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From the Falcon's Nest

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 2/6: "Flight of the Falcon" Academic and Related Arts Showcase from 7:00-8:30 pm
- 2/6: Greenville Drive Reading Challenge Begins
- 2/7-2/13: Candy Grams on Sale in Cafeteria
- 2/10: Student Council Sponsored Valentine's Day Dance (3:15-5:15)
- 2/20: No School—President's Day
- 2/29: Job-Shadowing for participating 8th grade students

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A Note from the Principal

Student Effort and Citizenship Celebrated in Quarterly Incentive Parties

Recently, students at the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades celebrated their hard work, positive grades, and good behavior in **quarterly incentive parties**. These activities are a bit of freedom and fun activity during the school day. Students who passed all classes and had no ISS or OSS during the preceding quarter were celebrated in these events. Students are helping us to plan the celebrations that will follow 3rd quarter, and we expect them to be even bigger than before.

Our 2nd semester is well underway, and student performance must be at its best for Sevier to meet the exemplary student achievement we expect from our work. We ask that parents continually promote the fact that their sons and daughters have great promise, will achieve amazing things, and that they can successfully complete the most difficult task before them through commitment, hard work, and seeking help whenever it is needed. Your message must assume the very best in your sons and daughters. Make sure that in your household, success is the *expected*, failure is *not an option*, and the parent-teacher-student *partnership for achievement is standard practice*. Looking forward to a great spring here at Sevier!



Reflections Winners

Congratulations to the winners in the PTA Reflections Contest 2012's NW Council Judging Results! ALL FOUR of our first place entries from our school went on to place at the NW Council level: 1st place, photography: Abbey Hudson, 6th grade, 1st place, video: Abby Potter, 6th grade, 2nd place, literature: Zoie Poole, 6th grade 2nd place, Visual art: Bailey Phillips, 7th grade **And CONGRATULATIONS to Abbey Hudson, whose photography entry won 1st place at the recent District-level judging!** All seven of Sevier's winning entries will go on to compete with entries from across the state (judging to be held in February). Thanks to all who participated in the contest this year!

PTA News

Lori Madeline to serve as PTA Co-President through 2011-2012

Many thanks go to Lori Madeline for stepping in to replace Shannon Cone as PTA Co-President for this school year. The Sevier Staff joins the community in appreciation for all that Ms. Cone has done to lead the PTA for the past two and a half years.

Our program has been enriched by her commitment to see all students enjoy a vibrant middle school experience. As Shannon stays busy with obligations of family and work, we are grateful for the talent and determination of Lori Madeline. Lori has served as President at Paris Elementary School PTA and has a demonstrated ability to lead committed team members to do great things.

Thanks go to Shannon for her leadership, and to Lori for her selfless investment and clear commitment to a strong Sevier PTA.



Science News



All 7th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a field trip to the Roper Mountain Science Center on March 21, 2012. Students will participate in two science programs. The first is the "Way Cool Science" Assembly. Students will observe and interact with chemical and physical changes and chemical reactions. The second program is "The Astronaut in Inner Space". This program is held in the planetarium and students will take a virtual trip to discover the effects an astronaut would encounter in the human body as he travels through space. The field trip cost will include a Chick-Fil-A student lunch (sandwich, chips, cookie, and a drink). Cost to be paid by March 1st. Field trip forms were sent home with the report card on Thursday, January 19th. Please contact Sherri Nauss or Ginger Barbare for more information.

The Flight of the Falcon

Don't Miss "The Flight of the Falcon" an Academic and Related Arts Showcase!

Please join us on **Monday, February 6 at 7 pm** for our Academic and Related Arts Showcase. Rising 6th graders will be our guests as core teachers share the progression of the curriculum from 6th through 8th grade, and Related Arts students demonstrate the programs available to every student. Course registration begins this month, and all should be aware of program choices. Be sure to share an invitation to this special event with your 5th grade neighbors. Let them know that you are proud of your school!

Career Connections

ATTENTION 8th Graders.....

February 29, 2012....JOB SHADOWING Day for 8th grade students
Informational packets were sent home on January 6 & 9, with all interested students, check school website.

Contact Ms. Sims, Career Specialist at 355-8377 or by Email: vmsims@greenville.k12.sc.us for questions & additional information.

All A's Honor Roll



Congratulations for the following students who made straight A's on their 2nd quarter report cards:

6th grade: Samuel Babetz, Sydney Ballew, Bryson Bargar, Brett Betsill, Karson Bryant, Madison Buff, Christian Buhlman, Carly Calder, Anna Caviness, Hannah Chau, Garrett Clark, William Edwards, Jackson Elgin, Robert Groome, Richard Hadley, Kloie Hart, Autumn Hawkins, Elaine Hege, Christian Holtzclaw, Ethan Honeycutt, Abbey Hudson, Charles Hudson, Nytaisha Jones, Benjamin Keith, Benjamin Keller, Hhu Le, Amelia Limon, Madison Lord, Gavin McCants, Tramel Murry, Na Nguyen, Zoie Poole, Abigail Potter, Juan Reyes, Vanessa Rodriguez-Carmona, Sloan Rohrbaugh, Robert Stambaugh, Caedmon Storm, Rebekah Taylor, Christopher Wall, Courtney Weber, Michael Wells, Hannah White, Daniel Whiteman, and Clayton Wortman.

7th grade: Ashley Barron, Camryn Bruner, William Fowler, Madeline Heible, Sarah Hudgins, Natalie Jones, William Keener, Katelyn LaPenna, Claudia Li, John Ly, Gary McBee, Brittany Plumblee, Nicholas Sally, Jenna Schenk, Timber Talley, Kaytlin Taylor, and Joelle Zima.

8th grade: Emily Bruns, Sierra Foster, Madilyn Johansen, and Rachel Robinson

It's Beta Club Time!



Beta Club will be adopting several projects as part of their grade level community service projects for this year. Starting Jan. 23rd until Feb. 24th, individual classes will be competing to collect "Pennies for Pasta" which is a grassroots organization raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of S.C. Beta Club kids will be counting the money and participating in making posters for this project. Beta Club kids are encouraged to collect pennies or even dollars for this very worthy cause and turn that money into their homeroom teacher. The time spent can count towards their 10 hours of community service that each member is required to do each year. Please encourage your child to spend some time on this project so as to help make a difference in the life of a child with cancer. You can write a check to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of S.C. and receive a tax deductible receipt. We appreciate your support!

Math Mania

Ratio Knowledge!

A **ratio** is a relationship between two values. For instance, a ratio of 1 pencil to 3 pens would imply that there are three times as many pens as pencils. For each pencil there are 3 pens, and this is expressed in a couple ways, like this: 1:3, or as a fraction like 1/3. There do not necessarily have to be those numbers of each, but a multiple of them. We could just as easily have 2 pencils and 6 pens, 10 pencils and 30 pens, or even half a pencil and one-and-a-half pens!



Help your student understand the concept of ratios by understanding them yourself! There are a variety of helpful tools in your students' textbook and online! Here is an example of a website that can help you and your student better understand what they are learning at school!

<http://www.webmath.com/k8ratio.html>

Greenville Drive Reading Challenge

Greenville Drive All Star Reading Challenge begins

Monday, February 6 through Friday, March 2

Each student is challenged to read 4 books in 4 weeks. Those meeting the challenge will be honored at a Drive game, given a free ticket, and a T-shirt! Details and reading logs are available on the front page of our web page.



Media Center Madness!

Greenville County Middle School Book Bowl will start their practice meetings in the media center before school in February. Students have been reading these ten books since the beginning of school. All students are invited to participate.

READERS ARE LEADERS

Join a book club. All book clubs meet before school in the media center. There is a boys book club, a girls book club, and a manga/anime book club! Watch the school announcements for details.

So far this year Sevier students have checked out nearly 10,000 books and placed 550 on hold. The following students have checked out the most books so far this school year: 7th grader Joshua Lian-72 books, 7th grader AnBrienna Sullivan-69 books, 7th grader Matthew Eanes-63 books, 7th grader Mykayla Briggs-46 books, 7th grader Nola Propst -46 books



C.A.T.C.H. This!

C.A.T.C.H.— A New Approach to a Healthier Lifestyle

This year, our school launched a new program to encourage and motivate students, teachers and our community to focus more on staying physically active and eating healthy. The program, C. A. T. C. H., stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health. It is designed to promote active and healthy food choices at school. Students participate in mini-exercises and discussions in class.

There are even special labels in the cafeteria that remind students of which foods are good (GO!), o.k. in moderation (Slow!), and the foods everyone should avoid (WHOA!) In Mrs. Bowman's class, we discuss the healthy choices we can make and create posters to display across school. Many of us have even written about C.A.T.C.H and its benefits. To me, this program shows students how they can live a healthier and beneficiary lifestyle. It is easy. I believe programs like these help people to find ways to eat the "right" foods, while still allowing them to have choice and variety.

By: Ethan Williams, 7th grade



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"Tell me and I forget; show me and I remember; involve me and I understand"

-Anonymous

Counselor's Corner

Student registration for the 2012-2013 school year is fast approaching. Students will be bringing home registration information very soon. We will also be available to answer any questions about registration or assist you with the on-line registration.

Dates for on-line registration are February 13-16 for 6th and 7th grade students and February 21-24 for 8th grade students.

Teachers will recommend students for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students will go to the lab at school and be assisted with selecting electives. Course descriptions can be found on the registration site or on our website. The guidance office will print a final copy of each students registration form and send it home. This will need to be signed and returned. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at # 355-8203 or #355-8485.