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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 10/3 & 10/5 Explore Testing—8th Graders
- 10/10-10/21—Sex Ed. Materials Review
- 10/12—PSAT (Select 8th graders)
- 10/14—Box Tops Due
- 10/18—Meet the Coaches Night
- 10/19—PTA Present Author, Booker Mattison
- 10/20—SIC Meeting, 12:30-1:30
- 10/21—End of 1st Quarter, TCBY at lunch, Red Ribbon Dance, 3:15-5:15, Volunteer Orientation Drop-In 4-5 p.m.
- 10/24—Boys Sex Ed. Begins
- 10/24-10/28—Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25—Dodgeball Tournament

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Note from the Principal

Student Led Conferences Set for October 13

On Thursday, October 13, all students at Sevier Middle School will participate in student led conferences. These conferences encourage student responsibility for their academic performance and require self-evaluation of skills and work habits. Students learn to organize and present their work, and gain confidence in communicating their own strengths and weaknesses. This process develops student confidence in a lifelong skill required for success.

Students will conduct their own conferences, sharing their MAP scores and goals, explaining samples of their work and sharing strategies they use to make sure that they learn at the highest levels. Twenty minutes will be scheduled for you and your child to conference together. The Sevier staff is particularly pleased with the progress your sons and daughters are making each day. Please read and respond to your conference invitation and join us to support your son or daughter as they develop deeper competence and self-reliance.

To Sign Up for Online Payments Into a Student's Meal Account

- Go to the GCS Website (www.greenville.k12.sc.us) and click on the Meals and More listing in the left column. Click on Online Payment.
- Create your user ID and password by following the step-by-step instructions. Online payments can only be made for meals. The service is not provided for any other payments to schools.

Pay for Student Meals Online

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Math Mania

Be a MATHLETE!

Join Sevier's new MathCounts Math Club beginning Tuesday, October 18th. Look for strategy games, challenges, and just FUN! Math Club will meet every Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30. Parents can check out the MathCounts website at www.mathcounts.org for more information about the program. Encourage your student to participate!



Language Arts Latest

Mrs. Gill, 6th grade ELA teacher and Sims, Career Specialist are working together to increase sixth graders awareness of different career avenues open to them by completing a career poem for the National Career Development Association Poetry Contest. The theme is "My Career Dreams." Ms. Sims provides the information for each career and Mrs. Gill is guiding her students through the writing process. At the end of this journey, student poems will be posted on a special page on Ms. Sims website for viewing. Lastly, each poem will be submitted to the contest.

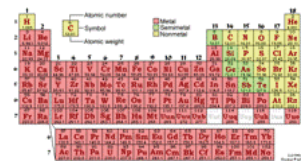
Submitted by: Mrs. Gill

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.



Science Lab Update

Seventh grade students are currently researching an element on the Periodic Table of Elements to discover its properties and to develop an understanding of how the periodic table is organized. The research and advertisements will include key information about the element, its uses, and pictures of the element. On their advertisement, they will also be responsible for writing a slogan or I am poem about the element they have researched. They will be creating a life size Periodic Table of Elements outside their science classroom using their advertisements.



All proceeds from the dodge ball tournament benefit the Sevier Athletic Department!

Career Connection



On Tuesday, September 27, all sixth graders enrolled in this semester's career education classes experienced upstate Manufacturing at its BEST. Sevier students along with seventeen other Greenville County middle and high schools participated in the Greenville Region of Dream It Do It South Carolina Manufacturers Expo at McAlister Square.

Students attending the expo learned about manufacturing careers in the 21st century and were able to view some of the products that are made from upstate manufacturers. The expo brought together real people, working for real companies who helped students make the connection between school today and work tomorrow.

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Here's what 6th grader, Karson Bryant had to say about her Manufacturing Expo experience:

Yesterday I went on a fieldtrip to a manufacturing expo and I learned a lot. I had never experienced anything like this before. There were twenty four different manufacturing companies there and our classes had to go around and talk to all of them and find out what products they made, skills needed, educational requirements and which school subjects are needed. My favorite booth was the 3M Company. I found out the 3M makes most of our school supplies like tape, sticky notes and film. How COOL is that!! 3M workers use a lot of math, science, physics and a two to four year degree is required. This day was one of the most educational, fun-filled days I've ever had, full of many surprises and great information.

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LINK HERE



"All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind."

-Martin Fischer

For your convenience, our guidance staff will be conducting Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) conferences with all 8th grade students and parents in conjunction with Student Led Conferences on October, 13th. We welcome you to meet with us in the guidance office either before or after your scheduled appointment. We encourage you to discuss career goals with your child prior to coming to the IGP conference. We look forward to this opportunity to meet with you and your child to discuss his or her career pathway and to encourage positive choices for the future.

Falcon Dodgeball Tournament

October 25th from 4-7p.m. in the gym.

It will be a double elimination tournament.

Students create their own teams of 6 people (@least 2 girls on a team).

Entry fee of \$24 per team (\$4 a person).

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will play together.

Must have a minimum of 12 teams signed up to do the tournament.

To watch the tournament, there is a \$3 entry fee and you must have a signed permission form.

Permission forms to enter a team may be picked up from Coach Duncan or Coach Cruell.

Permission forms to watch the tournament may be picked up from your 6th period teacher.

Permission forms and money to enter a team are due by Friday, October, 21 to Coach Duncan or Coach Cruell.



PTA Reflections

PTA Reflections Contest 2011: This year's theme is, "Diversity means..." Winners who create a unique interpretation of this theme will be chosen in the categories of photography, visual arts, film production, dance choreography, literature, and music composition. Please encourage participation in this great outlet for creativity. Guidelines and entry forms can be picked up in the main workroom or front office, and all entries and completed forms should be submitted to Mrs. Webster in Room 404. Contest deadline is Friday, October 7, 2011.

Seventh Grade Field Trip



Seventh grade students have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Roper Mountain Science Center on November 21 or 22 to view the Seventh Grade Sexuality Program. Field Trip forms have been distributed to students.

This is a free field trip for students. Parent dates to view materials presented to students at RMSC are Tuesday, October 4 at 4pm and Monday, November 7 at 5:30pm. Please sign your student's permission form ASAP and return to their science teacher so that they can further plan for which session your student will attend. If you prefer that your student not attend, simply sign at the bottom of the field trip form and have them return it to their science teacher.

Yearbook

Attention all 8th grade parents. I will be mailing home a flyer for 8th grade yearbook CONGRAT ADS early September. Please return completed form with pictures to Mrs. Odom. This is your opportunity to purchase a special part of the yearbook for your child as you get ready to send them off into high school. These ads will cost \$35.00 in addition to buying your yearbook, and are a great way to share with your child how proud they have made you over these middle school years. Deadline for brochure, pictures, and payment is **October 28th**. Don't miss out!

Media Center Madness

Author Visit from Booker Mattison

Filmmaker, author, and professor Booker Mattison will be here to speak with 7th and 8th grade students on the morning of October 19. His first book *Unsigned Hype*, published in 2009 is in its third printing and is on our South Carolina Young Adult Award nominee list. Visit his website at www.bookermattison.com.



Submitted by Mrs. Murphy

Band and Strings



Band and Strings Cookie Dough sale is kicking off Oct 4! Middle School Band Night at WHHS is this Friday Oct 7.

See Mrs. Marsh for details or e-mail at

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Counselor's Corner

Darcy Storm #355-8203- School Guidance Counselor
Rena Howard #355-8485- School Guidance Counselor (Part-time)
Melinda Howard #355-8204- Guidance Clerk