

# **Annual Events at Sharon Elementary School**

## **BEACH DAY**

Students spend their recess time celebrating the “pretend” arrival of summer. Following lunch, students go to the gym, play summer games, and listen to summer music. This is a nice escape from the cool winter chills! Students may bring appropriate shorts and shirts to change into for the beach party. Students wear their summer attire only during the party.

\*Typically takes place in January.

## **BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB**

Throughout the school year, celebrate your child’s birthday by donating a “Birthday Book” of your choice to the Sharon Elementary School Library. Each book donated has a sticker in the book with the name of the child that has donated the book. Information is sent home each year with details on how to participate. We thank you in advance for your donations!

\*Typically takes place throughout the school year.

## **BOOK BINGO**

Your whole family can enjoy this fun, free evening! Come, play bingo, and win books.

\*Typically takes place in February.

## **BOOK FAIR**

The Sharon Elementary spring book fair is open during school hours and during the annual Sharon Celebration of the Arts. Students first come with their class to browse the fair and fill out a Wish List for their parents to review. Students then return to the fair with their class to purchase the selections that have been approved by their parents.

\*Typically takes place in May.

## **BOOK SWAP**

This is a fun and simple way for students to trade gently used books and bring home "new" gently used books to enjoy! Students can bring up to 5 books to "swap." The children swap during their lunch and recess on the day of Book Swap.

\*Typically takes place in February.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**

Families have the opportunity to enjoy seeing the students' works of art from throughout the year displayed at Sharon. There is also a performance by our choir.

\*Typically takes place in May.

## **COSI**

COSI (Center of Science and Industry) visits our school each year with a new topic to explore. A Midwest school tradition since 1982, COSI on Wheels introduces dynamic science topics to the entire school with a high-energy, 45-minute assembly followed by a day of hands-on activities that enhance science inquiry skills and encourage continued learning. All COSI on Wheels programs fulfill Scientific Inquiry and Application Components of the Ohio College and Career Ready Standards.

\*Typically takes place in April

## **DARE**

Fifth graders participate in a 14-week course in Drug Abuse Resistance Education taught by Deputy Sharon Centner. Students learn about the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana on their bodies. They learn about the dangers of social media, including inappropriate texting and posting. Fifth grade students also learn the four steps of the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model, designed to help them make wise decisions:

1. Define the problem
2. Assess the choices
3. Respond

#### 4. Evaluate

At the end of the course, each child writes an essay explaining what he or she has learned from the program and how the DARE decision making model will help them make responsible choices.

\*Typically takes place throughout the school year.

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

The annual fall festival includes family friendly activities.

\*Typically takes place in October.

### **FIELD DAYS**

Students participate and compete in events they have learned in physical education class. Mr. Savoia hosts this amazing event. Visitors are welcome to come watch the fun from the edge of the parking lot.

\*Typically takes place in May.

### **FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION & PICNIC**

As a farewell from Sharon Elementary, parents are invited to attend a 5th grade celebration. This gives us an opportunity to recognize our students' unique gifts and talents before our picnic in the afternoon at Sharon Community Park.

\*Typically takes place the last Friday before school is out.

### **FOOD DRIVES**

Sharon Elementary conducts a food drive twice a year in support of St. Paul's food pantry in Sharon Center. The Sharing Center needs our help filling the food pantry with non-perishable food items, household items, and toiletries. Some items that are helpful include spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, juice boxes, cereal, tuna, pasta, toilet paper, detergent, and toothpaste.

\*Typically takes place in November and May.

## **HOLIDAY SHOP**

The Holiday Shop is an opportunity for your child to shop for all the members of their family on their own. The students bring home envelopes for their money. These envelopes will also show the time and dates when each of the classrooms are scheduled to shop.

\*Typically takes place in December.

## **MUFFIN MANIA**

To honor our families, we celebrate in the spring with a light breakfast. Each family brings a game to play while they enjoy time together in our cafeteria before school begins.

\*Typically takes place in April.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

This event is an exciting time for Sharon as we kick off the new school year. Families are able to meet the teacher and drop off any school supplies. In addition to visiting the classrooms, families have the opportunity to check out the cafeteria and playground.

\*Typically takes place the Monday before school begins.

## **PLAY PRODUCTION**

Students in Grades 3-5 may audition for the annual play production. Previous plays include Annie, Lion King, and Aladdin.

\*Auditions are typically in December with the play performances in March.

## **RECYCLING**

Sharon Elementary has a recycling container behind our school. We utilize this to recycle paper, as a school. Please note that families and community members are encouraged to use this for their paper recycling efforts, as well. Items accepted in our

container are *paper products only*, specifically: magazines, catalogues, newspapers, office papers, mail, coupons, hard & softbound books, phonebooks, cardboard, and shredded paper. Items NOT accepted are any type of plastic, Styrofoam, glass, metal, aluminum, or trash. If you have any questions regarding acceptable items, please visit the River Valley Paper Company website at [www.RiverValleyPaper.com](http://www.RiverValleyPaper.com).

\*Typically takes place throughout the school year.

### **SPORTS SPIRIT DAY**

A fun lunchtime event that includes sports trivia. Students may wear their favorite sports' team spirit wear.

\*Typically takes place in January.

### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing something "green" and help Sharon Elementary earn some "green" too! This "fundraiser" is an easy way for the school to earn money and, best of all; you don't need to sell a thing! Just donate used clothing and other items that you no longer need! In addition to "cloth" items (clothing, blankets, towels. etc.), we also collect shoes, books, toys, kitchenware, and other small household items. (Sorry, no furniture).

\*Typically takes place in April.

### **STUDENT SAFETY LESSONS**

Supported by Granger Township, students participate in a series of student safety lessons throughout the school year. There are a variety of lesson topics covered such as cooking safety, water safety, and Pond and Ice Safety...just to name a few! Students also have the opportunity to demonstrate the life-saving skills they are taught in the Tornado Trailer and Smokehouse. Each lesson is fun, informative, and interactive.

\*Typically takes place throughout the year.

## **SUMMER READING CELEBRATION**

Let's celebrate summer reading! Children who return their Medina Library Summer Reading calendar are rewarded with an ice cream treat.

\*Typically takes place in September.

## **VETERANS ASSEMBLY**

To honor our veterans, students participate in a special assembly that includes several patriotic songs. Veterans who are related to our school community are welcome to join us for the assembly. Due to limited space, we kindly ask for an RSVP by either calling the school office or returning the invitations created by our students. All children wear red, white and blue or other patriotic symbols to observe the special day honoring our military and veterans. Scouts may also wear their uniforms as a special tribute.

\*Typically takes place in November.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

We could not possibly do all the things we do at Sharon Elementary without the wonderful help of so many volunteers. This is our opportunity as a staff and on behalf of all our children to say a special thank you.

\*Typically takes place in May.

## **WALK-A-THON**

This is the largest fundraiser for Sharon. Money raised provides valuable programs, events, and activities for the children at Sharon. Information is sent home in children's folders. Thank you for your support!

\*Typically takes place in September.