

The S-DCS Column

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS OF SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

WRAPPING UP ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR

Finally, the weather has started to turn warmer. With such a long, harsh and cold winter, many of us are looking forward to the spring flowers and the hot summer days. Our students at Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools are also dreaming about summer vacation. Unfortunately, they still have a month of school left before they can spend all of their waking hours enjoying some free time. This makes the jobs of our teachers and principals a little tougher to keep our students focused on performing in the classroom instead of on the playground.

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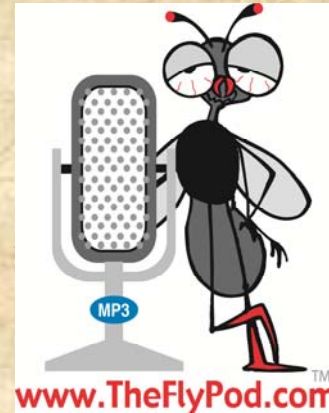
It has been an exciting year at Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools. We are proud of the work we are doing to inspire our students to reach higher academic levels of achievement. We also want to encourage our students and parents to continue the momentum this summer as we prepare for the next school year. We hope that our students will continue reading and learning over the summer. Our libraries provide summer reading programs. We encourage our parents to make their summer vacations educational when possible by visiting historic sites or touring museums. This really helps expand the minds of our students and widen the world of possibilities for future learning opportunities. Most of all, we want our parents, students, administrators, teachers and staff to have a safe and a happy summer vacation.

See you next fall!

Dr. Jeff Hendrix
Superintendent

DON'T MISS THE BUZZ

Each month Sunman-Dearborn Schools is featured on The FlyPod, a local entertaining yet informative media source. To listen to this monthly "SuperChat" podcast enter <http://tinyurl.com/SuperChat-SDSC-3> in your address line on a new web page. This month's chat will be recorded on Monday, May 5th. Jeff Bond and Jayme Herbert will be discussing online testing (ISTEP+ and Acuity) and the use of data from assessments to drive the curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Be sure to listen in to hear about exciting topics and how they relate to our Sunman-Dearborn Schools.



FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

As a part of the USDA and Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010's push for healthier foods in schools, there will be a few changes made to your students breakfast, lunch and snacks. The most notable changes will be:

- Sodium restrictions for all meals and snacks
- All grains served will be whole grain rich
- More strict calorie, fat and sugar restrictions for snacks (a la' carte)

We will still continue to serve a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables daily. All of the meals served are calculated to ensure the appropriate calories and nutrients for each student's age. We strive to serve nutritious and appetizing meals to our students every day to encourage them to thrive as young, healthy individuals.

****REMINDER:** As this school year begins to wind down, please do not forget to pay off any negative balances that your student's may have on their breakfast/lunch accounts. Please also remember that any money left in the student's account will roll over to the next school year. ******

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Olivia Stone RD,LD, at orstone@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us or 812-576-1900 ext. 13809.

Have a fun, safe and healthy summer!

Mrs. Olivia Stone RD, LD
Director of Food and Nutrition Services

S-DIS FUN FOR A CAUSE



The staff and students came together once again to entertain the students during the annual Student-Staff Basketball Game. This event occurs each year in the spring to raise awareness and funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society “Pennies for Patients”. Jina Muncy, Advisor for Student Council, organizes the event with the student council members assisting during the event with various activities and contests. This year the students raised \$1,745.59. Some pictures from the even are shown below.



Student Basketball Team-6th Graders



Student Cheerleaders



Mrs. Isom, Instructional Assistant, volunteered to be duct taped to the wall!

SPRING CELEBRATIONS

Spring has finally arrived! After the dramatic winter we had, we celebrate all the newness of flowers and budding trees, warmer weather and lasting sunshine that have recently arrived.

April was a month of celebrating spring, and at Sunman Elementary, we recognized this change in seasons with Earth Day, Ag Day, and Arbor Day.

Reusing old items for a new purpose is an elementary skill. Students have made recycled art projects and explored ways to reuse containers, paper, and supplies. Parents got in on the action by participating in our annual spring used toy and clothing sale sponsored by our parent organization, Tiger PAWS. All members of the Sunman Elementary community practice recycling daily. All classrooms recycle used copy paper, the cafeteria staff recycles cans and cardboard, and there are drop off boxes for old cell phones and empty ink cartridges.

Third grade students had the opportunity to learn about our agricultural heritage and the economic impact agriculture has in our community. They attended the annual Ag Day field trip at the Dearborn County Fair Grounds on April 22nd. This is sponsored each spring by the Purdue Extension Office.

April 25th was Arbor Day. Brownie Troop #47123 planted trees at Sunman Elementary and throughout the community as part of their work in learning about community service. Some students also received trees to plant at home in recognition of Arbor Day.



Ms. Cindy Morton
Sunman Elementary
Principal

BRIGHT ELEMENTARY NEWS



Ms. Emily Loftin's kindergarten class working on a project.

S-DMS NEWS

Wow, what a great year we have experienced at S-DMS in 2013-2014. First of all, we want to thank our parents for entrusting us to educate their children. It has been our privilege to serve our students and parents this year. Secondly, we want to thank our students, who have been a pleasure to teach on a daily basis. As we wrap up the year we have many exciting events on our schedule.

We will kick off May by Rockin' the ISTEP. We are sure that S-DMS students are well-prepared and will demonstrate how much they have learned this year as they complete ISTEP. On May 5, our choral department will share their talents and help us to welcome spring at their concert starting a 6:30 p.m. Followed by our SDMS Bands, who will perform on May 15 at 7:00 p.m. If you have not joined us for an S-DMS band or chorus concert, you really should come out to see us. Our students are extremely talented and have been mentored by the best teachers here at S-DMS.

We will be celebrating the accomplishments of our 8th grade students as they transition from S-DMS to the high school. Our 8th grade graduation ceremony will be held on May 27 from 6-8 p.m. Please call our front office 812-576-3500, Extension 12903 if your child plans to participate. We also encourage our

7th grade students to attend to support their 8th grade peers. 7th grade students do not need to register. We will have cookies and punch to follow the ceremony.

Our Awards Day will be held on May 30 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. followed by our field day events. Parents are welcome to attend Awards Day. Any child receiving an award will get a notification in advisory class to bring home.

I want to thank our parents and staff who took the time to make our Spring Fling a success. Over 300 students enjoyed DJ entertainment and a live performance from their peer band, the Wondering. It was a great evening. In addition, S-DMS would like to thank the ECHS Senior Scholarship Committee who helped with set up, clean up, supervision, games, and fun for all. Our students behaved like true ladies and gentlemen and looked beautiful in their attire. Thank you for allowing your children to participate and for helping us to get them home safely.

Mrs. Lisa Baudendistel
Middle School
Principal



The Middle School Spring Fling dance was held on Friday, April 25th. Everyone had a great time, including these young ladies.

Pictured from left to right are: Deann Martin, Emily Hoffman, Michaela Wesseling, Lauren Gabour and Hannah McFarland.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS

Recently, North Dearborn Elementary School was named a Four Star School by the state of Indiana. This distinction means that NDES was one of the top 25% of schools in the state as measured by combined ISTEP scores on both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. This distinction says a lot about our school community. The efforts of all involved helped us achieve these results.

Students, parents and care givers, teachers, counselors, instructional assistants, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers and cafeteria staff all work together to make our school what it is. We are proud of all that we can accomplish. Give yourselves a hand, pat yourselves on the back and prepare yourselves for future success.

*Mr. Jeff Bond
North Dearborn Elementary
Principal*

EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

What a busy time of year this is. Projects and classroom work are “ramping up” as the end of the school year fast approaches. The month of May is packed with AP testing, Scholarship awards, and preparation for the end of year final exams and projects. It is also the time of high anxiety and worry for some. Please encourage your children to work diligently and not get behind. This one simple approach to school work would eliminate so much stress for students as the end of the year draws to a close. I wish everyone the very best as we start the process to wrap up the year.

Seniors are facing a few tasks before they leave their tenure at East Central. Besides final exams, one of those tasks is the community service project they need to complete on May 30th. Forms were mailed home and made available in a recent homeroom so that seniors can indicate what service project they will help with on that day. Forms are due back to the school no later than Tuesday, May 27th. This project is a chance

to reach out to our community and help with cleaning up, straightening up, or helping out people that need the help. It is our way to help our graduating seniors to learn the unselfish act of community service. Graduation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 1st. Some other events of note are the senior scholarship night May 14th at 6:30 in the PAC, and the awards program at 8:30 a.m. on May 16th, also in the PAC. We will be handing out 16 academic jackets to next-year juniors for their 4.0 academic achievements at the awards program. Teachers or adults that have made the biggest impact on their lives will put the jackets on the recipients. It is always rewarding to see the students receive recognition for their accomplishments. Students at East Central truly do receive the finest education.

*Mr. Robert Shipley
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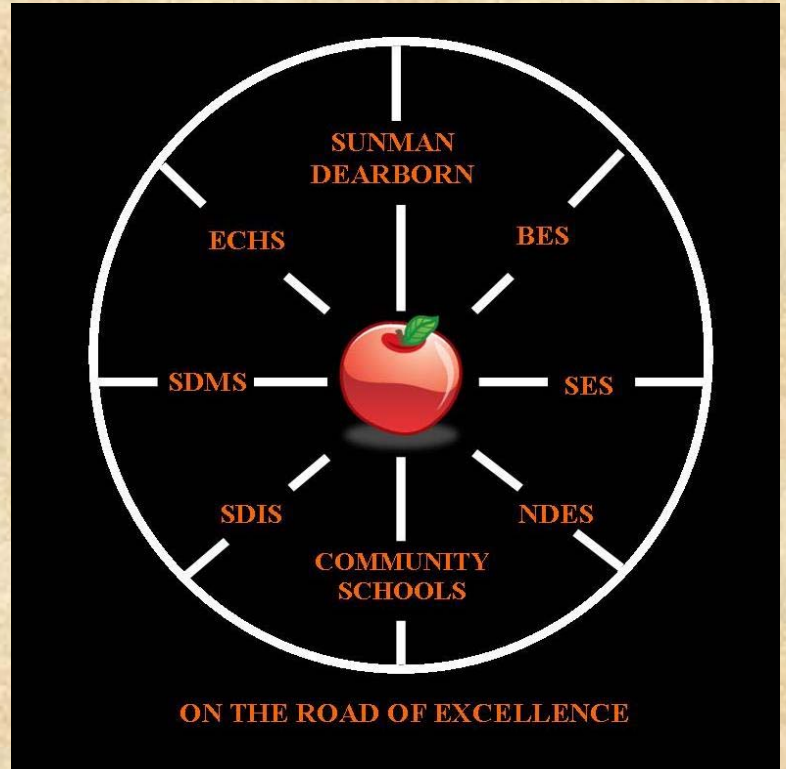
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The mission of S-DCS is to develop, for all students:

- Literacy skills (reading, writing, communicating confidently)
- Mastery of state and national standards
- Character, responsibility, teamwork, the importance of regular attendance, goal-directedness, and service to community
- High graduation rates and post-secondary success

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