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# Sevier Middle School

## From the Falcon's Nest

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 11/7: Girls Sex Education Begins
- 11/7: Gang Prevention Program (7th Grade)
- 11/7: Fall Baseball Practice
- 11/8: Math Counts Begins
- 11/10: SIC Meeting, 12:30
- 11/11: Veteran's Day Ceremony, 10:00
- 11/15: 5th Grade Fun Night, Hot Dog Supper, 6:00
- 11/19: Outdoor Garden Workday
- 11/21-11/22: 7th Grade to Roper Mountain Science Center
- 11/22: "No Collar" Canned Food Drive
- 11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/28: Progress Reports



### A Note from the Principal

Parents Are Encouraged to **Use the Tools** to Support Student Learning

Hold your son or daughter accountable for on-going effort and follow through on class assignments. **Student Agendas** (planners) are checked daily by classroom teachers to see that students have written class assignments. The student planner is the most up to date way for parents to know what homework has been assigned.

**Teacher websites** are updated by 4:00p.m. each Monday to reflect current assignments and upcoming projects. Please take advantage of the **Parent Portal** to monitor your child's progress. Teachers will update the grade book and post scores to the Parent Portal within seven calendar days of the turn-in date.

Please reinforce to your sons and daughters that **timely completion** and **student turn-in** directly impacts student understanding and progress through the current unit of study. Often student success in later units of a course depends on a firm foundation in the skills learned in the prior unit. For this reason, among others, any concern about missing work or a surprising grade must be handled in a timely fashion.

Parents are encouraged to call or email teachers when concerns arise. Contact the teacher if you need help or if your son or daughter is not performing as he or she should be. A **request for conference** is welcome and can be arranged through the **Guidance Office at 355-8204**.

It takes all of us to develop independence, responsibility, and academic success in each of our children. Let us continue to refine a strong partnership with you for your child's success.

Sevier Middle School is happy to provide your access ID and password on any school day, during regular office hours, from 7:45 – 4:00. (Be prepared to show ID, please.)

### Volunteers Needed

**The Sevier Faculty and PTA want your help here at school!** We were very pleased with the interest shown at our orientation late in October, and are adding volunteer opportunities to meet the interests of a wide variety of parents. We need help for a variety of tasks and events:

Daily – Office support from 1:30 – 3:15

**November 15 -- Fifth Grade Fun Night:** Set up and serve hot dog plates from 5:45-6:30.

**November 19 – Outdoor Garden Workday,** 9 – 11:30: Drive wheelbarrows, spread mulch, & trim plants.

December 1 thru **basketball season** – 7:15 til 8:00pm: Break down chairs, secure equipment, pick up trash after games.

Please call Chris Greggs at 355-8201 if you can help us with any of these, or if you would like to participate in other ways here at the school.

### Veteran's Day Ceremony

Please join us for our 15th annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Veterans Day ceremony at Sevier is very special – unique to Sevier as we attend school each day on the grounds of the World War I Army facility – Camp Sevier.



Please consider donating new or gently used collared shirts to Sevier Middle school. They should be appropriate for middle school boys and girls. Shirts can be dropped off in the front office. We would appreciate if they were washed and hung on hangers.



We will honor all veterans and active military, beginning the day with speakers in each classroom. ALL members of the community are invited to attend this extraordinary event. We guarantee you will leave with an overwhelming feeling of patriotism!

Any veteran who is willing to share a story or two with small groups of students needs to be at school between 8:30 and 8:45. Special seating will be available for all veterans. Please telephone the school if you are willing to speak with a student group (355-8200).



### Math Mania

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be working with fractions. The ability to quickly recall multiplication facts and divisibility rules are needed to find the greatest common factor, least common multiple, simplify fractions, and find common denominators. Take advantage of the time you are in the car or grocery store checkout line to quiz your child. This extra support will show when your child is completing homework and on the chapter test. Here are also some helpful and fun websites that can be used:



[http://www.mathplayground.com/visual\\_fractions.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/visual_fractions.html)

[www.math-play.com](http://www.math-play.com)

[http://www.mathplayground.com/Scale\\_Fractions.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/Scale_Fractions.html)

[http://www.mathplayground.com/Scale\\_Decimals.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/Scale_Decimals.html)

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

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## PTA Reflections

Congratulations to Sevier's 2012 PTA Reflections contest winners! Those who best interpreted this year's theme, "Diversity Means...", are:

1st place, Video Production -- Abby Potter, 6th grade

1st place, Literature -- Zoie Poole, 6th grade

1st place, Photography -- Abbey Hudson, 6th grade

### Visual Arts:

1st Place -- Bailey Phillips, 7th grade

2nd Place -- Alex Goss, 7th grade

3rd Place -- Eleni Tsiatsios, 7th grade

Sevier's first place winners will go on to compete at the Northwest Council level in November.



## From the Art Room



Congratulations to 7th grader Olivia Balkcum, who is a grade level finalist for the Solicitor's Office Anti-Drug Poster Contest! Olivia's work will be published along with 11 other middle school works from GCSD in the 2012 Anti-Drug Calendar, which all middle school students will be receiving sometime in November.

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

-Willa A. Foster



## Counselor's Corner

Darcy Storm #355-8203- School Guidance Counselor  
Rena Howard #355-8485- School Guidance Counselor  
Melinda Howard #355-8204- Guidance Clerk

Congratulations to these students who received all A's on their report card for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We are proud of you!

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Samuel Babetz, Sydney Ballew, Bryson Bargar, Brett Betsill, Karson Bryant, Madison Buff, Christian Buhlman, Gray Carter, Anna Caviness, Hannah Chau, Clark Garrett, Jackson Elgin, Jonathan Grabowski, Richard Hadley, Elaine Hege, Juan Herrera, Christian Holtzclaw, Ethan Honeycutt, Abbey Hudson, Charles Hudson, Nytaisya Jones, Ben Keith, Ben Keller, Madison Lord, Gavin McCants, Brandon Mejia, Cameron Morrison, Zoie Poole, Abigail Potter, Juan Reyes, Vanessa Rodriguez, Caedmon Storm, Rebekah Taylor, Courtney Weber, Daniel Whiteman, and Clayton Wortman.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ashley Barron, Camryn Bruner, Jarred Cook, Madeline Heible, Meagan Knight, Austin Leppard, Claudia Li, John Ly, Brittany Plumblee, Nicholas Sally, Aaron Sedler, Timber Talley, Brianna Turner, Clarissa Walker, McKenley Webb, Jacob Wilson, and Joelle Zima.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lori Blackwell, James Childers, Hannah Cobb, Sierra Foster, and Madilyn Johansen.

## Did You Know?



Have you ever forgotten your math book at school when you needed it for homework? Have you ever felt like you needed a little extra help?

Did you know... that you have an online resource at your fingertips? Our textbook publisher provides online support in many different ways.

Log onto <http://glencoe.com/> and check it out!

Here's how to access the online learning center and student resources:

Choose South Carolina, student/parent, and mathematics from the home page login menu

Choose your textbook by clicking on the link

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math:** South Carolina Pre-Algebra © 2010

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** South Carolina Math Connects: Concepts, Skills, and Problem Solving, Course 1 © 2009

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** South Carolina Math Connects: Concepts, Skills, and Problem Solving, Course 2 © 2009

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** South Carolina Math Connects: Concepts, Skills, and Problem Solving, Course 3 © 2009

Enter the Student/Parent Center

Explore! Click an item at the left to access links, activities, workbooks, homework help, tutorials, and more. See your teacher for the online student edition, he or she will give you the user name and password needed to view the book.

## Yearbook

Yearbook prices have gone up. Yearbooks will now be sold for \$35.00. **Thinking about the holidays?** Yearbooks make great presents for your children. Please email Mrs. Odom

at [dodom@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:dodom@greenville.k12.sc.us) if you would like a certificate that states, "**Surprise a yearbook has been purchased for you!**" Wrap this certificate in a box and surprise your SEVIER

student with an **ALL COLOR, HARD COVER** one of the kind 2012 yearbook.



To get a certificate, yearbook **MUST** be ordered and paid in full before OR at the time you receive your certificate. Thank you all for supporting our school!

## Note from the Nurse

If your phone number or address has recently changed, it is important for you to call the guidance office or nurse to update that important emergency information for the safety of your student.



## Chorus



Chorus students in all grades will be performing at the Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 11 @ 10 AM. We hope you can come to support these students as they sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *My America*, and *God Bless the U.S.A.* Thank you!

## Band and Strings



Cookie dough will be available for pick up Tuesday Nov 8 from 2:00 to 4:30 in the band/strings room.

Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm.

