

DoDEA Mission

"To Provide an Exemplary Education that Inspires and Prepares All DoDEA Students for Success in a Dynamic, Global Environment."

Shughart Purpose

Shughart Middle School: A community that inspires, empowers, and challenges learners.

School Goals

Goal 1: By June 2015, all students will increase their ability to analyze text, which is drawing conclusions, inferring relationships, and identifying theme and story elements. Progress will be measured by the selected system-wide and local assessments.

Goal 2: By June 2015, all students will be able to increase math communication, which is modeling and describing ideas through verbal, written, and/or graphical representations. Progress will be measured by the selected system-wide and local assessments.

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BLACK HAWK BUZZ



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Principal's Perspective

We are well into the classes and activities of the 2nd semester. It's hard to believe it's already February!

In the last few days, it has come to our attention that there are still ongoing concerns in the community about incidents happening on the pathway from the housing area to school. Here at school, the administrators have only heard about a very few incidents, and I want to reassure you that when we know something has happened, we handle it. If we don't know, we can't do anything. Please contact security first if it is a serious issue such as fighting, and then us. If it's a minor incident, please call us at school and we will address it. We want our students to feel

safe on their way to and from school.

School Uniform amendment—As of Monday, rivets on pants are not an issue. **Jeans and denim pants are still not permitted.** The rest of the uniform dress code remains as stated in the policy, which I am attaching to this message.

I urge you to contact an administrator if you have any questions or concerns. Rumors can run rampant, especially on social media, but I am always happy to address any concerns you have.

Have a great Black Hawk weekend!

Mary Leinard

CSI Information

Teachers are continuing to teach engaging and innovative lessons every Monday during advisory time. The lessons focus on Continuous School Improvement. The past two week's lessons centered on our current Reading and Math goals. Using the popular TV game show "Jeopardy" students were able to generate a discussion about why we set goals and internalize what our school goals mean to them as a student at SMS.

Our CSI team is still in need of parent representation. If you are interested in serving on our team, please contact the school. Your time and commitment is greatly appreciated.



Click the link to visit the AdvancED website.

February 2013



Calendar of Events

- Feb 7th Basketball Game at West Lee Middle
- Feb 8th School Dance 4-6 PM
- Feb 11th basketball Game at home—Coats-Erwin Middle
- Feb 14th Basketball Game at Dunn Middle
- Feb 15-22 Book Fair
- Feb 22nd Jeans Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Basketball Game	School Dance 4-6 PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Basketball Game			Basketball Game	Book Fair	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	JEANS DAY!	
24	25	26	27	28	Book Fair	

Counselors' Corner

Important Dates!

- Feb 4-8 National School Counselor Week
- Feb 4 Overhills Enrollment Forms Due
- Feb 5 8th Grade Tour of Overhills High School
- Feb 14 NAEP Testing for ALL 8th Grade Students
- Feb 27 CIAA Middle School Program Study Trip for 8th Grade



Character: It will follow you always. Each day should be better than the one before it; be proud of who you are and treat others with respect.

6th Grade News

Six grade social studies teachers would like to thank all the parents who came out to our ancient Egypt *Sixthsonian* Museum Night. Students had a chance to showcase their hard work and parents enjoyed live music, dancing, and artwork.

Our present unit of study is ancient Greece and English language arts teachers will be studying Greek Mythology to compliment.

Be looking for further project information to come home with your students.



7th Grade News

Please remember that the 7th grade team has conference time available every Thursday from 12:30-1:15.

- In Mrs. S's Social Studies class, students will be starting the semester by learning about Southwest Asia and Northern Africa.
- Ms. C's Social Studies class is concluding our study on water scarcity in North Africa and the Middle East.
- In Mrs. N's and Mrs. S's science classes students will be investigating the human body.
- In Math 7th grade students are finishing chapter 4 over Fractions, Percents, and Decimals this week. Students will be beginning Chapter 6 which covers Ratios and Proportions
- In Ms. W's Language Arts classes, students are working on analogies and idioms.



8th Grade News

This month, Mrs. C's classes are working on NHD (National History Day) projects. Please ask your students to give you more details on their progress of the project.

Dr. H will be taking the students in his Math Counts Club to a competition at Max Abbott Middle School in Fayetteville, NC. The event will take place on February 16, 2013.

Next week, Ms. M's classes will begin their studies of Earth's history.

Mrs. J-D's ELA (English Language Arts) classes are doing the Big Grammar Review. She commends her students for the setting description essays that she received last week. Next week they will start their study of the literature genre "mysteries".

Ms. W's Learning Strategies classes are learning about instructional management techniques and resources to facilitate generalization of independent learning. Ms. W states, "The goal of Our Learning

Strategies Class is to teach students "how to learn" by providing them with learning tools that help them: (1) function independently and (2) generalize use of strategies to a variety of situations and expectations."

In Mrs. McG's ELA classes, the students are studying "The Diary of Anne Frank" and the events of the Holocaust. On January 3, all students were assigned a final independent project for this unit of study. They were given 12 options from which to choose. The students have had weekly checkpoints to monitor their progress. The next checkpoint is scheduled for Thursday, January 31. The final due date for the project is Wednesday, February 6. Please ask your child to share the progress of his/her project with you.

Nurse's Corner



Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It is best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. However, if soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product to clean your hands. Alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast acting.

Remember, Clean Hands Save Lives!

STEAMing Along

Shughart is full STEAM ahead for 2013!



Recently teachers have had the opportunity to participate in further professional developments which trickle down into their classrooms. As a STEAM piloted school, we are documenting our successes so that other schools can follow our lead. We intend to continue incorporating STEAM into our daily lesson plans, and we have scheduled STEAM week for late April.

Sports Corner

Join Us for our Last Three Basketball Games!

Feb 7th at West Lee Middle School

Feb 11th we host Coats-Erwin

Feb 14 at Dunn Middle School



Extra, Extra! Read our *extra* announcements!

YEARBOOK

Use YPPay at yb-pay.lifetouch.com and pre-order your yearbook online now! Use yearbook ID code: 11104613. You can also pre-order and pay with cash at Blackhawk home basketball games. Pay the full \$25 or pay in two payments of \$12.50 each; one now and one in May when you pick up your fabulous yearbook!

Parents: Take photos of your students and share them with the yearbook staff! Photos taken at school, sporting, or club events taken by families and members of the community can be uploaded at community.lifetouch.com. They could be considered for publishing in the 2012-2013 yearbook. To share those great photos, use the Community Image Upload Site Access Code: ZASDTD.

Video Productions

It's a new semester for the video production students, so after they learn the basic camera framing and editing techniques, they will be making their own short videos. Some of them may even be chosen to help get the word out to the district about STEAM week in late April. If their commercial/public service announcement makes the cut, the whole district may watch their creative action at work.



SCHOOL DANCE!

"The Cupid Shuffle"

Friday, Feb 8th

4-6 PM in the

gym

\$3.00

advance/door

DJ, concessions

and pictures

available

Sponsors:

NJHS & SGA

Journalism

The first semester class is finishing their first electronic copy of a class/school newspaper. We hope to send it out via email to students and parents very soon. What a great product that the students managed, organized, created, and even photographed. Look for it in your email soon!

FRENCH/ART

It is the start of the new semester for 7th and 8th grade and the new quarter for 6th grade. Students are eagerly learning conversation basics such as greetings, names, how are you, ages, numbers and the alphabet. The 8th grade yearlong class has started to explore the delicious world of French cuisine and how to order food in a café. Bon Appétit!

AVID

We are College Bound! The AVID classes went on our first college fieldtrip in December to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The students were able to see classrooms, cafeteria, library, and athletic facilities during a campus tour. We are looking forward to our next campus tour this spring.

Please remember the following weekly due dates for AVID students:

Monday- Cornell Notes and Reading Log
Tuesday and Thursday- TRF (Tutorial Request Form)
Friday- Binder Checks

IMPORTANT PTA EVENTS!

Flowers Orders—\$ 1.00 until Feb. 12th

BOOK FAIR Feb 15-22

Jeans Day Feb 22nd

