



Southside Middle School

Home of the Panthers

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A Message from the Principal

ISTEP+ Pep Session

On Friday, February 24th, teachers, staff, and students performed in the ISTEP+ pep session. The goal of the pep session is to reward students for their hard work leading up to ISTEP+ and to motivate them to do their best. The pep session started with a great performance of the "Whip Nae Nae" performed by SMS faculty and staff. The pep session included a dance off and lip sync challenge, then concluded with a faculty and staff medley.



Students
Who
Achieve
Good
Grades
Earn
Respect



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Upcoming Dates

March 12
Daylight Savings Time starts
March 14
Culver's Fundraiser 5-8 PM
March 16
St. Patrick's Day Dance
Main Gym 3:15- 5 PM
March 16
Family Food Giveaway
Aux. Gym 4:30-6:30 PM
March 17
End of Third Quarter
March 18-26
Spring Break
March 27
Classes Resume
March 30
Report Cards Go Home
March 30
PTO meeting
5:30-6:30 PM Cafeteria

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:

All parents should be entering on the northeast entrances (Off of 26th St, closest to Macedonia intersection or off of Macedonia) and form a single line along the curb by the auxiliary gym. The west side of the building is for buses and staff only.

All materials dropped off for a student will not be sent to them until their lunch period. Please call in any messages for students by 2:00PM daily to insure time to deliver the message.

SMS on Twitter

Parents-
Please follow SMS on Twitter at the following handles for immediate updates:

@SMS_MCS
@SMSAsstPrinMCS
@SMSAthleticsMCS



Diversity Quote of the Month

"It's time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

- Maya Angelou

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NURSE'S CORNER

SPORTS SAFETY

Spring is coming – and playing outside!! Taking part in sports and recreation activities is an important part of a healthy, physically active lifestyle for kids. But injuries can occur. There are steps that parents and kids can take to help make sure kids stay safe wherever they play or participate in sports and recreation activities.

KEY PREVENTION TIPS

Gear up. When children are active in sports and recreation, make sure they use the right protective gear for their activity, such as helmets, wrist guards, knee or elbow pads. **Use the right stuff.** Be sure that sports protective equipment is in good condition, fits appropriately and is worn correctly. Poorly fitting equipment may be uncomfortable and not offer the best protection.

Practice makes perfect. Have children learn and practice skills they need in their activity. For example, knowing how to tackle safely is important in preventing injuries in foot ball and soccer. Have children practice proper form – this can prevent injuries during baseball, softball, and many other activities.

Pay attention to temperature. Allow time for kids to gradually adjust to hot or humid environments to prevent heat-related injuries or illness. Parents and coaches should pay close attention to make sure that players are hydrated and appropriately dressed.

Be a good model. Communicate positive safety messages and serve as a model of safe behavior; including wearing a helmet and following rules!

Attendance Reminders

Please remember to report your child's absence to the school by 9:00AM by calling 765-747-5320. Attendance letters are sent out for 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 15 CUMULATIVE absences.

Athletics and Clubs

Track Season is upcoming! Details regarding practice times will be forthcoming.

Collections

We collect Box Tops and Coke Rewards. Please turn them into the front office at any time. Thank you for supporting our students.

*Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser Night-- April 4th. Flyers will be passed out after Spring Break.

*Our all school Trash Bag Fundraiser will kick-off March 1st and run thru March 15th. Trash bags will be delivered to the school the first of April.

St Patrick's Day Dance--Thursday, March 16th from 3:15-5:00PM. Cost to get in is \$3.00.

The end of the year trip for those students with no referrals will be Friday, May 19th to Cincinnati. Total cost of the trip is \$100. The permission slip and first payment of \$25 is due no later than February 16th. Contact Mrs. Conner with any questions.

*Chili's Fundraiser month--take in a flyer any-time during the month of March and April and Southside Middle School will receive 15% profit from your bill. Proceeds go towards end of the year trip.

*Culver's Night--March 14th, 2017 from 5-8PM... 15% profit will go towards Southside Middle School end of the year trip

MCS Calendar of Events

Keep up with everything going on at Muncie Community Schools by visiting the website:

<http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/Students/Calendar>