

Slater-Marietta Elementary School Newsletter



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We are all "Diving into Learning" at SMES!

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From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents,

The new school year is well underway. I hope your child is enjoying the nutritious breakfasts and lunches prepared by our lunchroom staff. Did you know that you can set-up an account to prepay your child's meals by sending a check to school or paying online using a credit or debit card through the mySchoolBucks website at <http://www.myschoolbucks.com?>

Students with a negative account balance will be provided a free alternate meal for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will consist of oatmeal and juice. Lunch will consist of a sandwich and milk. Our food service manager will continue to work closely with you regarding questions about your child's meal account and will assist parents applying for free/reduced priced meals when necessary.

If you have questions about the school food service program or your child's account balance, please contact Debra Cisson, lunchroom manager, at 355-2008.

Please support our PTA by attending the Open House program and our Fall Festival. As always, if you have school-related questions or concerns, you may contact me at 355-2000.

Your Principal,
Lindsey Cole

Slater-Marietta Schoolwide Title I Program is working for your child and your school by providing funding for academic support, parent involvement, and teacher professional development.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- Each Tuesday and Thursday: 2:45-4:00: Media Center open for parent use!
- Oct. 3-7: Fall Book Fair
- Oct. 4: Spirit night at Chick-fil-a 5-8 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Lunch, Learn, and Shop: Parent Event 11:00-12:30
- Oct. 9-15: Fire Safety Week-Check your smoke detector battery!
- Oct. 10: Title I Public Meeting: 6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 10: PTA Open House: 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Spirit night at Chick-fil-a 5-8 p.m.
- Oct. 13 & 14: Teacher workdays-No school for students
- Oct. 18: Fall Festival!
- Oct. 21: End of first grading period
- Oct. 23-31: Red Ribbon & Drug Free Week

Family Literacy Center at Slater-Marietta

Through the use of our Schoolwide Title I funds, each Tuesday and Thursday, Deborah Seyffert will be available in the Media Center from 2:45-4:00 p.m. We want our parents, grandparents, and others to become more familiar with the technology our students use every day. You will be able to work on your own skills or check on the skills your child is working on. You will be able to practice typing skills or do research for their own adult learning program. We have an online English program available for those parents learning English and we have Spanish for our staff and others who may want to learn Spanish.

This is considered a family learning time so children may also come and work on the many academic sites we have available, read to increase their AR scores, or do some journal writing.

No registration is required for participation in this program. Parents may come participate as their schedule allows.

We hope you will plan to participate in the Family Literacy Center program and make learning a family affair!



From the Administrative Assistant's Desk

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe that we are already in October...how time flies. Our first month at Slater-Marietta has been a great success! Please remember it is important that students arrive to school on time each day. If your child is going to eat breakfast it is best to have him/her at school by 7:45am. That will allow 15 minutes to eat before going to class at 8:00 am.

First quarter conferences will be scheduled soon. Be sure to set a time and date with your child's teacher. You are an important member of the team that helps your child be successful!

As we continue to work together for the success and safety of our children, also please remember the car line is a **No Cell Phone** area. When dropping off or picking up, we ask that cell phones are not used. Arrival and dismissal are very busy times with lots of movement. We want everyone to be looking out for one another! School dismisses at 2:30 p.m. so plan your pickup time accordingly. Lots of students are getting picked up late. If you are running late please call the office and let us know!

Thank You, Laura Simmons

Please be sure you sign and return the yellow home-school compact brought home by your child. We are required to have this on-hand for all students.



Our emphasis this year is on reading and math. However, we are also focusing on writing. It is our goal to create great story-tellers of all our students. We are encouraging journal writing at school and at home. When journal writing, we do not have to worry about spelling and all the rules of writing. We are just interested in getting ideas on paper. This is how writers write books. The most important thing is getting the ideas on paper. We will do the editing and correcting later on.



Ask Paulette Megee how she can help you begin journal writing at home!



With the assistance of our Schoolwide Title I program, we are able to provide the Greenville News for our parents each Wednesday. These are on the front counter. Wednesday's edition includes the "City People" with school and community news. Pick up a paper if you are in on Wednesdays and read about what's happening in our school and others.

What's happening in the Media Center

We will have our Fall Book Fair during the week of October 3-7. There will be a family lunch event in conjunction with Title I on Wednesday, October 5th from 11:00-12:30. Our shopping hours will be Monday-Thursday from 7:30-3:00 and Friday from 7:30 to noon. **If you can't make it in, you can also shop online at <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2918462> and still help support our library.** Let those out of town friends and relatives know so they can purchase birthday and Christmas gifts too!

Battle of the Books (BOB) is back again for our fourth and fifth grade students. This reading program encourages students to read a list of ten books, take AR quizzes, and then compete to answer questions based on these books. It is a lot of fun and the books are great reading choices. Check out my website for a list of the books.

Christina Mobley, Media Specialist & Mrs. Smith, Assistant

Ms. Lee's Music Notes:



From Brenda Lee, music teacher

Great News!!! Students and teachers collected over the summer and turned in over 1400 box tops by the end of August! Thank you to everyone and we're hoping you enjoyed your prizes!!! Please continue to support the box tops program so that we can order more rhythm band instruments for the students to play when they come to the music room. **Save, Clip, and Send** those box tops in. You may also visit the web site for a complete list of products that host the box tops coupons and other valuable tips at boxtops4education.com.

You may also send in the Campbell's Soup labels for the K4 classes. They are collecting these for prizes.

Chorus rehearsals dates for October are on the following Mondays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th from 2:30-3:45 pm.

We still need volunteers to monitor siblings of Chorus members in the cafeteria on Mondays from 2:30-3:45 pm. You may call, come by, send a note, or e-mail Mrs. Lee or leave a message in the office to be placed in my mailbox if you are available.

Mrs. Lee's voicemail number 355-2034, e-mail, blee@greenville.k12.sc.us.

First Chorus performance will be Friday, September 30, 2011 at 5:30 pm @ Street Sounds in Travelers Rest on Main Street under The Gazebo, sponsored by Trillium Arts Centre.

Chorus parents' meeting will be at 6:30 on the evening of the PTA Open House, October 10th.

**From the Title I Facilitator:
Terms everyone should know regarding Title I and No Child Left Behind:**

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress-This is the term “No Child Left Behind” uses to explain that your child’s school has met state ELA and math goals. Your school district’s report card will let you know whether or not your child’s school has made AYP. *(Slater-Marietta Elementary has made AYP for five (5) consecutive years thanks to the hard work of our teachers, students, parents, and others!)*

HQT: Highly Qualified Teacher-This is the term “No Child Left Behind” uses for a teacher who proves he or she knows the subjects he or she is teaching, has a college degree, and is state-certified. NCLB requires your child be taught by a HQT in core academic subjects. *(All SMES instructional staff are Highly Qualified.)*

PASS: State Assessments-These are the tests developed by the South Carolina Department of Education that students in grades 3-8 take each spring. (High school students are also tested but with a different assessment.) Results from these tests allow the state to compare schools and school districts to determine which are improving and which may need extra help. “No Child Left Behind” allowed each state to develop their own test with no national standard. S. C. State Standards are available online or you may ask Paulette Megee for a copy of your child’s grade level standards. *(These will be discussed at the public Title I meeting on October 10th and with your child’s teacher during the Open House.)*

The Schoolwide Title I Plan for the 2011-2012 school year is available for parents both online and in the office. For more information regarding any aspect of Title I you may contact Paulette Megee, Title 1 Facilitator, at 355-2011.

Physical Education News from Coach Childs:

Students have been participating in fitness testing and the Punt, Pass, Kick competition over the first nine-week term. **FITNESSGRAM** is the only health-related fitness assessment to use criterion-referenced standards, called “**Healthy Fitness Zones,**” to determine students’ fitness levels based on what is optimal for good health. The students are tested at the beginning of the school year and again at the end of the school year to encourage signs of strong improvement in their personal fitness levels. Each student in grades 2-5 will have their personal results sent home with the first nine-week report cards.

The results of the fitness testing have been great! Every student was tested on their cardiovascular endurance (pacer), muscular endurance (curl-ups), muscular strength (push-ups), flexibility (sit and reach), and body composition (height and weight).

Congratulations to the following students for scoring the highest in each section tested.

Highest Scores: Pacer

2nd grade:
 Girls: Daneille Payne-48
 Breanna Rice-40
 Boys: Alex Ward-48
 Chase Knoblauch-43

3rd grade:
 Girls: Emma Ellison-42
 Cynthia Beltran-35
 Boys: John Baker; Brett Martin;
 Dylan Anderson; Kooper Anderson-40

4th grade:
 Girls: Kaitlyn Stubbs-43
 Jackie Isom-40
 Boys: Elijah Jenkins-68
 Frankland Watts-63

5th grade:
 Girls: Olivia Flowers-48
 Chloe Aiken-36
 Boys: Eric Espinoza-74
 Jordan Ramos-55

Highest Scores: Curl-ups

2nd grade:
 Girls: Anastasia Samford-40
 Sarah Janosky-30
 Boys: Andrew Johnson-34
 Logan Andrews-32

3rd grade:
 Girls: Kaitlyn Nix-66
 Emma Ellison-30
 Boys: Thomas Owen-640
 Brett Martin-80

4th grade:
 Girls: Madison MacDonald-80
 Kaitlyn Stubbs-70
 Boys: Tyler Ervin-120
 Ty Gary-73

5th grade:
 Girls: Ashley Looper-80
 Marisela Ramirez-Picasso-40
 Boys: Ryan Dodgens-61
 Gunner Adair-50

Highest Scores: Push-ups

2nd grade:
 Girls: Trinity Smith-28
 Hope Crain-17
 Boys: Bryson Aiken-30
 Deven Gleason-30

3rd grade:
 Girls: Grace Witham-22
 Alison Hartin-20
 Boys: Thomas Owen-30
 Jason Bryant-28

4th grade:
 Girls: Kaitlin Stubbs-32
 Madison MacDonald-27
 Boys: Jeremiah Deuerling-31
 Nicholas Watts-30

5th grade:
 Girls: Olivia Flowers-83(new record)
 Ashley Looper-24
 Boys: Jordan Ramos-30
 Perry Hartin-21