

June 2017

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Mrs. Lynne Barton, Principal



A Letter from the Principal

Important Dates

May 29 School Closed

May 30 Book Fair Opens

June 1 Honors Assembly at 9

June 2 NJHS Trip

June 2 Builders to BIS

June 5 ELL Trip

June 9 Grade 8 Formal 7-9

June 13-16 Finals

June 15 1/2 day for students

June 16 1/2 day for students
and last day of school

June 26 Summer Academy
Begins

Dear Parents,

This school year has passed in a blink. May has been a very busy month showcasing our very talented students. Our choral and band concerts were outstanding. We sincerely appreciate the leadership and hard work of Ms. Johnson and Mr. Mundrick in helping students prepare for their stellar performances. Last month I shared the service learning experiences our students have had this year and the community connections we have made through their work. This month I would like to recognize our service organizations that provide their time, talent and financial resources to support our children.

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimists will be funding a "Bullying App" for us that will begin in September. You will hear more about that very soon. The Builders Club, an active service organization at our school, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines. The Kiwanians support our club and school, both financially, and with their time. Community Church at Ocean Pines and Friendship Church have made financial contributions to our school this year to provide assistance for children with financial needs. In addition, SonRise Church supplies food each week during the school year to several students for weekend meals. For the past several years we have been fortunate enough to receive money for our science and math programs from the Ocean Petroleum Company, a part of the Exxon Corporation. BB&T Bank also continues to provide toiletries, clothing and food for students through their "Lighthouse Project".

Community groups also share their time and talent by teaching classes in our After School Program. The Ocean City Surf Club taught a class and also took students surfing on the weekends. It was a huge success and will again be offered in the fall. Ballycastle Knits offered a knitting class and they too will return next fall. In addition to assisting our students in need, BB&T Bank offered a financial literacy class during session two of the ASA. Worcester County Health Department and DC Breeze also offered after school classes for our students.

We are so fortunate to be a part of such a caring, supportive and giving community. They are a true testament of how much our community values our children and our schools. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE ALERT THE MAIN OFFICE OR GUIDANCE SO THAT OUR RECORDS ARE ACCURATE.

Sincerely,

Lynne Barton



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Check with guidance to get your personalized Power School number.

Check with your child(ren)'s teachers to get set up with Remind.

Honors Assembly

Thursday,

June 1 at 9:00 AM

Yearbooks will be on sale for \$35.00

SDMS GRADE 8 FORMAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 AT SDMS

7:00-9:00

COST IS \$10 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 8TH AND \$13 CASH AT THE DOOR.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS THE ROARING 20'S.

ONLY CURRENT GRADE 8 SDMS STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THIS DANCE. ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM, EVEN IF PAYING AT THE DOOR.

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The end of the school year is near and Book Fair time is here again. The fair began on May 30th and runs through June 8th. Students are scheduled to visit during ELA classes, but are welcome to browse at other times (with permission). Parents are also welcome, so if you are in the neighborhood, please stop in the media center and check out our selection. It's a great time to stock up for summer reading for both you and your child!



- Lynne Barton, Principal
- Marcus Shipley, Assistant Principal
- Theresa Torpey, Assistant Principal
- Susan Porter, Curriculum Resource Teacher
- Cherie Townsend, Guidance Counselor, Gr. 7
- Stephanie Zanowic, Guidance Counselor, Gr. 8
- Darlah Woodley, School Nurse

SDMS Cell Phone Policy

Just a reminder that the cell phone policy at SDMS requires all students to have their phones turned off and placed in their lockers. In the event of a situation that requires us to leave the building students will be permitted to go to their lockers to get their coats and other belongings including cell phones.

DRESS CODE REMAINDERS

With the arrival of the warm weather here are a few dress code reminders for our students:

- All shorts and skirts must be knee length or longer. Shorts and skirts that are above the knee may be worn with tights and/or leggings that go to the knee or longer.
- Tank tops, strapless tops, and mid-drifts are not permitted to be worn.
- All pants must be worn at the waist.
- Hats and other head gear must be removed upon entering the building.

Students of the Month

Chameleon Team Janaesha Carson, Matthew Janson, Emily Sackadorf, Magdalyn Herd, Mark Harley

Cobra Team Angel Bergum, Jude VanDornick, Joseph Buxbaum, Malachi Worthington, Sierra Wakefield

Gecko Team Kim Kaufman, Alexa Eisemann, Jasmi Zavala, Ian Betterson

Diamondback Team Kirra Hearn, Keegan Stever, Lizzie Coates, Steven Hoffman, Lydia Woodley, Jordan Gilmore, Zach Fuchsluger, Emily Tilghman

Dragon Team Yunjin Bang, Hailey Golczynski, Sarah Reid, Jaiden Denk

Gator Team Devon Jacobs, Cole Whitenack, Ali Russell, Tenijah Rounds

This year the SGA was very involved in the community and school. We held a Walk-a-thon event that raised money for Relay for Life, hosted American Education Week, recognized our bus drivers on Bus Driver Appreciation Day, and wrote Valentine's Day cards for both active military personnel and residents of our local nursing homes. In addition the SGA hosted Teacher Appreciation Week at the beginning of May that included purchasing and delivering school supplies to teachers, holding a car wash for teachers and concluded the week with a teacher luncheon. We also started the Triple R Project, a plastic bottle recycling initiative in the cafeteria, held a fundraiser at Chick-fil-a and purchased an additional microwave for the cafeteria. To end the year the SGA will hold the 2nd Annual 8th grade formal on June 9th. We would like to thank all of the officers, governors, and members for a great year. A special thanks to Mrs. Dori, Mrs. Vessey, Mrs. Torpey, Ms. Barton, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Shipley, Mr. O'Halloran, Ms. Green, and Ms. Rutzler, parents of our SGA members, and everyone who has donated to SGA to help us make the 2016/2017 year so successful.



The After School Academy at SDMS...because learning does not stop at the bell.

Summer Academy begins on June 26 and ends on July 27th, 8:30-12:30, Monday—Thursday. **The Summer Academy will be closed each Friday, and on July 3 and 4 for Independence Day.** Current 6 and 7 grade students are invited to join the summer academy here at SDMS and current 8th graders are invited to join at SDHS. Both registration forms are available on our website. We encourage you to take advantage of our online registration process for SDMS Summer Academy. You will find the link on our website.

Our number one priority is the safety of our children. If a Summer bus change is necessary, this must be communicated to Mrs. Torpey via a written note/communication from a parent/guardian. Students are not permitted to change bus stops without written permission.



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