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## SHAPE AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Mission:** SHAPE American Elementary School provides a culturally diverse educational environment to enable students to become literate, responsible citizens in a global community.

**Student Performance Goal 1:** All students will improve reading comprehension across all curricular areas.

**Student Performance Goal 2:** All students will increase their scientific reasoning skills across the curriculum.

### Principal's Corner

Charlene Leister—Principal  
Miles Shea—Assistant Principal

## Prepare for research projects

**N**ext time you visit the library, have your child imagine that he has to re-search a topic. Where would he look? What would he find? Practicing will help when school projects are assigned. Have him:

- Choose a subject—something he finds exciting. Then have him ask the librarian about it. For example, "Where can I find information about race cars?"
- Use resources, such as the library catalog. Show your child how books and other materials are organized. (Libraries usually divide books into sections such as reference, children's books and more.) Together, locate what you're looking for.
- Read a nonfiction book about the topic (he will be using nonfiction books when he does research for school). Consider taking home a fiction book on the same topic.

**Source:** "How to Use the Public Library to Help You Teach Your Elementary Schooler Reading," eHow, [www.ehow.com/how\\_2036505\\_library-elementary-reading.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_2036505_library-elementary-reading.html). Copyright © 2009, The Parent Institute®, [www.parent-institute.com](http://www.parent-institute.com).

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### Calendar of Events January

January 16—Teacher Record Keeping Day. No school for Students.

January 23—Parent/Teacher conferences. No School for Students

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## Run With The Counselor



Make a New Year Resolution to start healthy habits with our counselor!

Join us every MOnTH (Monday and Thursday) at lunchtime to walk or run around the school. You can drop in and out anytime you like and each pass is approximately 10 minutes.

All are welcome!

## Cafeteria News



### Is your Child's lunch account low?

For your convenience, you can add money to your child's lunch accounts any school day, Monday through Friday from 9am until 11am. Remember that starting at 11am, we are serving the students their lunches so please make sure to come to the cafeteria and see Mr. Mike **before** 11.

## SHARE A MEAL AT SAES!

We would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors and donors for a successful Share a Meal drive at SHAPE Elementary School. 13 families in total were sponsored with food and gifts (enough food for one week or more). Some families were sponsored by individual staff members and some by classes. Additionally, 4 other classes collected food and money for families that had not been sponsored.

The break down of sponsored families is:

4 small families

4 medium sized families

5 large families

Approximately 54 boxes of food collected total!!

Way to go for helping out local families in need!



## Winter Weather Advisory!

In the interests of our children's safety during the winter period, adverse weather or road conditions may make it necessary to cancel or delay the school bus service. The decision to cancel the school bus service will be made by the Chief, Transportation Branch, International Headquarters and Support Command, by 0600 hours on the morning concerned. The information will be provided to parents by AFN SHAPE (106.5 FM) and Radio Television Belgique (92.3 FM) beginning at 0645 hours. This information will then be repeated every 15 minutes until 0845 hours. The cancellation of the school buses means that the school will be closed for all children. There may be an occasion when the bus routes are clear in some areas and not in others. If the roads are impassable in your area, we will trust your judgment should you decide not to bring your child to school. Please just give us a call (065/44-5718) and let us know.

Parents can also try the Bus Hotline for information about bus delays. A daily message will inform parents of any delays of school busses. If there is no news, the message will play from the last day there was a bus problem. The hotline is CIV 065-44-6033.

## **WANTED: MENTORS & STUDY BUDDYS**

The SHAPE Elementary School is looking for adults who enjoy working with children.

The mentor program is designed to enhance student success in social, behavioral and academic areas. Mentors meet with students 45 minutes to 1 hour per week at the school – in the classroom, lunchroom or at recess. The mentor serves as a role model, resource person, motivator, listener and friend.

The Study Buddy program is an after school (3:30 – 4:30 pm) academic tutoring program, held on Wednesdays at the elementary school.

These programs are open to US, International, military, civilian and family members. If you have a heart for children and are interested in being a Mentor, Study Buddy or would like more information about the programs, please contact the office.

## **Toy Drive Success!**

Last Wednesday, a generous man, by the name of Thomas (Tommy) Temple, came to S.H.A.P.E. to collect toys that the S.H.A.P.E. American Schools donated. JROTC spearheaded the campaign at the high school while the third grade class organized the elementary school donations. Students and staff were asked to bring in toys for the St. Vincent Paul Sisters of Charity group. The toys that were collected were brought to a local orphanage for children who wouldn't otherwise be given presents. Tommy Temple expects the donated toys to be given out to upwards of 500 kids. We interviewed Mr. Tommy Temple to ask him about himself and this charity.

Q: "How long has this program been running?"

A: "Oh, well I have been working in this program 20 to 26 years now."

Q: "How successful has this year's toy drive been, compared to the past years'?"

A: "This has been one of the best yet! I'm surprised! Even though the economy is down, people are still giving."

Q: "What are some of the other charities you help out with?"

A: "Well, I do charity work for Rwanda, Africa and several other charities within Europe."

## Spotlight on Music

Wow! Students enjoyed the International Carols played by this talented family...as well as the beautiful sound of the Harp solo and Cello duet...what an awesome musical experience! It was fun to guess who was playing the Melody, in the Melody Game, and everyone had a chance to join in Singing along. Thank you for sharing your wonderful, musical talents with all of us! It filled us all with Holiday cheer!

**Sharing International Talent:** Visit from the German Music Teacher & His Students!



**Pictures Intentionally Deleted**

The "Recorder Carolers" play for students as they celebrate the holidays in their classrooms!

**Coming Soon: The Great Harmonica Playing Contest**