

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/6-13 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/6 Band/Strings Cookie Fundraiser
- 10/8 7th Beta Club 1st Meeting, 345p
- 10/10 SIC Meeting, 130-230p
- 10/13 PTA Reflections Entries Due
- 10/15 Peace Center Field Trip
- 10/16 Parent Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- 10/17 Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL
- 10/20 Red Ribbon Week
- 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
- 11/3 Winter Fundraiser Begins
- 11/3-7 Basketball Tryouts (see pg. 2)
- 11/4 Election Day—NO SCHOOL
- 11/7 PTA Board Meeting, 12-1p
- 11/11 Veterans Day Program, 10a
- 11/13 Student Council Mtg., 330-415p
- 11/14 SIC Meeting, 130-230p
- 11/15 Robotics Tournament @ Sevier
- 11/17 5th Gr. Night—Flight of the Falcon
- 11/22 Garden Beautification, 9-1150a
- 11/26-11/28 THANKSGIVING BREAK

A note from Karen Kapp, Principal

STEAM is rising at Sevier! One priority of our school-wide initiative is to engage learners in everyday opportunities that align with the practices of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Teachers are implementing cross-content lessons and ramping up hands-on and technology integrated assignments at every grade level in every unit. In our Enrichment program, many offerings are drenched in STEAM practices and 21st Century skills — Critical thinking and problem-solving, Creativity, Collaboration, and Communication. See if you can spot the elements in this sample of offerings.

*Meet the Challenge
The Crusts Have It*

Work together with classmates to complete various skilled math challenges! Oceanic and continental crusts: their differences, similarities, and how they are impacting our world.

*Cracking the Code
Engineering Solutions
Speech and Debate*

Tools to comprehend and analyze primary and secondary text sources
Identify a real-world problem and develop a real solution to that problem
Debate current issues; properly form an argument and counterargument.
Present publicly in a logical way.

*CSI with CSI
Team Building*

Become a forensic investigator and solve a mystery step by step
Learn about and participate in different team building activities.



FACEBOOK & INTERNET SAFETY



PARENTS: Please attend our **Social Networking Safety** seminar held **Oct. 8, from 10am-11am** in the Cafeteria. The State Attorney General and a Facebook representative will present to our 8th grade students regarding social networks, online predator awareness, internet safety, and tips specifically pertaining to Facebook & Instagram. **We urge parents of students in all grade levels to attend.**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL BALLOTS DUE OCTOBER 8

Elect School Improvement Council Members by 5:00p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th.

Please cast your ballot at this link <http://goo.gl/forms/2s35Ndorl6> for 3 of the nominees listed below. If you cannot vote online, ballots are available at the front counter of the Sevier Middle School Office.

- Susan Bishop
- Tasha Darnell
- Muriel Ellenburg
- Mark Pechin
- Brentley Reeves
- Angie Stone

Our School Improvement Council meets monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month from 1:30 – 2:30. Meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend when you can. School Improvement Councils bring together parents, educators and community stakeholders, who work collectively to improve our schools. At Sevier Middle, we are fortunate to have an active and vibrant SIC. An advisory committee to the Principal, we stay abreast of school programming, providing real world feedback on priority objectives, and lend help when needed. **Please consider attending an SIC meeting this school year.** For more info., contact Robin Broumas at robin.broumas@gmail.com or Tomiko Long at tlong@greenville.k12.sc.us.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Individual Parent Conferences will be held **Thursday, October 16.**

Teachers want to speak with you about **grades** and **student progress**, **student strengths** and **areas for growth**, and to **answer your questions** about the class and your child's participation. Each will be at individual tables for conferences of up to 10 minutes each. Make plans to come during one of three sessions.

Session 1: 8:30 - 10:30am (No entry after 9:30am)

Session 2: 11:30am - 1:30pm (No entry after 12:50pm)

Session 3: 4:00 - 6:30pm (No entry after 6:00pm)

Register for an arrival time (spaced 20 minutes apart) and learn more at:

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/sevier/main.asp?titleid=parent-teacher>

HOW:THIS WORKS: Parents take a number in the waiting area, and move to the conference arena in the order of arrival. Seeing 6 teachers may take up to one hour. Allow for additional wait time. Select morning and lunchtime arrival slots if you can, as wait time in the afternoon may be longer. Don't miss this opportunity.

6TH Gr. PARENTS

YOU'RE INVITED!

To an informational meeting, presented by teachers, about how your student is using the new laptops and programs below in the classroom.

Edmodo – Posting and Assignments
Google Classroom, *Gizmos*, *Quizlet*
Online Textbooks, and
Teacher Website Navigation

The meeting will be held at
4:00pm on October 7,
 in Room 403 at Sevier.

Scan with your
 Smartphone
 to save
 our schools info
 to your contacts!



Book Fair October 6 - 10

 www.Facebook.com/SevierMiddleSchoolSC

GOOGLE CS-FIRST CLUB

Our first CS-First Club was a big success! Mike Pratt, our volunteer guru, joined our club to help without having any formal programming experience and was a huge help! Cathy Furtick served as teacher host. The students were fantastic about helping each other when they faced difficulties in making their code do exactly what they wanted it to. The supportive atmosphere and spirit of perseverance set a positive climate for learning how to code.

For the first 6 sessions, student started a new project each time to learn and apply the new skills. The projects included: Dance Party, Musical Art, Musical Talent Show, DJ Mixer, and Music Video. In the final two sessions, they tuned their final music & sound project.

Our young programmers learned several different programming commands and structures which included: forever loops, repeat blocks, sensing blocks, if-then conditional loops, and variables to control procedures.

New month-long clubs will be announced in the near future. 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!

PLASTICS ENGINEERING

GTT classes enjoyed the Plasti-Van on Monday, September 29th. Marjorie Weiner, former teacher and a representative for "Plastics on the Move" shared Plastics Engineering through hands-on experiments with students.

This program travels to schools across North America, educating people of all ages about plastics, chemistry, history, processing, manufacturing,



WASHINGTON FIELD TRIP

8TH Grade Beta Club field trip deposits due 10/14. Please contact Mr. Grady if you have any questions.

Youth In Government

YIG Students will travel to Columbia to participate in the Mock Legislature held November 20 - 22.

Registration forms have been submitted. \$50 deposits are due by October 24th. Contact Mrs. Porter with questions.

PBIS

Sevier Middle is proud to announce that our students met their goal of reducing disruptive incidents for September. As a result, each grade level will receive a 30 minute Wellness Break this week.

We are also very impressed with our Fly Card numbers. In the first month of school, 427 Fly Cards have been collected and turned in for a variety of rewards. That number is close to half of all fly cards turned in last year.

This statistic is a testament to how hard our students are working to act with Respect, Responsibility, and Integrity.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS! NOVEMBER 3-7

Girls: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Boys: 5:45 - 7:15 pm

Bring your completed physical form. All 3 pages must be completed.

NO FORM, NO TRYOUT!

CLUBS

ROBOTICS

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

RECYCLING

Thursday
7:50 am

YEARBOOK

Monday and Thursday
3:45 - 4:45 pm

7th Grade Beta Club

Every 2nd Wednesday
3:45 - 4:15 pm

8th Grade Beta Club

Every 2nd Tuesday
8:00 am

Student Council

Every 2nd Thursday
3:30 - 4:15 pm

Student Council Officers

Every 1st Thursday
3:30 - 4:15 pm

RED RIBBON WEEK

READ MY TEXT: I'M DRUG FREE!

Monday, October 27th "Team Up Against Drugs"

All students and staff are encouraged to wear sports paraphernalia.

"Dial in" (drug/fact questions) contest. A number will be selected each morning as the winning caller. Phone in to your grade level counselor. All winning classes will be entered into a drawing. Students are asked to wear the bracelets with a number inside. There will be random drawings throughout the week.

****volunteers needed to hand out bracelets at all lunches****

Tuesday, October 28th "Double Your Pleasure and Stick together against illegal drugs"

All students and staff are encouraged to wear clothes like a friend.

"Dial in" contest / Winning numbers are called at the end of the day.

Wednesday, October 29th "Code Red Day"

All students and staff are encouraged to wear red.

"Dial in" contest/ Winning numbers are called at the end of the day.

Thursday, October 30th "Wear Green and Don't Be Mean on the Screen"

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green

"Dial in" contest /Winning numbers are called at the end of the day.

Friday, October 31st "Be a Jean-ius and get T'D off about drugs"

All students and staff who pledge to be drug free are allowed to wear jeans and a T-shirt

*No Collar Day "Dial in" contest/Winning numbers are called at the end of the day



Get Mrs. Kapp's updates!

