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How can I help my child prepare for the OAA?

As always, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information. Additionally, you will find sample test questions from previously released tests at the Ohio Department of Education's website at <http://ohio3-8.success-ode-state-oh-us.info>

Additional information can be found by visiting the Ohio Department of Education's homepage at www.ode.state.oh.us keyword search: achievement assessments

TIPS for PARENTS: BULLY PREVENTION

<http://www.bullyfree.com/free-resources/tips-for-parents>

Starting at Home (Good for All Children)

- Teach self-control through discipline.
- Don't tolerate mistreatment of others and consistently applying negative consequences.
- Reward your child for improvement in behavior.
- Teach your child to treat others the way they want to be treated.
- Teach your child that mistreatment and kindness are powerful – creating memories.
- Hold family meetings to teach empathy, sensitivity and values.
- Teach child to control his/her anger.
- Discuss models of acceptance (newspaper stories, television stories, movies, etc.).
- Discuss bullying scenes you watch on television or in movies.
- Teach your child to say, "I'm sorry." "Please forgive me." and then to be kind to the person.



*We are committed at SMS
to be the difference others see!!*

We are positive about Good Behavior!

Students, have you pledged to demonstrate Wave expectations? When you demonstrate Wave expectations in an outstanding way, you may be rewarded with a BUG award. You may have noticed that in the office you now turn your BUG awards in a basket for your grade level. That is because every Friday, fifth grade and sixth grade BUG award winners are drawn to have lunch with a special guest. The special lunches will be on Fridays. Students will eat their regular lunch, but will sit at a specially decorated table and will be joined by a special guest. Guests have included; Greenville Fire Dept, Greenville Police Dept, Darke County Sheriff's Dept and local leaders.

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

CHICAGO TRIP NEWS

Parents of 6th graders attending the Chicago trip in March! There is a mandatory meeting on Feb 19 at 6 pm at Memorial Hall. There has been a letter sent home with additional information but please call the office for clarification with any questions or concerns. There is required paper work to sign and we will have volunteer notaries available. We will also go over additional itinerary and rooming information.

Attendance

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

WE CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE FOR FIRST SEMESTER

Our percentage for the first semester was an average of 95%. Our school goal is 93%. Thanks so much for helping us achieve above goal by calling in your child for illnesses and working to make sure your child is at school if at all possible. We are celebrating our good attendance with positive incentives for the students.

Thanks once again!!



REFILL THE FOOD BANKS in FEBRUARY

Mrs Schatz Exploratory class will lead our school wide efforts to use February as a month to refill local food banks from the holidays. We will be announcing specific information for the students so please be aware we will need your support!! We will show our love for our community by pitching in to help!

Mark your calendar

Feb 10-14: Jump Rope for Hearts

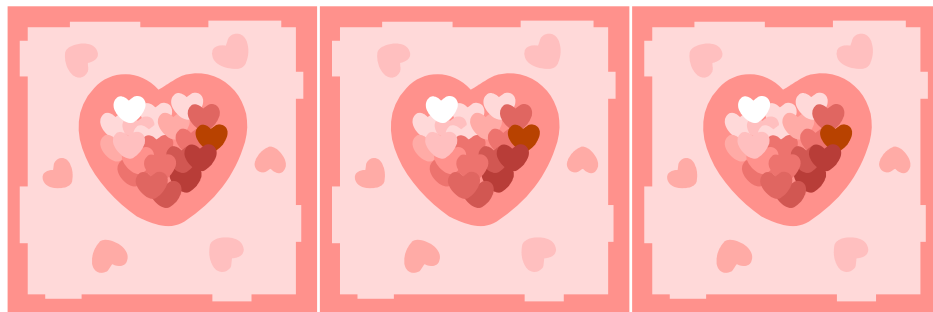
Feb 13: 7p GCS Board Meeting

Feb 15: GTI work day-Thanks to GTI for helping out at SMS.

Feb 18; 6pm PTA in rm 108

Feb 19: 6pm Chicago parent mtg @MH

Feb 25: 2:30p WAVE Leaders to BRH



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 Feb 18 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 Feb 6th. Thanks for supporting your child's PTA!!

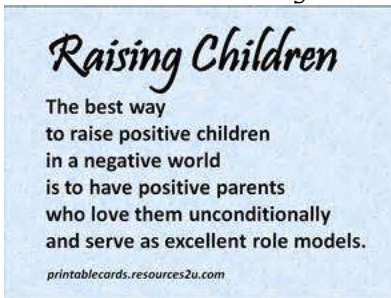
The officers for the 2013-2014 year are President-Shawna Leigeber, Vice President-Julie Strait, Secretary- Melissa Bruney, Treasurer-Susan Gettinger, Fundraising Rep-Stacey Galloway, Parent Rep-Juanita Maloon, and Council Rep- Misty Werling. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with all of you through the school year.

Madam President, Shawna Leigeber

Principal's Ponderings

By Mrs. Schaar

In our current society we are focused on numbers and data to show and/or prove accomplishments. At Greenville MS we appreciate the use of data to assist us in knowing how to focus our teaching to enhance student learning. Our focus, however, is our students. We know and can prove if we focus on our students the numbers will follow. We are in the business of working with you to move your child to the next level and grow him/her a year academically while meeting his/her unique social and age level needs at the same time. You have given us your most precious commodity for a large portion of the day and we take that responsibility very seriously. Please talk to your child about his/her MAP goals (diagnostic test taken three times a year), current scores, projects, novels, and other learning opportunities at school. Ask your child about successes, challenges and what can be done to help.



Don't hesitate to let us help you in anyway we can. Thanks again for your support.

RHONDA SCHAAR, Principal

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
2ND QUARTER HONOR/MERIT ROLL

Highest Honors 5th Grade: Kole Francis, Ashley Strosnider, Aaron Suter

Highest Honors for 6th grade: Maggie Bankson, Amanda Chui, Caleb Coppess, Sophia Gettinger, Morgan Gilbert, Taylor Hines, Kelli Kretschmar, Abigail Swensen, Josie Worden

Honor Roll 5th Grade: Coltin Addis Henninger, Kendra Arnold, Ryleigh Barber, Jordan Booher, Hunter Bruney, Sydni Byers, Kendall Cleere, Anna Comer, Mandy Denlinger, Ryan Dull, Aubrey Evers, Kailey Fourman, Chloe Freeman, Reed Hanes, Reese Hartle, Tristan Heaton, Jazmen Hix, Jesse Lavy, Faith Mansfield, Allyson Martin, Aaron Matthew, Lynndee Miltenberger, Landon Muhlenkamp, Ryo Murakami, Hayden Nealeigh, James Normile, Anson Norton, Luke Perreira, Alexander Rasool, Tylen Rehmer, Joy Schaaf, Jaden Sensano, Grace Shaffer, Hadyn Sharp, Brianna Smedley, Nicholas Stith, Alexander Subler, Abbygail Sutton, Gabriel Taylor, Christian Warner, Jordan Warner, Jacob Watson

Honor Roll 6th Grade: Sarah Abell, Gianna Bixler, Andrew Bonfiglio, Courtney Bryson, Kiresten Cates, Foster Cole, Zachary Copess, Kathy Dang, Brianne DeLong, Macee Dunfee, Christopher Elliott, Alyssa Evers, Ethan Flanery, Denis Forte, Joshua Galloway, Chelsea Gray, Destiny Grillot, Adeline Haupt, Meghan Holman, Ryan Howard, Riley Hunt, Emma Klosterman, Madison Klosterman, Ian Laux, Victor Livesay, Hannah McKee, Mikayla Miller, Terry Miller, Jessica Mortensen, Lainey Oswalt, Jacob Parsons, Sarah Pohl, Zoe Pressnall, Angel Punches, Hope Schaaf, Devin Shepherd, Riley Smith, Andrew Stachler, Lucy Stiefel, Kelsey Underwood, William Weaver, Goerge Worrell, Mason Wykes

Merit Roll 5th Grade: Casey Baker, Tommy Bandedo, Dylan Bingham, Lane Brickler, Phoebe Bright, Nick Brumbaugh, Justin Bryan, Zach Burgan, Shalee Bush, Levi Byers, William Cook, Skyler Couchot, Hanna Denney, Khale Donthnier, Riley Emerick, Brooke Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Cameron Fletcher, Brooke Garber, Lilian Gerace, Skyler Ginter, Chloe Hall, Cheyenne Harter, Logan Hittle, Austin Jolley, Felicity Lance, Caiden Lutz, Joseph McCullough, Sara McDaniel, Conner McFaddin, Erin Miles, Connor Mills, Tyler Milton, Hunter Morgan, Tomoyo Narita, Lena Netzley, Alyssa Ortez, Deanna Osborne, Nathan Perreira, Ashlyn Plessinger, Jordan Pretsman, Aeris Raffel, Braden Rank, Kristin Rieman, Brennen Siefring, Dylan, Smith, Emily Snyder, Kirsten St. Myers, Logan Stastny, Alex Strait, Joseph Thomas, Curtis Wagner, Brittni Walker, Harley West, Nyesha Wright, Bradley Wynn, Abigail Yoder

Merit Roll 6th Grade: Monserratte Bandedo, Kiersten Barnes, Rae Benedict, Courtney Bucklew, John Butsch, Brandi Carrubba, Abigail Cattell, Phoenix Clark Holliday, Jessica Clark, Nicholas Colby, Riely Davis, Taylor Denniston, Ethan Detrick, Alaina Erbaugh, Alec Fletcher, Madilyn Francis, Makenzi Glancy, Vanessa Gutierrez, Izzabella Harless, Alex Hutt, Katie Jay, Matthew Karns, Ava Koller, Aubrey Landis, Jonathan Lawson, Branson Leigeber, Gabriel Market, Elisha Meeks, Kelly Nguyen, Shannon Parent, Mersadie Pittsenbarger, Eric Price, Corey Quinn, Maggie Reigle, Dawson Shirley,

Blaine Smith, Brandon Spencer, Brecken Sublett, Asia Sykes, Alexandria Tanner, Chase Waddle, Grace Washington