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“A Diverse Family of Learners that Seek to Challenge the Whole Child Through Innovation”

If you haven't had a chance to come out and visit, please do so. We are working very hard and having fun! It is a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of staff, students, parents, grandparents and other stakeholders. There are many volunteer opportunities. A monthly list of volunteer activities is emailed out. OPTS is hosting a beautification event on October 21 at 3:30. Look for information on our upcoming “Red Ribbon Week.” Also, we would like all students and staff to wear PINK on Oct. 28. If you haven't joined OPTS you still have a chance! “Frosty Fridays” are a great treat for the students when their class has the most sign up!

SeA Musslewhite Library News

Join the SeA Library in promoting lifelong reading by taking the Shelfie Challenge! Take a selfie of you and your favorite book or your current read and send it to

skennedy@southeasternacademy.org.

Mrs. Kennedy will post them at school and on our webpage to show our kids and school community that reading is a skill that they will enjoy for the rest of their lives. Make a silly face or serious, take an



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 11 & 12- Benchmarks
- Oct. 12- News Team 3 p.m.
- Oct. 13- Science Teams 3 p.m.
- Oct. 14- End of 9 Weeks
- Oct. 17 & 18- Out of School
- Oct. 21- Beautification 3:30-5:30
- Oct. 24- Report Cards
- Oct. 31- Dress as favorite book character



Book Fair & Grandparents' Lunch



individual or a group shot, it doesn't matter, just be sure to include a great book and send it off to our Library Lady by October 26th.

Computer Lab News



SeA dolphins have been hard at work in the computer lab reviewing and learning new computer skills. Students have been posting to blogs, communicating via email, working in spreadsheets using different formats, experimenting with graphic design, and much more! To see what your child's class has been learning in the lab, please visit the [Computer Lab News Page](#) and come back to visit often. When our schedule changes (as it sometimes does) I update the page to reflect the changes.

Yearbook News!

Our students have been working diligently to make sure that EVERY child is in the yearbook multiple times! If you haven't ordered a yearbook yet, click [here](#) to reserve your copy.

Kindergarten News

The kindergarteners are looking forward to an October filled with adventure. In ELA, we continue to work on beginning sounds, vowels, consonants, and writing sentences correctly. In math, we continue to work on patterns, pattern blocks, correct number sequencing, counting to 100, ordinal numbers, and writing our numbers correctly. In social studies, we are discussing the presidential election and basic ways that the United States is able to maintain its status as a world power. We also know all seven continents. We have done a lot of work with apples, pumpkins, scarecrows and squirrels- all things we see a great deal of in the fall.

1st Grade News

First graders have been very busy this month. They are continuing to work hard in learning their phonics skills. They have learned short and long vowels, consonant sounds, blends, & diagraphs. Students are trying to master the process of taking an AR test, which is a big deal for them. They are doing a great job. In science, they looked for camouflage animals in pictures. Students decorated their own animal to camouflage in the classroom. We also ventured outside to hunt for camouflaged insects. (small, brown pieces of pipe cleaner) The puff mobile project was a huge success. K-2nd had the opportunity to think like engineers and build puff mobiles out of Life Savers,

Sports

Soccer

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Volleyball

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straws, paper, tape, & paper clips. K-2nd will participate in science club once a month. Students celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday on September 26th. The party was hosted by Samara's mom. Everyone had lots of fun tasting all the apple products. We are also excited to go on our first field trip to Gillis Farm the first week in October. Indeed, very busy first graders!

2nd Grade News

Second Grade will be "Spooktacular" during the month of October. With Reading 3D complete, we will be beginning novel studies, studying central message and main idea, and exploring character traits in reading. We are finishing up our problem solving unit in math and will begin place value this month. Narratives and opinion pieces will be out writing focus. We hope to have some "Frighteningly Fabulous" stories to share. The pumpkin patch will be visiting us as well. 2nd Grade would like to congratulate Katie for being voted student of the month by her class mates. Great job, Katie! We enjoyed our first S.T.E.M. Friday on September 30th. Their Puff Mobiles were fantastic. Makenna, Layla, and Marley were our race winners! We are looking forward to our next S.T.E.M. activity at the end of October. SEA's second grade is working hard this month!



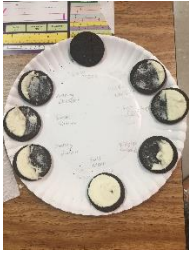
3rd Grade News

It's hard to believe the first nine weeks of the year is almost finished! The third graders have been very busy working on different Science Experiments/Labs in class to help them understand the Scientific Method. The most recent experiment tested how quickly mold would grow on bread that had been exposed to different hand washing techniques. Once the mold began to grow, so did the funny feeling in our stomachs! Haha!

Multiplication has been a major concept throughout the past few weeks and will continue throughout the year. The students are currently working on two or three sets of facts a week and having a "Multiplication Show Down" to help them better understand their facts. The students have used multiple strategies in remembering their facts, including "Human Arrays".



As the students finish their study of the Solar System and Phases of the Moon, they had a chance to create the Moon Phases with Oreos. Who says that learning can't be fun and TASTY?!?!? Third grade is proven to be tough and a new challenge for all, but this group of third grade kids are rocking it out and surpassing all expectations!



4th/5th Math and Science News

In 4th grade math we are working on addition and subtraction of larger numbers. We will also be working on factors, multiples and patterns. Please continue studying facts. Facts quizzes are every week. In 4th grade science we are finishing up our unit on ecosystems and will be taking a test on ecosystems soon. Our next unit of study will be energy conservation and transfer. In 5th grade math we are working on adding and subtracting decimals. We will also begin working on multiplying and dividing larger numbers, as well as writing and interpreting expressions. In 5th grade science we are finishing up our ecosystems unit and will have a test on ecosystems soon. Our next unit of study will be energy conservation and transfer.

4th/5th ELA and Social Studies News

Learning about the election, bullying, and leadership have provided many opportunities for growth while reading non-fiction this fall. Whether looking at first or secondhand accounts in interviews, books, or magazines, students have focused on hearing from eyewitnesses throughout history and contemporary times in texts. We are currently working on writing stories generated from memories and retelling familiar stories in new ways with better endings. Using the Chromebooks purchased through OPTS, students and their writing partners are collaborating on drafts with the end goal of publishing a book this month. Appreciating other great books and creating our own is high on our list of goals for the year!

4th and 5th graders have been working on leadership goals around campus--joining OPTS, doing a surprise good deed for Mrs. Terry & Mrs. Wanda, earning excellent behavior reputations, and helping each other throughout the school day. As rewards for achieving these goals, students have earned homework passes, compliments, recognition as student of the month, Frosty Fridays, and great grades! This is an awesome group of learners, and we can't wait to see our growth at the end of the year.



6-8 ELA News

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders are currently doing the Chicken Soup for the Soul: Be the Best You Can Be program. This program focuses on respect, compassion, empathy, tolerance and responsibility. We spent the last week of September and the first week of October discussing these words and how each of us can choose to be the kind of person that exhibits these qualities. Another part of the program involves a class service project. Each class is deciding what type of project they are interested in and we will make a decision this month how we can give back to the community. All of the students have been very enthusiastic and excited to do this and I am SO impressed how many of them are already doing these types of things through their churches or families or other organizations. They must all have amazing role models and parents!! :)

6-8 Math News

It's hard to believe that we have almost completed the first nine weeks of school. The middle school students have been hard at work in Math, reviewing old objectives and mastering new objectives.

The sixth graders have been reviewing operations with decimals and multiplication/division of fractions. Also, they have been exploring integers. We will soon begin a study with operations for integers. We will use manipulatives to help with this process.

Seventh grade students have reviewed rational numbers and statistical data. Now, we will organize and analyze the data by working with stem and leaf plots, box- and-whisker plots, and histograms.

Eighth graders are working with integer exponents and will move into a study of rational exponents. Also, we will begin a four week study on graphing linear equations. Students will need to bring their graphing calculators to school each day to assist with the graphing.

6-8 Social Studies News

With the upcoming election in November I have found myself being asked lots of questions about the election. This year I am doing something a little different. Starting on September 27th and running through November 8th we will be having "Election Tuesday" each Tuesday in place of our Jumpstart. Students are being asked to complete some independent readings and questions that relate to the election topic(s). In class we will go over the readings and respectfully discuss any election related news, including the debates. The students have been given guidelines to follow and they also know that I am acting as a natural moderate. My goal is to get each student interested and involved in learning more about their own government system and how it works.

6-8 Science News

We have an amazing group of middle school students! Thank you for choosing SeA!!

Content Study Update:

The sixth grade class is continuing their ecosystem unit. Our next area of focus will cover the transition of energy from producers to consumers, emphasizing how energy is derived from the sun and transferred within terrestrial and aquatic food webs.

Seventh grade has traveled through Earth's atmosphere exploring its origins, composition, and wind patterns. We will take this base knowledge and develop an understanding for how air masses interact to create storms and other weather conditions.

Our eighth grade students are turning into budding chemists. We have explored the structure of atoms, history and origin of the periodic table, chemical and physical properties associated with metals and nonmetals, made predictions about unknown elements, and finally completed Part I of our Foundations of Chemistry Unit!

Super Science Team Meeting:

Thursday, October 13th in Room 112 (3:00 to 4:00pm)

Miss Richter's News

October is Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness month. To become more educated on this disorder, Miss Becca and Mr. Jefferson would like to clear up some myths vs. facts.

MYTH: People with ADD can focus on things that interest them or if they just really want to focus.

FACT: ADD is a chemical problem within the management systems of the brain. Willpower and interest levels have little to nothing to do with a person's ability to focus.

MYTH: ADD is just a label and an excuse for behavior problems and bad parenting.

FACT: Many students and adults with ADD have issues being organized in their daily life, as well as in their thoughts. They may also act or speak impulsively due their inability to process through possible outcomes in a situation before acting or speaking.

MYTH: Children will grow out of having ADD.

FACT: Many adults struggle with depression or anxiety throughout life because they think ADD is only for children. ADD does not discriminate, and this includes in ages.

Remember, becoming *aware* of the world around us is the first step in creating a world worth inheriting!