

SMA News and Notes

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Seashore Marketplace

This Weekend: 11-4

Something for everyone!!!!

- Jewelry, crafts, gifts
- Student Council will be selling hundreds of used books donated by ½ Price books.
- Destination Imagination will do concessions
- Cheerleaders will have a bake sale.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary will have a garage sale
- La Posada ornaments

Did your student bring home progress reports this week?

We end the semester prior to the break, so this is a short grading period. We are concerned about some of the students "slacking" off a bit – the zero received when work is not turned in is devastating to an average. I will send emails to parents of those students who are currently in danger of failing a class. Please use the parent portal to check grades! Help us help your kids! They do have exams the last two days of the semester.

Exam Schedule



January Lunch Money \$66.50

Checks will not be deposited prior to January 5th

Mark your Calendar:

See the website for Sports schedules

Dec. 7- SLC book sale open to SMA from 3:10-5:00

Dec.9-10- 7th grade trip to Huntsville

Dec. 15-Winter Music performance

Dec. 15-16 Exams – Dismissal on 16th @ 1:35pm

Dec. 19- Jan.2 – Winter Break

School resumes – Tuesday, Jan. 3

SLC First Friday of the Month Breakfast Club: Friday, December 2nd is the next SLC social! SMA parents are invited to stop by the Marlin Building at SLC between 8-9 a.m. for some coffee and treats and meet some of your fellow parents and neighbors. Joanna Morris will be supplying coffee if everyone else can bring a little treat to share.

Semester Exams

5th and 6th graders will take six-weeks tests. 7th and 8th graders will take semester exams. 6th graders taking 7th and 8th grade classes will be required to take the exam. The exam dates are set in advance. If the student misses an exam, they must contact the office to schedule a make-up exam. The fall make-up exam will be administered upon the return to school for spring semester.

Dec. 15

1st period 8:00 – 9:30

3rd period 9:35-11:00

Lunch/ Advisory 11:05-12:00 *

7rd period 12:05-1:35

8th period 1:40 – 3:10

Dec. 16

2nd period 8:00 – 9:30

4nd period 9:35-11:00

Lunch/ Advisory 11:05-12:00*

6rd period 12:05-1:35

Early dismissal

Health Screenings for vision, hearing, and scoliosis will be January 6th.

Health

Health students are working independently on several tasks before their bones and muscles test prior to ending their semester. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, during health class, students will be going to Seashore Learning Center to attend their Book Fair for their period. Also, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, students will be bringing in healthy breakfast items to share with the classmates.

Athletics

Basketball is bouncing left and right! We have home games on Monday, Dec. 5 for both 8th grade teams. The 8th grade boys team will be in the St. James tournament on the weekend of Dec. 9th and 10th. The basketball teams will be heading to Bishop Garriaga on Monday, Dec. 12 for games.

Art Show @ Port Aransas Art Center

The art of many of our 6th graders will be on display on Sunday, Dec. 4th for 2-4pm.

Science and Engineering K'nextion

The Science and Engineering class has started working with K'nex. K'nex are engineering toys that allow students to use their imagination and creativity while they observe, investigate, and experiment with fully functioning replicas of machines, structures, amusement park rides & more! Our goal is to create projects using science and engineering principles to compete with other schools across the nation in K'nex Challenges. The first major contest we plan to enter is "The Great Thrill Ride Contest" coming up in April of 2012. Students are already busy designing, building and testing their amusement park rides. If you have K'nex Building Kits around the house that are no longer being used and you would like to donate them to SMA's K'nex Building Group, We will be happy to put them to use and find them a good home.

Look for pictures of the projects in future SMA Newsletters.

5th Grade Reading:

There will be no homework over the holidays, but students are encouraged to continue reading books that will help them toward the completion of the reading genre list. Please, parents, **more quality reading** and less electronic games or chats! We are really seeing a growing gap between the abilities of those who read and those who spend more time on computers games. It's not just a deficiency in reading, but also in written expression, spelling, and in the ability to sit still, focus, and persevere in all subjects. There are still students who claim to not have a paper dictionary at home. Instead, they rely on computer dictionaries where the entire exercise for the brain of alphabetizing, sorting, and searching is lost. Yes, we are entering an electronic age, but written and oral expressions are best developed through exposure to quality literature. Help keep your child on a successful track. You might even enjoy a little more peace this holiday if everyone has some quiet time with a good book.

5th and 6th Grade Choir Performance

Winter performance is on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 pm. Join us for some festive sounds of the season. Music students should arrive no later than 6:15 for check-in. Wear black bottoms and a holiday or solid colored top. Clothing must be in dress code.

Math News

We will be hosting. A math tournament on Saturday, January 21 at SMA and will need parent volunteers for concessions, hospitality and grading.

In Challenge Math, we are having a Climb the Ladder competition with our buzzer game. Hallie Trial is currently on top of the ladder.

Geometry students are reminded that after the winter break, chapter tests will be cumulative.

All of Mrs. McIntyre's students are reminded that CollegeBoard.com has excellent math material for extra practice and credit.



5th grade readers: Shane, Tony, Cougar, and James



Drama Skit: Kendra, Aubrey, Julia

Best of Luck to Maggie Libby and Aubrey Banda in the Santa Fe Youth Soccer Association Playoffs this weekend!