

SMA News and Notes

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Dear Parents,

As we begin the new semester, we reevaluate the last. The honor roll is posted, and the vast majority of students are doing very well. However, we are still very concerned about the students who are not experiencing success. As a staff, we are dedicated to providing opportunities for all children to succeed.

- Please feel free to contact us by email or phone anytime you have a question.
- Check the Parent Portal frequently. If you have questions about the info on the portal, contact the teacher. It updates each night, but often isn't 100% accurate, because the teacher may take several days to grade and record a project or assignment.
- Notice that date of January 20th for the next progress reports.
- Our afternoon tutoring schedules are posted on the website, and most of the teachers arrive early and can assist the students before school as well.

It does take cooperation between the home and school to assure success. We are here and ready to assist.

Whoop it up 2012 is coming!
Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 4 for an evening of dancing, great food and auctions.

We need your help- if you would like to help us put this event together, donate items, or sponsor the event, please contact Sunshine Moore at 361-815-0420 or sunshinemoore@gmail.com

MATH Club

Math club t-shirts are being ordered immediately- Bring cash or a check to Mrs. McIntyre this week.

SMA is hosting a **math tournament** on Saturday, January 21. Parent volunteers are needed to assist in hospitality room, concession stand, and grading room.

Mark your Calendar:

See the website for Sports schedules

January 16th – no school MLK holiday

January 18 – early dismissal 11:50

January 20th – Progress reports

PE News

The students are gearing up for a personal fitness project, and they will be working on components of their FitnessGram on Wednesday, February 29. You may want to join in with their workouts.

Athletics

Basketball is winding down, with this being our last month of play. What is next in the SMA sports world? We are working with other schools in the areas to participate in soccer, tennis, and track. As soon as we work out schedules, we will pass it on.

6th ELA

Book project rubrics have been given to students. Projects will be presented on the 24th and 26th of January.

Theatre Arts

UIL competition will be held in Gregory-Portland Jr. High on March 23rd. The one act play cast will begin rehearsing every Monday and Friday during advisory beginning January 9th. After-school rehearsals will be every Wednesday beginning on February 1st.

Cheer Squad

(January Only) Practice after school every Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30 and every Friday 3:30 – 5:00. Basketball Games: January 5th (Home) 4:30 – 6:30, January 9th (Home) 5:00 – 7:00, January 17th (Away – St. James) 4:30 – 7:30

5th Grade News

- Jan. 19th: 7th book report due
- End of Jan.: states and capitals test (see SS spirals for Ohio River Valley area study guide)

Social Studies will be focusing on the events leading up to the American Revolution, and we will be reading the novel *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen to accompany this time in history.

All "A" Honor Roll

Grade 5

Ella Atherton
Tristan Cardon
James Kernan
Christopher Kunkle
Logan Lang
Mia Moore
Tatiana Ortiz
Catherine Shaw
Elizabeth Shaw

Grade 6

CJ Evaristo
Jack Gibbs
Jared Haney
Kenny Ho
Izabella Hockmuller
Jesse Huang
Ben Koutsoumbaris
Meredith Marcum
Hannah Miller
Kellun Puls
Madeline Ryan
Femke Tjon-a-Joe
Hallie Trial
Blaine Young

Grade 7

Aubrey Banda
Celeste Branstrom
Hannah Curry
Dani Finzel
Angel Gaines
Isabel Gaines
Patricia Kernan
Maggie Libby
Blake McIntyre
Kelsey Morris
Zane Ortega
Shelby Reed

Grade 8

Caitlyn Forrester
Mindy Mayden
Josh Ordonez
Jenna Thompson
Makalia Vasconcellos
Collin Willis

A/B Honor Roll

Grade 5

Mary Elizabeth Blue
Derik Boles
Ryan Brown
Niko Bullis
Alyson Carl
Elizabeth Duran
Anthony Gaines
Will Gazin
Meryk Hudson
Larissa Jorgensen
Marcus Morales
Shane Morita
Chayton Morris
Satori Munoz
Matthew Pate
Cougar Taylor
Sally Tonkin
Mikayla Townsend
Cas Ward
Aubrea York

Grade 6

Serafina Chancellor
Issac Fluhr
Olivia Fuller
Hanna Illausky
Wyatt Johnson
Drew Lang
Jacob Martinez
Ashley Moore

Grade 7

Sandy Bernal
Megan Bruner
Aldyn Ewing
Joey Flores
Jack Grassedonio
Briane Leeton
Amanda Mangan
Kaitlyn Mangrum
Haley Morgan
Tony Opel
Micha Ortiz
Jack Pelleteri
Nick Reyes
Katie Standifer
Bri Tieperman

Grade 8

Ian Berry
Hayley Campbell
Michael Curtin
McKenzie Graham
Kendra
Grundhauser
Heather Hanson
Matt Kalanta
Reed Miller
Cody Ortega
Kelly Robbins
Savannah Stirling
Alexa Taylor
AC Wood
Kristi Woods

The Science and Engineering class has been building a variety of projects with the K'nex. We have started building roller coasters and other amusement park rides that demonstrate potential and kinetic energy. Several students built cars with multiple wheels and motors that could travel or climb obstacles.

