



January 18, 2019

School News



I SPY Literacy at South Milwaukee Middle School!

Our annual District Family Literacy Night is **Friday, February 8, 2019!**

The event will take place at South Milwaukee High School from 5:00-7:30 PM.

This year we will feature author Bob Raczka--who will speak in the South Milwaukee PAC at 5:30 and lead a poetry workshop in the HS Library. Other events include making books and bookmarks, sharing of student writing through a gallery walk, unusual food tastings, books giveaways, and so much more!!

Our theme this year is **I SPY ~ Reading and Writing Everywhere!**

Invitations with an RSVP form were handed out in language arts classes. Please return your family's RSVP to the MS office by Wednesday, January 30, 2019, or fill out the online RSVP form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchToVM API1MIG6bYw5p6c2xjUC_9fjb8i9QBnzvn0pIX9WJQ/vi ewform

We look forward to a night filled with literacy!

Beginning Band and Orchestra: Congratulations to the 6th Grade Beginning Band and Orchestra students on their concert debut last Wednesday! The students showed great poise, pride, and musicianship. Great job!

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
1/25/2019	End of Quarter - Early Release for Students	11:40 Release
1/28/2019	District PD Day - No School for Students	All Day
2/13/2019	6th Grade Honors Breakfast	7:00-7:30 am
2/14/2019	7th & 8th Grade Honors Breakfast	7:00-7:30 am
2/15/2019	Dance	3:00-4:45 pm

Save the Date and your Pennies!



The *Altruistic Club* will be promoting the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at the end of March. If you are a student or parent interested in helping with this fundraising event, contact Ms. Laski. nlaski@sdsms.k12.us.wi

RESPECT IS EVERYTHING!



Student design inspired t-shirts are going on sale soon. A dollar from every t-shirt sold will go toward Human Concerns of South Milwaukee.



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Attention 7th Grade Families. The 7th graders will be traveling to the Milwaukee Admirals Education Day game on **March 13th, 2019**. Students will watch a hockey game, be involved with fun activities at the arena, and complete an education packet provided by the Admirals.

What Students Will Need:

- Completed Field Trip Liability form
- Completed bus permission form
- Checked whether or not you will need a school lunch
- \$10 to hour 3 or hour 3-4 teacher by January 25th
- Writing utensil and phone (if you have one for pictures)
- Bag lunch, or money, if not ordering a cold lunch through the school

Permission slips have been sent home with students and should be returned, along with money (\$10.00), to your 3rd hour teacher. If you are ordering a lunch through the school, you **MUST** indicate so on your form. All forms are due by **January 25th, 2019**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Stanchfield (dstanchfield@sds.m.k12.wi.us)

Great Kindness Challenge: All schools will again be celebrating kindness January 29-February 2. Here are the spirit days for that week:

- 1/29 - Beach Day - *Ride the Kindness Wave*
- 1/30 - Hat Day - *Hats off to Kindness*
- 1/31 - Workout Clothes - *We can work out problems*
- 2/1 - Superhero Day - *Powered by Kindness*
- 2/5 - Pajama Day - *Dream of Kindness*

Geography Bee Finalists: Congratulations to the following students for making it to the final round of this years' Geography Bee:

- Alicia Guzman
- Trey Pawlak
- Julian Jurney
- Jacek Popek
- Clayton Morgan
- Devadev Sudheer
- Lilian Kinski
- Anna Farias
- Lilly Demyer
- Michael Medellin
- Brett Burr

After all of the rounds of questioning our SMMS Geo Bee winner is eighth grader Anna Farias, second place is seventh grader Jacek Popek, and third place went to sixth grader Brett Burr. Anna will now take a written test to see if she will qualify for the State Geography held in March. Provided is the link to practice questions and challenges to help prepare for next year's Geography Bee
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>



Annual Notices: Throughout the school year, we have a number of required annual notices. **Fall Notice.**



WSMA Solo Ensemble Competition Information

We are grateful to the South Milwaukee Music Parents Organization for sponsoring our school membership to WSMA (Wisconsin School Music Association). This means that our **7th and 8th grade band, orchestra and choir students** are eligible to participate in District Solo and Ensemble Festival. This is not a required activity, but is strongly encouraged. Performing at this event is a great opportunity for our music students for many reasons. Working on an independent performance improves the student's skills and confidence. Having the opportunity to perform in front of a judge is a unique and valuable experience. The students will receive critiques and comments on what they are doing well and will be given ideas on how to improve their performance. It is designed to be a supportive, non-threatening learning experience. Students can earn a gold, silver or bronze medal that reflects their proficiency of their performance.

WSMA Solo and Ensemble Music Festival will take place at **Greendale High School** (6801 Southway) on **Saturday, April 6th, 2019** between 8 a.m and 4 p.m Each performance is scheduled for an 8-minute time slot sometime that day. The fees for participating and receiving medals are as follows: Solos-\$12.00, if your solo is Class A the fee is \$14.00. Small ensembles-\$11.00 per participant. **Assistance will be provided if fees can not be paid in full, please pay what you can.**

Students will need:

- 1. Transportation to and from the competition location**
- 2. Performance appropriate attire**
- 3. Arrive 30 minutes before your performance time**
- 4. Continued practice over the next few months to perform their best.**

WSMA Solo Ensemble Sign Up Form

Please complete the form below, include payment (cash or check to SMMS) and place in an envelope. Please return by Thursday, February 28th. Do not leave it in the music room, turn it in directly to your music teacher or to the main office.

Student's name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Song Title: _____ \$12 for Solo \$11 for Duet \$14 for Class A Solo

List any **emergency** time request (i.e. Early AM, Late AM, Early PM, Late PM). Please list the reason for the time request. This request will be relayed to the contest site. The contest site has the final decision on performance times, they will do their best to accommodate time requests.