**Mrs. Brown:** The sense of family and everybody working together.

**KM/KB:** What did you do before you worked here?

**Mrs. Brown:** I was a principal at Sabal Palm.

**KM/KB:** How long have you been principal?

**Mrs. Brown:** I have been a principal for six years.

**KM/KB:** Have you worked in Collier County before?

**Mrs. Brown:** Yes, as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

**KM/KB:** What grades did you teach?

**Mrs. Brown:** Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.



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### *NCH School Nurse*

#### **What is meningococcal meningitis?**

It is a serious bacterial infection that strikes between 1000 to 2600 Americans each year. Although rare, this disease can cause meningitis (swelling of the brain or spinal cord) or meningococemia (blood infection).

#### **Who is at risk for getting meningococcal meningitis?**

Preteens and teens are at greater risk of getting this disease and are more likely to die compared with other age groups. Death rates from this disease are up to 5 times higher in teenagers and young adults (ages 15-24 years) compared with other age groups.

#### **How do you get meningococcal meningitis?**

This disease is spread from person to person through close contact. Everyday activities like sharing a drinking glass, eating utensils, kissing, or living in close quarters can put even healthy preteens and teens at greater risk for the disease.

#### **What are the symptoms of meningococcal meningitis?**

Meningococcal meningitis can be hard to recognize, especially in its early stages, because symptoms are similar to those of more common viral illnesses. Unlike more common illnesses, the disease can progress quickly and may cause death within 24 hrs. Symptoms may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, confusion, vomiting, exhaustion, and/or a rash.

#### **How can you help prevent your child from developing meningococcal meningitis?**

Vaccination is safe and effective and the best way to help protect preteens and teens from the disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend meningococcal vaccine for:

- **Preteens and teens 11 through 18 years of age**
- **College freshmen living in dormitories**

**Children 2 through 10 years of age who are at increased risk or if elected by their health-care providers and parents**

The vaccine can be obtained through your health care provider or at the Collier County Health Depart-

## *Flu Season Is Here*

### Vaccinate to Protect You and Your Loved Ones

Now that the temperature is falling, we know that flu season is just around the corner. Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious complications, hospitalization or even death. Symptoms of influenza are a fever of 100 degrees or higher with cough or sore throat. Other symptoms may include headache, chills, fatigue, and muscle aches.

An annual flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu and flu-related complications that can lead to missed school, missed work, and worse. Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people can get very sick from flu and spread it to friends and loved ones. Children with long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, and weakened immune systems are at greater risk for flu complications. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that everyone 6 months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop an immune response, so it's important to get vaccinated now so you will be protected all season long. The vaccine can be given by injection or a "flu shot", by an intradermal shot, which is just under the skin, or by nasal-spray vaccine. Check with your healthcare provider to find out which type is best for you and your family.

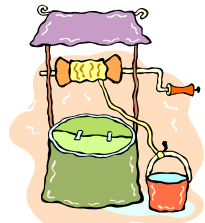
Adult flu vaccine is available throughout our community. Check with your child's health care provider to find out more about flu vaccine availability for your children. Or call the Collier County Health Department at 252-8595 for more information about flu vaccine and cost. Other actions to help prevent the spread of the flu include:

- Frequent hand-washing
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash after it is used.

Teach your children to cough and sneeze into their sleeve if tissues are not available.

If your child does develop symptoms of the flu, notify the school. Children with the flu must stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Be sure to check with your child's health care provider as needed.





### Naples Park Wishing Well

Our classrooms have dreams and that is true,

Things that can be filled by wonderful you!

If you see something here that can easily be done

You will see how it benefits everyone!

Mrs. Langevin's class would love some dry erase erasers. Chalk-board erasers would work great too. 😊 Thanks!

Mrs. Brooks says she needs Xerox paper, pencils and erasers please!

Mrs. Cox would like to request disinfecting wipes

Miss Gilley would appreciate HP 930c inkjet ink – black 45 &/or color 78.

Mrs. Caputo would like Styrofoam bowls (any size), HP desk jet ink cartridge #15, and graphing paper

The Garden Club would like bags of Vita-Mulch from Forestry Resources, Bonita. Thank you for helping the Garden Club!

Mrs. Blickenstaff would be grateful for copy paper, Play Dough and a used iPod for

Mrs. Bentley, Ms. LaCorte, and Mr. Kopp would love the reusable shopping bags you can get from Publix, Wal-Mart, or other stores for each of their students.

Mrs. Eaton would like Playdoh brand Playdoh for letter making.

Ms. Greenwell would appreciate some big glue sticks for the class.

Mrs. Siwec's class would love to have some wooden clothespins, stamp pads, reams of white printer paper and thin white-board markers. Thanks!

Ms. Diktas would appreciate some Expo Markers.

Mrs. Rose would love to have some dry erase markers!

The first grade teachers would like dry erase markers and stamp pads.

Ms. Berenguer would love Mr. Clean Erasers and thin dry erase

Mrs. Slack could use stamp pads 😊

The first grade teachers would like dry erase markers & stamp pads.

Mrs. Jannasch would like dry erase markers and stamp pads.

Thanks to:

Thank you to the PTO ladies who are making our butterfly garden an aesthetic spot!

#### BUSINESS PARTNER:

We welcome businesses to partner with our school. Contact Mrs. Douglas-Joseph at 377-7743 or Miss Gilley at 377-7739.

#### THE HELPING HANDS MISSION

Through Helping Hands, NPE has formed a team of families and teachers who work together to add to the fantastic atmosphere that already exists at Naples Park! This team functions with NO EXTRA MEETINGS! We communicate easily through Shark Bytes every month.

If you can fill any of these wishes, please complete this ticket and return it with the item. Thank you!

I would like to grant \_\_\_\_\_'s wish for \_\_\_\_\_.

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