

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volleyball Schedule on pg. 2

9/18	Gathering of Falcons Progress Reports sent home 8th Gr. Beta Club Washington trip — Parent Meeting, 6pm
9/19	Enrichment begins PTA Board Mtg., 12-1250p Chorus Walk-a-thon, 330-630p
9/22	Parent Forum, 630p PTA Volunteer Orientation Falcon-ball Tournament
9/24	Box Top Collection Day
9/25	Bully Prevention (6th)
9/26	Beta Club Forms Due
10/3	Student Council Elections in Homeroom Classes
10/6-13	Scholastic Book Fair
10/6	Band/Strings Cookie Fundraiser
10/10	PTA Reflections Entries Due SIC Meeting, 130-230p
10/15	Peace Center Field Trip
10/16	Parent Conferences—NO SCHOOL
10/17	Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL
10/20	Red Ribbon Week Parent Conferences, 630-745p
10/22	Chorus Popcorn Fundraiser
10/22	Legislative Delegation and GCS Board members meet at Sevier
10/23	End of 1st Quarter
10/24	Fall Dance, 330-530p
10/28	BMW Field Trip
10/30	Report Cards sent home

A note from Karen Kapp, Principal

What a fabulous start to the school year! Student engagement and learning is at full steam. In a climate of respect and support, students, staff, and parents are forging positive relationships and collaborating to meet targets for student success. Thank you for sending enthusiastic learners to school each day!

Our priorities for this school year are:

- **Engaging Instruction & Assessment** -- where students are involved in lessons that incorporate the practices of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Humanities, and Math — STEAM!
- **Culture for 21st Century Learning** -- where each student engages, will stretch without fear, and learns at the highest levels.
- **Purposeful Use of Technology and Other Resources** -- where students and staff deepen engagement and learning through technology and community partnerships.

Join us on **MONDAY, September 22** for our **PTA Parent Forum** and **Volunteer Orientation**. Students will begin a **Falcon-ball Tournament** while parents meet in the Amphitheatre. Both events begin at **6:30** and parents will meet until 7:00, before joining students in the Gym for the tournament games, ending by 8:00. Park in the rear lot. Parent Forum topics include a review of school priorities and STEAM, and meaningful volunteer opportunities. We'll take nominations for SIC that evening, as well. Learn more about why students at Sevier are Focused on STEAM., Challenged to Create, and Prepared to Excel.

ENRICHMENT STARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

A primary purpose of Sevier Middle School is to **bring about high levels of learning for each student.**

Our Enrichment Program provides timely and targeted academic support and advancement to increase achievement among students at every level. Other seminars develop a special area of interest or prepare students for academic competition. View complete program information on our website or Facebook.

6th Grade One to One Initiative

September 5th was a memorable day for sixth grade students — each was issued a Dell laptop!

This special event was no small feat — a special thanks goes to all 6th grade teachers, Ms. Hege, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Greggs, administration, and parents who worked together see that students could use the laptops immediately at school and at home.

Students are now immersed in learning using their technology each day. In Mr. Smith's Social Studies class, students visit his website and use Quizlet, Ms. Gill's students close-read articles linked at her website, and Mr. Edwards' science students are conducting research.

Benefits expected include higher student engagement, fewer disciplinary problems, and increased technology skills in all students. We expect a reduction in paper and copy costs. Sevier will develop meaningful learning tasks and support students as they become safe and wise consumers of technology and related resources.



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Book Fair!

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair will be in our media center October 6-10. An amazing selection of books for all ages is headed our way!

At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. Here's a brief video that highlights the big dreams that can be realized through family reading:
<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/family>

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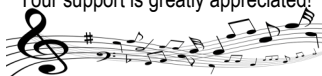
Band and strings program fundraiser begins October 6th! Money earned will help purchase instruments and music.

Band / Strings Winter Concert is December 9 at 6:30pm.

Chorus/Drama Walk-A-Thon is Friday, September 19th to raise funds for Music, Lights, Costumes, Stage Sets and More! Please make a pledge/donation today!

Chorus popcorn fundraiser begins October 22nd. Hurry and stock-up on popcorn for family fun nights!

Your support is greatly appreciated!



CLUBS

ROBOTICS

Monday and Tuesday
(team assigned day)
3:45 - 4:45pm

RECYCLING

Monday and Tuesday
7:50am

YEARBOOK

Monday and Thursday
3:45 - 4:45pm

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



GAMES ARE AT 5:30PM (unless noted)

9/10	WEDNESDAY	VS. HUGHES	HOME
9/11	THURSDAY	VS. GREER	AWAY
9/15	MONDAY (5PM)	VS. LEAGUE	HOME
9/18	THURSDAY	VS. LAKEVIEW	AWAY
9/22	MONDAY	VS. NORTHWEST	AWAY
9/25	THURSDAY	VS. BERA	AWAY
9/29	MONDAY	VS. TANGLEWOOD	HOME
10/2	THURSDAY	VS. LEAGUE	AWAY
10/6	MONDAY	VS. LAKEVIEW	HOME
10/9	THURSDAY	VS. NORTHWEST	HOME
10/13	MONDAY	VS. BERA	HOME
10/15	WEDNESDAY	VS. TANGLEWOOD	AWAY

GOOGLE'S CS FIRST

At Sevier, we launched our first computer programming club this month! The club's activities are based on Google's coding curriculum called CS First. Each club meets 8 times to complete projects around a theme.

Throughout the year, students from all grade levels will be invited to participate in a club. Once a student completes their projects over the 8 sessions, that club is finished. The clubs are limited in size. If a student doesn't get in this club, don't worry! We will host more during the year!

We need community volunteers who are interested in assisting with CS First clubs to help during club times. It's an 8 day commitment for 4 weeks, meeting twice a week. There is always a teacher host at club meetings, but we need volunteers also. Training to be a volunteer is easy - watch some videos to understand the expectations. You do not have to be a computer science expert to be a volunteer. Be ready to be amazed by the enthusiasm and perseverance of our club members!

MEETING TIMES:
Monday & Tuesday
3:45 - 5:15pm

9/8, 9/9
9/15, 9/16
9/22, 9/23
9/29, 9/30

To learn more about volunteering, go to:

<http://www.cs-first.com/content/get-involved>

Contact Cathy Furtick at
cfurtick@greenville.k12.sc.us
to volunteer!

PBIS

It has been a powerful and positive beginning of the school year. Students are showing off their understanding of what it means to be a Falcon. Currently students are working towards achieving an incentive celebration. In the month of September, students are trying to lower the number of classroom disruptions as compared to September 2013. If we reach our goal of 10% less then students will get to enjoy a celebration during an extended wellness time in the first week of October.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2014-15

Congratulations
Coach Duncan!



Counselor's Corner



Beta Club - 7th and 8th grade forms are due Friday, September 26th. 6th Grade will be given the opportunity to join after 1st semester.

7th and 8th grade community service opportunity...

Paris Elementary's Spirit Fest is October 3rd, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Interested students need to see Ms. Storm.

7th grade Sponsors are: Ms. McClement and Mrs. Furtick
7th grade will meet the 2nd Wednesday monthly from 3:25pm-3:45pm
7th grade first meeting will be Wednesday, October 8th

8th grade Sponsors are: Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Jaquins
8th grade will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 8:00am-8:25am
8th grade first meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th

BULLY PREVENTION

South Carolina Children's Theatre KNOW WAY Bullying Prevention Workshops will be coming to talk with our 6th grade students on September 25, 2014. They will be discussing what bullying is, all the different types of bullying, why bullies bully, and how each individual can help to stop bullying at our school.

The workshops are thought-provoking, engaging, and educational for the students. The facilitators offer information, address the issues, and offer ways to change students' thinking and behavior with regards to bullying. A special thanks to our PTA for funding this initiative.

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Get Mrs. Kapp's updates!

