December 2013



Support from the home is essential to help in our "no bullying" policy at South Middle School. The following list will let you help us keep SMS as bully free as possible!

- Encourage open communication with your child about what is happening at school
- Get on an anti-bullying websites with your child and discuss what is there. (one favorite is stopbullyingnow.gov)
- Report any potential signs of bullying right away to the school
- Please discourage your child from engaging in bullying/harassment/teasing or "just kidding" behaviors
- Give your child advice on how to solve conflict without violence or aggression

If you would like to discuss any issues regarding your child and problems with others, please feel free to contact the school and ask for Mrs. Schaar or our counselors Mr. Koontz and Mrs. Fine.



We challenge students to make a commitment to building others up rather than tearing them down.

It's a pledge to be part of the solution - a call to step up and make a difference.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPELLING BEE WINNERS>>>

1st place= Caleb Coppess 2nd place=Ashley Strosnider 3rd place=Amanda Chui



Thanks to our Literacy Committee for all of their work toward a successful school bee= Mrs. Garrison, Mrs Gibson and Mrs. Anderson.

We are positive about Good Behavior!

Our WAVE Expectations; We are respectful, Always responsible, Very kind and Excited and ready to learn!!

Attendance

Please call the office at 548-3525 and let Kathy know if your child will be absent.

Students who have good attendance have been proven to have greater success at school and in life. Though students can make up assigned work after an excused absence it is necessary to be in class to gain the whole educational experience. We encourage parents to call and arrange for your child's work if more than one day will be missed due to an illness. We will work with you in anyway we can to ensure the student is in school each day. Don't hesitate to call or set up an appointment if there are any questions or concerns.

HONOR/MERIT ROLL 1ST QUARTER – Nov. 2013

<u>5th Grade Highest Honor</u>: Chloe Freeman, Reed Hanes, Faith Mansfield, Ashley Strosnider, Gabriel Taylor, Jordan Warner

6th Grade Highest Honor: Sarah Abell, Maggie Bankson, Amanda Chui, Caleb Coppess, Sophie Gettinger, Taylor Hines, Emma Klosterman, Kelli Kretschmar, Jessica Mortensen, Riley Smith, Josilyn Worden

5th Grade Honor Roll: Kendra Arnold, Dylan Bingham, Jordan Booher, Hunter Bruney, Zachary Burgan, Kendall Cleere, Shade Collins, Anna Comer, Mandy Denlinger, Ryan Dull, Aubrey Evers, Cameron Fletcher, Kailey Fourman, Kole Francis, Brooke Garber, Tristan Heaton, Jazmen Hix, Jesse Lavy, Allyson Martin, Aaron Matthew, Joseph McCullough, Lynndee Miltenberger, Tyler Milton, Landon Muhlenkamp, Ryo Murakami, Tomoya Marita, Hayden Nealeigh, James Normile, Anson Norton, Luke Perreira, Nathan Perreira, Luke Raffel, Alexander Rasool, Tylend Rehmert, Joy Schaaf, Jaden Sensano, Hadyn Sharp, Brennen Siefring, Brianna Smedley, Logan Stastny, Alexander Subler, Aaron Suter, Abbygail Sutton, Cristian Warner, Jacob Watson, Harley West, Bradley Wynn

6th Grade Honor Roll: Gianna Bixler, Andrew Bonfiglio, Courtney Bryson, Mary Burk, John Butsch, Foster Cole, Kathy Dang, Brianna Delong, Ethan Detrick, Macee Dunfee, Christopher Elliott, Alaina Erbaugh, Alyssa Evers, Ethan Flanery, Alec Fletcher, Dennis Forte, Madilyn Francis, Joshua Galloway, Morgan Gilbert, Destiny Grillot, Vanessa Gutierrez, Meghan Holman, Ryan Howard, Riley Hunt, Alex Hutt, Ian Laux, Victor Livesay, Hannah McKee, Kelly Nguyen, Lainey Oswalt, Shannon Parent, Mersadie Pittsenbarger, Zoe Pressnall, Eric Price, Angel Punches, Gabriel Richardson, Hope Schaaf, Devein Shepherd, Andrew Stachler, Lucy Stiefel, Abigail Swensen, Alexandria Tanner, William Weaver 5th Grade Merit Roll: Coltin Addis Henninger, Tommy Bandedo, Ryleigh Barber, Candice Boggs, Laine Brickler, Phoebe Bright, Katelyn Brodrick, Nichlaus Brumbaugh, Justin Bryan, Brooklynn Bush, Shaylee Bush, Levi Byers, Sydni Byers, William Cook, Skyler Couchot, Jacota Crumrine, Kayla Daniels, Hanna Denney, Khale Donthnier, Riley Emerick, Brooke Ferguson, Lilian Gerace, Hailey Gilpin, Skyler Ginter, Mary Hart, Reese Hartle, Jacob Hinshaw, Keegan Honeyman, Austin Jolley, Drayk Kallenberger Felicity Lance, Breanna Leffel, Caiden Lutz, Katlin Marshall, Sarah McDaniel, Connor McFaddin, Maranda Mendenhall, Russell Meyers, Erin Miles, Conner Mills, Hunter Morgan, Lars Nelson, Alyssa Ortez, Deanna Osborne, Ashlyn Plessinger, Chelsea Randall, Kristen Rieman, Grace Shaffer, Seth Smith, Martina Spahr, Kirsten St. Myers, Gabriel Stevens, Alexander Strait, Joseph Thomas, Joshua Thompson, Ethan Tutwiler, Brittni Walker, Ethan Watkins, Nyesha Wright, Abigail Yoder, Olivia York 6th Grade Merit Roll: Nathan Anthony, Monserratte Bandedo, Deaken Beavins, Rae Benedict, Courtney Bucklew, Brandi Carrubba, Kiersten Cates, Abigail Cattell, Caitlin Christman, Jessica Clark Nicholas Colby, Zachary Coppess, Natea Davidson, Riely Davis, Taylor Denniston, Makenzie Glancy, Ethan Godown, Chelsea Gray, Tytan Grote, Izzabella Harless, Cheyenne Harmon, Adeline Haupt, Makayla Hess, Madison Hollopeter, Katie Jay, Shelby Johns, Brandon Julian, MatthewKarns, Madison Klosterman, Ava Koller, Aubrey Landis, Jonathan Lawson, Mason Lay, Branson Leigeber, Gabriel Market, Elisha Meeks, Terry Miller, Sarah Neighbors, Samantha Newberry, Jacob Parsons, Sarah Pohl, Corey Quinn, Maggie Reigle, Kaitleyn Schmidt, Taylor Schmidt, Wesley Shaffer, Logan Sheilds, Dawson Shirley, Blaine Smith, Brandon Spencer, Madelyn Stewart, Brecken Sublett, Asia Sykes, Kesley Underwood, Chase Waddle,



Grace Washington, Brianna Wolf, Donivan Wright, Mason Wykes

OUR TEACHERS KISSED A PIG/PUG

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Schatz, Mrs. House, Mrs. Ditty and Mrs. Byram were the winning team to kiss the pig/pug (Harley the pug owned by Mrs. Warvel). SMS raised over \$200 for cancer awareness and the most voted for team of teachers agreed to kiss the PIG/PUG. Thanks for being such good sports and supporters of a great cause.

Mark your calendar

Dec 2- 7 pm Middle School Band Concert at Memorial Hall

Dec. 3 – 2nd payment for 6th Grade Chicago trip due \$100.00

Dec 12-7pm Greenville City School Board Meeting

Dec 1-; 6pm PTA Meeting room 108 SMS

Dec 23-Jan 1 - Winter Break

PTA News

South middle PTA is working to assist in providing a great education experience for the MS level students of Greenville. Please contact Shawna for a membership form and to turn in your \$5 membership fee. PTA meetings are held the 3rd Tues every month at South School and we welcome all to attend. Our next meeting is Nov 19th at 6 pm in room 108 at South.

This year we have partnered with Marco's Pizza to have a pizza day once a month to generate funds for the PTA. Our day of fundraising falls on the first Thurs of every month. So make sure when you call in to order your pizza you let them know it's to support South Middle School PTA. Marco's Pizza night for SMS is Dec 5th. Thanks for supporting your child's PTA!!

The officers for the 2013-2014 year are President-Shawna Leigeber, Vice President-Julie Strait, Secretary- Melissa Bruney, Treasurer-Susan Gettinger, Fundraising Rep-Stacey Galloway, Parent Rep-Juanita Maloon, and Council Rep- Misty Werling.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with all of you through the school year.

Madam President, Shawna Leigeber

Principal's Ponderings By Mrs. Schaar

Our students and teachers have been working very hard to ensure learning is our number one priority at South Middle School. Discuss with your child the vocabulary word of the week. It is a word the whole school is focusing on for the week. Ask questions such as, "What was your favorite part of today and what did you learn?"

This will open a conversation with your child that reinforces what has been taught at school.

Remember to read with your child over the breaks and there are a lot of FUN EDUCATIONAL toys and devices to consider

Thanks for raising such wonderful children!

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday season, RHONDA SCHAAR, Principal