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School News

6th Grade Social Studies: 6th Grade students are finishing up their unit on immigration that will take them to their research for their reports in early November. Students will be researching a country of their ethnic background. Your 6th grader will be coming home very soon asking about your family ancestor and your ancestors country of origin. The culminating activity will be our Annual 6th Grade Ethnic Folk Fair, Friday, December 21, 2018 8:00-9:30 am

8th Grade US History: Creating better historical writers! Students are creating a formal position paper for each of our four quarters in United States History 8th grade. Topics range from 1)Who is credited with the discovery of America. 2) The hardships of colonization 3) The evolution of American Government. and 4) The Civil War position paper. This year we have added universal writer's checklists and rubrics in order to improve organization and to maintain consistency in our students growth as writers.

Fundraiser Delivery Date: The fundraiser delivery date will be Thursday, November 8th from 3:00-5:00 pm in the the middle school MPR. Families who sold items must pick them up at this time.

Food Cart: Due to the number of tardies with students who utilize the food carts, there will be no access to food carts the week of October 22nd. Mr. Hendrickson will be working with our Food Service Department to improve the logistics of the carts to ensure students are to class on time. Students should plan bringing a healthy snack if needed.

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

Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Time |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 10/26/2018 | Middle School Dance | 3:00-4:45 pm |
| 11/6/2018 | District PD Day - No School for Students | All Day |
| 11/8/2018 | Fundraiser Delivery Date | 3:00-5:00 pm |
| 11/9/2018 | End of Quarter - Early Release for Students | 11:40 Release |

VFW Writing Essay: Every year the VFW has a contest for middle schoolers called Patriot's Pen. Students write an essay on a theme; this year's is "Why I Honor the American Flag." Students write a 300-400 word essay and submit it to the Post. The deadline is October 31st. The Post will award a cash prize to the winner. The winning entry will then compete at the district level. The winner could possibly move up to the state or even national level, winning prizes along the way. The student could win a trip to Washington DC and \$5,000. Entries should be mailed: VFW Post 3742, 920 Monroe Ave., South Milwaukee WI, 53172. [Click Here for more detailed rules and information.](#)

Yearbook Sales: The Yearbook Sale is currently running. Cost of books are \$22 through October. \$24 for November through December and \$26 for January through February. Order forms are available in the main office or you may order on-line at jostens.com. We do not guarantee extra yearbooks at the end of the year, so order yours early! **Also if have any photos of sporting events or school events you would like to submit for possible inclusion in the middle school yearbook?** Please send all pictures to rrunnels@sdsm.k12.wi.us by the end of December.



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**Mrs Dehli's Nurse's Notes
When to keep your child home**

As I'm sure many of you know, cold and flu season is well upon us. Here are some tips to help you decide whether your child is too sick to come to school.

- **Fever:** If your child has a fever of 100°F or greater, they need to stay home and rest. A fever of 100°F or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until his or her temperature is less than 100°F for 24 hours **WITHOUT** medication.
- **Runny nose/Cough:** Nasal discharge that is yellow, green and thick may indicate an infection. In small children the discharge is more easily spread as they often don't understand that it should be wiped away with tissues. Please keep your young child home if he/she has severe nasal discharge. A productive cough with yellow or green mucus may need to be checked by a healthcare provider, especially if the child has a fever as well.
- **Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea:** All three of these conditions are very uncomfortable and will make your child not able to participate fully in class. These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated the night before and the morning of school.
- **Infectious Diseases:** Diseases such as impetigo, pink eye with thick drainage, and strep throat require a health care provider's visits and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary, you should never have leftover antibiotics. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if he/she is feeling well. Students with chicken pox may return to school when all the scabs are completely dried and no new lesions are developing (usually 5-7 days).
- **Injuries:** If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until the condition is checked by a healthcare provider or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need a medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a health care provider's excuse is required.

The best way to prevent the spread of illness is hand washing. Be sure to remind your child to cough and sneeze into their sleeve to decrease the spread of the cold/flu virus.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me!

Stay healthy South Milwaukee!

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VOTE November 6!

Investing in our Future: Safe, Strong, Successful

The School District of South Milwaukee School Board has placed a referendum on the November 6 ballot to invest in three main goals:

1) Ensure students' safety and address emotional needs

- An annual budget item to specifically improve safety in all our schools.
- Identifying and assisting students with emotional needs, providing them with direct services.

2) Maintain our existing programs and facilities

- Ensure future students can benefit from the same outstanding programs and classes as our current students.
- Protect the investment taxpayers have made in the district's facilities through a yearly maintenance replacement budget.

3) Expand student learning opportunities and invest in the future

- Personalized and innovative learning opportunities that allow students to receive additional support and flexible learning opportunities.
- Additional staffing to increase virtual school options, add special education staff, provide academic support, expand 4K, reduce class sizes and more.

Election Day is November 6

The referendum question asks community members to increase the levy limit by \$3.8 million over a period of six years. That's an estimated tax impact of \$9 to \$12 per every \$100,000 of assessed property value in each of the first five years. The final tax impact at the end of six years is a **reduction of an estimated \$140.18** per every \$100,000 of assessed property value, due to other paid-off debt.

Find answers to frequently asked questions, including the estimated tax impact, at www.SoMilwReferendum.org.