

# Southeastern Academy Charter School



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

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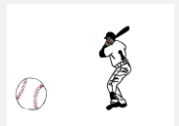
## School News

- Our 3-8 graders just finished their last benchmark test. We are using their data from this test to reteach any skills on which students are weak.
  - Our Lottery for 2017-18 school year will be held on April 27 at 4 p.m. in the school gym.
  - Please remember the Dress Code. Shorts and dresses should be NO shorter than mid-thigh (7 in shorts are great!) and tank tops should be 2 finger rule. Parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes if clothing is inappropriate.
  - Congratulations to Alexandria Zambrano (8<sup>th</sup> grader) for coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Math 1 Competition @ University of North Carolina @ Pembroke on Friday, March 31. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time SeA has had a student place in the top 3. Way to go Alexandria!
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## Upcoming Events

- April 6** Play @ 6 p.m. in gym
- April 11** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- April 14-23** Spring Break
- April 25** Progress Reports
- April 27** Lottery @ 4 p.m.
- April 28** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- May 1-5** Teacher Appreciation
- May 15-23** Testing EOG/EOC
- May 16** Board Meeting
- May 24** K-5 Field Day & Awards
- May 25** 6-8 Field Day & Awards
- May 26** Last Day 1 p.m. Release



## Baseball

Our team has started their season. We play home games at Northeast Park. Our next home game is April 4 @ 5 p.m. Come out and support our team.



## Bowling

Bowling was a great success. A BIG thank you to Mr. Newberry for coaching and for Mr. McLean for the use of the bowling alley!

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## Computer Lab News

**Kindergarteners** will paint a rhyme online in observance of National Poetry Month, and play the games "Jumpstart Spelling" and "*I Spy Fun House*" where they will build critical thinking and vocabulary skills as they solve I SPY riddles in the carnival. While they are playing these games, I will be working with each student (one-on-one) and assisting them to send an email with their school email account. Later, they will visit the [Kindergarten webpage](#) where they can pick and choose the educational activities they would like to do. On other days in the lab, they will play "Kahoot!" (A game-based learning platform), where they will review rhyming words, adding, subtracting, as well as beginning and ending sounds.

**1st Graders** will visit the [1st Grade webpage](#) and play "Rhyme Time Bingo" and "Rhyme N' Roll" in observance of National Poetry Month. Then, they will research the origin and meaning of their names, and learn basic research skills, preparing them for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. They will also review Money values, addition and subtraction, while playing the game, "Kahoot!" (A game-based learning platform), and later on, they will visit Prodigy Math to complete Math word problem activities that involve addition. 1st graders will also review communicating via their email accounts, and replying to messages.

**2nd Graders** will create an acrostic in Microsoft Word – which will involving formatting skills as well as keyboarding skills. Then they will review research skills and learn how to use the operators "-" and "+", as well as using "keywords" to narrow down their searches. We will review how to save an image to the computer, insert the image into a document, and then review how to manipulate that image in the document. After they're finished, they will share their creations via Google Apps for Education. Later, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will visit the Prodigy Math game to solve two-step addition word problems. They will also participate in the game "Kahoot!" (A game-based learning platform) where they will review telling time and math skills they've learned this year.

**3rd Graders**, will use their keyboarding skills to create an "I Can't Write a Poem" poem. They will share the poem via Google Apps. Afterwards, they will be introduced to Desktop Publishing, where they will design their own greeting cards. They will play the game "Kahoot!" (A game-based learning platform) to review EOG vocabulary and American History, and later they will visit Prodigy math where they will determine the missing number in a division equation, as well as review 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math concepts in preparation for the EOG.

**4th Graders**, in addition to keyboarding practice, will create poetry and share those works via Google Apps for Education. Later, they will create a product in desktop publishing using templates. Afterwards, they will visit the Prodigy Math game where they will review Math skills they've learned this year, as well as participate in the game-based learning platform "Kahoot" where they will review mental math that includes rounding, place value, fractions, geometry, multiplication, division and ELA Milestones.

**5th Graders**, in addition to keyboarding practice, will also create their own poetry in desktop publishing using templates. Afterwards, they will create visual poetry and share their works via Google

Apps for Education. They too will participate in the game-based learning platform "Kahoot" where they will review Math, ELA and Science concepts. They will also visit Prodigy Math to review math concepts they've learned this year and help them prepare for the upcoming EOGs. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also complete an Online Assessment Tutorial to prepare them for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science EOG. The tutorial is not an assessment; it allows users to practice navigating through the testing platform and to respond to sample test items. During the Online Assessment Tutorial, students have the opportunity to become familiar with tools, navigation, item tracking/flagging/response features, interactive items, and other test interface features.

**6<sup>th</sup> Graders**, in addition to keyboarding practice, will create poetry, illustrate the poetry, and share their creations via Google Apps for education. Later on, they will research careers and create a product in Microsoft Publisher. They will also visit Prodigy Math to review math concepts learned this year as well as play the game-based learning platform, "Kahoot!" to review 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA and Math concepts.

**7<sup>th</sup> Graders** will work on the "Million Dollar Project" they began earlier. This project allows the students to learn/review many different skills, including internet search skills, searching databases, screen clipping, manipulating images in a document, entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting a spreadsheet, and graphing data. We will take a small break from that project for them to create and display visual poetry for National Poetry Month at the beginning of April, and on other days we will pause to play "Kahoot!" (A game-based learning platform) with subjects like "Practice ELA EOG and Math" questions, as well as visit the Prodigy Math game to complete a Standardized Test Prep activity.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders** will create their own "visual poetry" for National Poetry month, then we will get back to our review of formulas, functions and formatting in spreadsheets, preparing them for assignments that they will most assuredly be assigned in High School. Over the next two months, we will visit the game-based learning platform, "Kahoot!" to review ELA vocabulary, prepare for the Science EOG, and review Math skills. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also complete an Online Assessment Tutorial to prepare them for the Science EOG. The tutorial is not an assessment; it allows users to practice navigating through the testing platform and to respond to sample test items. During the Online Assessment Tutorial, students have the opportunity to become familiar with tools, navigation, item tracking/flagging/response features, interactive items, and other test interface features.

Please visit the [Computer Lab Website](#) often. As our schedules change to accommodate field trips, club meetings, tutoring sessions, testing, assemblies and more, I will update the "Computer Lab News" page accordingly. Thank you for sharing your delightful children with me this school year, and for allowing me the opportunity to help your children reach their greatest potential!

## PE News

For the months of April and May, elementary education will be focusing on non-traditional games as well as finishing up the last round of fitness testing. As end of year testing prep ramps up, it is important for our students to have fun exercise time to clear their minds and release some energy in a safe way!

Middle school physical education will be participating in Ultimate Frisbee as well as lawn games (corn toss, ladder golf, can jam). 6-8 grade will also learn about hands only CPR in health as well as finish up the last round of fitness testing.

Baseball is halfway through the season. We have 1 home game left, please come support our student athletes! Bowling has wrapped up and it was a very successful first season! Thank you to the coaches and parents that made that possible.

## Kindergarten News

The kindergartners have thoroughly enjoyed our beautiful spring weather. We are especially looking forward to our Easter egg hunt and party. When we hunt our eggs, we will have a number, and we can only collect the eggs that are that number. That will be a fun math activity. We are also looking forward to Earth Day activities. The actual Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, but we will discuss lots of ways to take good care of our home planet. Since April showers bring May flowers, we will be studying the four things plants need in order to thrive and flourish (air, sunlight, water, rich soil). We will also be studying the life cycle of the butterfly and we will discuss the various ways that butterflies are different from moths.

## First Grade News

I am so glad that spring is finally here. The students are almost as excited as I am. However, there is still work to be done. We have 15 more lesson remaining in our Saxon Phonics program. First graders have done an awesome job with this program and it shows in how well they can read. We have been doing a lot of review in math. I plan to continue reviewing previously taught objectives as well as introducing new concepts such as regrouping. Students are memorizing their facts in math. They will be working on memorizing the sums of ten next. The writing program is moving right along. Students have compiled a notebook of stories that they will be taking home in May. In our science center, we have studied simple machines. Next, they will be discovering magnets. Reading groups are going well. I can see how much they have grown in their reading abilities. They are almost ready for second grade. I have just a little tweaking to do. I am very proud of how hard they have worked this year.

## Second Grade News

April promises to be a very busy and exciting month for SeA second graders. We currently have 15 chicken eggs incubating in our classroom. We can't wait until Hatch Day! We are also watching with anticipation as our caterpillars turn into butterflies! April is definitely all about life-cycles in 2nd Grade. We are also very excited about our trip to the UNC Wilmington Marine Science Center at the end of the month, and of course, SPRING BREAK! We can't wait to show how we have grown this year as we gear up for end-of-year Reading 3D and math assessments. It is hard to believe we will be third-graders soon!

## Third Grade News

There are some exciting things happening in Third grade throughout the months of April and May!! Third graders are patiently awaiting the arrival of their baby chicks! We began our journey on March 18th when the eggs were placed into our incubator. As we have taken care of our eggs, we have been learning more about the process the chickens go through in the egg and after they hatch. The chicks should arrive around April 7th!!

As Spring Break gets closer, the third graders are getting anxious for a small break before buckling down for their very first EOG. This class has truly worked hard this year and has put in a lot of effort working towards their goal of a great score! No test will ever describe how wonderful and smart this group is! Every child is different and special in their own way!! (May 16th-17th Third Grade EOG)

On April 28th, the third grade will attend a Marine Quest Field trip just outside the campus of UNC-Wilmington. The students will be exploring animal life in the water (organisms) and other skills related to their science curriculum. This trip has been greatly anticipated for some time now. We are hoping for beautiful weather so we can walk the beach as well!!



## 4/5 Math & Science News

In 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade math, we will be finishing up with measurement and geometry while we review all skills covered this year. In science, we will be learning about the different body systems and cells as well as inherited traits while we review all skills covered this year. We will continue studying vocabulary words each week and turning homework in on Friday each week. Vocabulary tests are Mondays. Homework is given on Monday and due Friday. We will take a cumulative vocabulary test upon returning from Spring Break (Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>.) It will cover words tested since March 6<sup>th</sup>. Students should have flash cards and words in their science notebooks for study. I will provide a copy of all of the words after our quiz April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 4/5 ELA News

As we make our final push towards the end of the year, students are studying North Carolina and all the fun places its capitol city has. We are planning a field trip for May 3rd to explore the North Carolina Museum of Science, touring the General Assembly with Representative Charles Graham and Senator Danny Britt, and touring the Governor's Mansion. We are pleased to have a break in EOG review to learn a little more about the great state of North Carolina!

Big shout out to 5th graders Bailee Luper, Colin Davis, and Dixon Davis for their first successful season playing sports as members of the bowling team. McKenna Dean, McKinley Lowry, Presley Lewis, and Madelyn Evans also are joining the cheerleading squad! Students Bryce Ivey, Jackson Buck, Matthew Foil, Bailee Luper, Carlee Register, Madelyn Evans, Kaleigh Graham, and Grace Walters are also serving in various roles in the support team of the Drama Club's production of *Crumpled Classics*! We are thrilled to see these students get a taste of middle school as they get ready to begin 6th grade next year!



## 6th, 7th, & 8th English Language Arts News

I can't believe it's April already!! It seems like just yesterday I was driving back to Lumberton from the mountains to begin the school year at Southeastern Academy. I am so happy that I took this opportunity to get to know the Southeastern students and their families, not to mention the incredible staff at this wonderful school!!

I have really enjoyed working with my middle school students. They have been an amazing challenge and motivating influence and I am a better teacher because of this experience.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade will be spending the remainder of the school year in EOG preparation. I appreciate all of your support and thank you sincerely for all of the kindness you have shown me!!

Best wishes!!

## Science News

Three quarters down, and one to go!!!! What a year it has been! It is the last nine weeks of the school year, but don't get too comfy. The eighth grade Science EOG is right around the corner (May 15 to be exact). Please encourage your child to set aside time each night to study and review class notes, previous tests, and jumpstarts. The more effort they put into preparing for the test, the less anxiety they will feel on the day of the test.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all the middle school parents. It has been a privilege to be a part of your child's life. I am so proud of their hard work and willingness to learn.

## 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Math News

We are quickly approaching the end of the 2016/17 school year. March has been a very busy month for our middle school math students. Now that our final benchmark test is complete, we will begin remediation for students who have not mastered all objectives. Students will have the opportunity to have extra review time during their resource classes for the next six weeks.

Math I students have their benchmark test in April. We will work diligently for the next two weeks to prepare. Also, the Math I students represented our school in a Math contest at UNCP in March. I am very proud of these students for all the hard work they put in to the preparation for this contest.



## 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies News

As we are moving closer to the end of the school year, I will be incorporating as many cross curriculum skills as I possibly can, while still following the Social Studies guidelines. One change you will see is more test/quizzes that are using content passages and text evidence skills. Also, I would like to remind everyone that I will be giving a Social Studies final exam, teacher made, near the end of the school year. I will send out more detail via email about the final exam.

## Becca Richter News

April is Autism Awareness Month! Did you know that Autism affects 1 in 68 children or that boys are 4 times more likely to be diagnosed than girls? Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder, yet is the most underfunded. For more information on Autism, how to become more aware, and how to help, visit <http://nationalautismassociation.org>.

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