**5.1.2022**

Greetings Sherman Families and Community:

**THANK YOU SHERMAN FAMILIES AND STUDENTS!** The Read-A-Thon fundraising goal was met.  This means that lots of kids were reading and we raised money to support our Makerspace. Thank you for your generosity!

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK:** Families, May 2nd – May 6th is staff appreciation week.  Staff – from custodians to teachers to secretaries to nurses love to receive kind notes from families and students. Think about sending them a nice e-mail, message, or tell them in person your appreciation for them!

**JOIN THE PTSA BOARD!**  Have you enjoyed the events at Sherman this year? Want to help plan future events and support Sherman?  Our PTSA is looking for new board members for next year.  Please [check out this flyer for full details!](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/10YtiXpcO-Q9ureeUJLy6A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkUENMP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPWNiRERoQURlVi1FJm1hbD1iMTJkNDNhM2ZlZTQzYjdhZDA4MDZhN2ZhMzZlYzYyYWNkYTU1Y2YxY2ZiMGNhMjUwNGFiZjVmMjFkOGE5MGI1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpibMwPb2KXJhqrUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~)

**PET FOOD/ITEM DRIVE:** Several of our 4th grade students are passionate about animals and as part of their Animal Protection Club, they will be holding a pet food/toy/item drive the week of May 9th – 13th.  All items will go to the Human Society. Donations will be accepted in the morning under the covered area on the playground.  They are accepting unopened food, gently used and clean toys, or pet items.  If you would like to donate food, please make sure the expiration date is at least two months out.  Sherman students thank you in advance for helping these animals in need!

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES:** If you’re looking for some summer activities for your child, check out Tacoma Learns, an online directory of youth programs throughout Tacoma and Pierce County. Use the directory to find programs by grade level, cost, interest and location. [Check it out!](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wHV9jPPSHL6y-8AgcAd0SA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkUENMP0QdaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGFjb21hbGVhcm5zLm9yZy9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmJszA9vYpcmGqtSGHNwYXNrZXRAdGFjb21hLmsxMi53YS51c1gEAAAAAQ~~)

**STATE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT (SBA) IN MAY:** Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be completing State Assessments in the month of May in English and Math – 5th graders will also be assessed in science.  I’ve [attached a detailed schedule for you](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/5j51hLVLM3rhh4t42d2-LA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkUENMP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPWNiRERoQURlVi1FJm1hbD1jM2M5NzAyNmQ2MjZkY2E4YmQxOTdjMWQ1MTM1YmY0ZTc5YjJmZjM3OWQxZTk4NGRlNzJlNjNhMDkwMmJlNDhiVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpibMwPb2KXJhqrUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~)  to see which days your student will be assessed.  Please know most of the assessments will be completed before lunch time and the 2nd day of any assessment is for students to make up or finish and assessment if they haven’t finished it the prior morning.  Please reach out to your classroom teachers or Zoe Zachmeier [zzachme@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:zzachme@tacoma.k12.wa.us) (assessment coordinator) or me with any questions.  Please make sure your child brings their laptop fully charged for those days and that they have eaten breakfast (if they don’t eat here at school).

**STUDENT LAPTOPS & WiFi:** Learning does not stop at the doors to our buildings. Now, our students’ laptops automatically connect to the Wi-Fi at the following community partner locations:

* All Tacoma Public Library locations
* The Al Davies Boys and Girls Club
* The Milgard Family Eastside Boys and Girls Club
* Henry T. Schatz Boys and Girls Club

No action is required by students to connect to the Internet while on their district laptops at these public locations.

**SOUND TO NARROWS RUN:** On Saturday, June 11th Sherman PE teacher Mrs. Cunningham will be leading our students in the Sound to Narrows 2k run! Families need to register their child individually online at [www.soundtonarrows.org](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Fsq24eiqXM_3by_Z51IK6g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkUENMP0QdaHR0cDovL3d3dy5zb3VuZHRvbmFycm93cy5vcmdXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmJszA9vYpcmGqtSGHNwYXNrZXRAdGFjb21hLmsxMi53YS51c1gEAAAAAQ~~).  See the [full details on this FLYER.](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/W2eWSLgR_gHogdZbSEdsBA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRkUENMP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPWNiRERoQURlVi1FJm1hbD1mZGZiMjljZmY2ZTBmYjZkZjU1NTJhZWI2Y2E0ZDI1YjQ2ZjZhYThmZGZmMzBjYmQyYmUyZTU1ZGI4NzVjZGZkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpibMwPb2KXJhqrUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~)

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Christian Jordan

Principal

Sherman STEAM Elementary