

Principal's Message

Welcome back!!! We are starting a new semester and we are excited to get the second half of the year going. Just a reminder of the attendance policy:

A parent, guardian or other person having charge of any child officially enrolled in Alabama public schools (K-12) shall explain in writing the cause of any and every absence of the child no later than three (3) school days following return to school. A failure to furnish such explanation shall be evidence of the child being truant each day he/she is absent. The child shall also be deemed truant for any absence determined by the principal to be unexcused. Seven (7) unexcused absences within a school year will result in a student being considered truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the Court.

Parent notes do start over this semester, but the maximum is 5. Absences are recorded from the first day of school until the last. Please make sure students are here and on time. Here we go 2020. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 7-Newsletters Sent Home
 January 8-Aspire ELA Testing
 January 9-Aspire Math Testing
 January 9-Report Cards Distributed
 January 14-Aspire Reading Testing
 January 20-No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
 January 21-No School, iLearning Day

Art Expose'

We are getting back into the swing of things by starting new and exciting projects this semester. We will be focusing on perspective, movement, colors, and more.

Mentoring Matters

*January is National Mentoring month. If you see a mentor in the hallway, let them know they are doing a great job!
 *We have a new room for mentoring! The new space is Mr. Kennedy's old room at the end of the 5th grade hallway!

**21st Century CCLC Extended Day**

Exciting things are upcoming in the afterschool program. A partnership with UNA will provide additional enrichment for the students. We will continue the robotics program and the STEM enrichment with media specialist Dayna Willis and technology specialist Emily Smith. SHS teacher Sarah Bailey will also continue her monthly art lessons. We are thrilled to begin using our new drone in academic activities with Mr. Cagle this spring.

A special thank you to Shelly Hollis for the "Family Mission Statement" event in December.

**Reading Coach Review**

Start 2020 off with a good book! Select a favorite book from your childhood and read it to or with your child. It is an excellent way to work on reading fluency and spend some quality time with your child!

Counselor's Corner

This month in guidance class, students will learn how to maintain good mental health. We will discuss stress and how it affects the body. Students will also be taught the warning signs of depression and anxiety as well as coping skills and how to overcome.

3rd Grade Notes

January will be a very busy month! Third grade students will be diving into main idea and details in reading by focusing on nonfiction text. In language, we will be focusing on informative writing and reviewing parts of speech. Fractions will be our focus all month long! We will begin plotting fractions on a number line, comparing fractions, and finding equivalent fractions.

4th Grade Newsflash

4th grade students will be working on character analysis and context clues in reading. In language arts, we will continue to work on grammar and create opinion writing pieces. Social studies focus will be on Native Americans/Creek War effects on Alabama. Get ready to use your thinking caps in math! We are about to explore the different things we can do with fractions! Fractions will be our main focus for several weeks. In science, we will be learning about the

different types of waves and how they affect our lives.

5th Grade Blast

5th grade students will begin learning about relationships and interactions as they read non-fiction texts in reading. In science, students will learn about mixtures and solutions through experiments! Social Studies focus will be on the tensions that took place in the colonies. We are about to explore multiplication with fractions as well! The 5th Grade Team hopes you all had a great Christmas break!!

6th Grade Scoop

Math Updates - Important papers were sent home on Monday, January 6th. Please fill those out and return to Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart will host a Math and Munch and Math Night on Tuesday, January 21st for 6th grade parents. You may join her from 11:30 -12:30 or 5:30 - 6:30. She will discuss some helpful tips and websites to ensure your child is successful in math class. You will also get first hand experience with a 6th grade math lesson. Check Mrs. Stewart's website for updates on future opportunities to help your child be successful in 6th grade math and beyond.

Library Lowdown

This month we will begin our library centers! Over the next 5 weeks, students will rotate through centers focused on reading, writing about bubble gum, researching Rube Goldberg machines, and coding with Osmo.

Check out our website for upcoming events like Book Fair!

Box Tops QR Code:



www.boxtops4education.com

LEW Media Center QR Code:



www.lewmediacenter.weebly.com

Thank you for your help and support during Santa Shop!

Technology Telegram

Mrs. Smith's Website: bit.ly/bulldogtech

YEARBOOK INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME SOON!

We will be selling hardcover, full color yearbooks again this year. Watch for yearbook information coming home later this month.

Parents of 6th Graders: You will have the opportunity to purchase a baby ad in the yearbook for your student. Ad information will be coming home within the next two weeks.

G. T. Forecast

Starting this month, our GT students will be starting their research for the Annual Sheffield Gifted Education Research Fair. This year, the topic is Careers and the students chose a career that interests them the most! We are planning on having the Research Fair around the beginning of April; more information will go out later! Everyone is welcome to attend that day!

5th grade field trip forms will go out in the next few weeks. Please be watching their folders!

This is also Gifted Education Month! Governor Kay Ivey will sign a proclamation on January 27 in recognition and support of Gifted Education Month. The students and myself will be participating in GEM 2020 "Focus 4 Gifted" activities until the end of the month. I am excited to help advocate and raise awareness for the educational and social-emotional needs of our students today! This is going to be a great start to our new year!

Lunchroom Menu

Our breakfast and lunch menu can be viewed by scanning the QR Code below.



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