



SOUTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL

South Middle School Newsletter

October 23rd, 2022

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10/27 School Play 7:00 pm

10/28 Mile Run

11/3 Quarter 2 Sports Begin

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11/10 Orchestra Concert

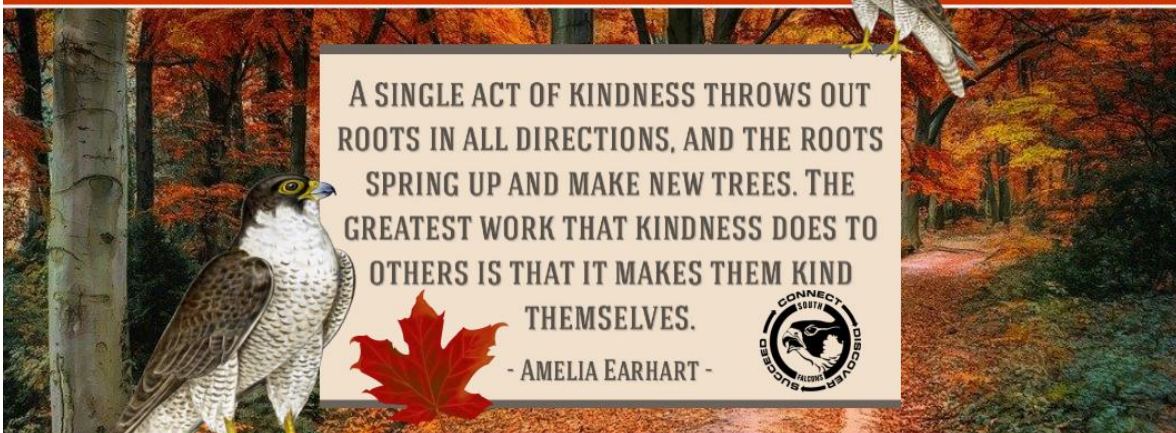
11/11 Veterans Day Program

WORK
hard,
BE
nice.

SMS Falcon Character Theme

-October-

BE
kind



A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS THROWS OUT
ROOTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS, AND THE ROOTS
SPRING UP AND MAKE NEW TREES. THE
GREATEST WORK THAT KINDNESS DOES TO
OTHERS IS THAT IT MAKES THEM KIND
THEMSELVES.

- AMELIA EARHART -



Be Respectful

BE NICE AND COURTEOUS TO OTHERS; HONOR OPINIONS; TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED; CHOOSE TO BE KIND; TREAT PROPERTY AS IF IT WERE YOUR OWN

Conference Meal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal for staff during conferences. The taco/nacho bar with desserts was a success. Silly Serrano did a great job catering the chicken and pork for the meal. We appreciate your support.

Sixth grade students were using the scientific process and their graphing skills to figure out the exact amount of Alka-Seltzer it took to blow the top off a film canister in exactly 30 seconds.



ITS CULVERS NIGHT ON GOLF ROAD!

Join us in supporting SMS on Monday, October 24. A portion of all sales from 4-7 p.m. will be used to help fund our AVID program at South. Stop out for a night of fun with friends and family!

The Culver's logo, featuring the brand name in a stylized, blue, cursive script.

Veteran's Day Program

We will be live streaming our Veteran's Day program on Falcon TV. More details will be coming soon from your child's social studies teacher.

The program will start at 2:25 on 11/11. You can watch the program [here](#).



MATHCOUNTS

Is your child interested in an additional challenge in Math? Do you love solving problems? Join the South MATHCOUNTS Team! We will be meeting Thursdays starting Nov. 7. See your Math Teacher, Ms. Morgan, or Mr. Mueller for a permission slip.

[MATHCOUNTS permission form](#)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month at school we have been hearing about bullying prevention. Included are some techniques students can use when they may need some support like walking away counting to ten or going to a trusted adult. We all know that at times and adult may not be around so here are some other resources that students can use when need some support here at school or at home. Please share with your children.

<https://speakup.widj.gov/>

1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or download the app

<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/helpchat>

The STOMP Out Bullying™ HelpChat Line

<https://www.centerforsuicideawareness.org/>

text HOPELINE to 741741 for immediate help

You can find the ECASD Family Engagement Newsletter [here](#).

Bully Awareness Month

October is bullying awareness and prevention month. Many times, bullying and other forms of discrimination are a direct cause of mental health issues. We want to promote kindness and a positive culture at South Middle School. Civility, inclusion, and kindness make our school a wonderful place to be! Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) initiatives prioritize positive behavior expectations. Learn more about bullying prevention at

DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. This year's theme is Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free.™ Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

Student Council is promoting Red Ribbon week with theme days and a photo contest! Using the theme "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free," students should decorate their locker, front door or themselves and snap a pic! Send the photo to jstrayer@ecasd.us. Students and staff will vote on their favorite!

Students and staff participating in the theme dress-up days must follow the ECASD dress code. Masks and props are not permitted. Students should come wearing their outfits. They should not bring items to school like make-up or hairspray. Students will be expected to follow all school rules and expectations including participation in physical education class.



Spirit Week
October 24-31

Comfy Cloths Day Oct. 24	Anything but a Backpack Oct. 27
Decades Day Oct. 25	Color Out Day Oct. 28 Gr 6=Green Gr 7=Yellow Gr 8=Blue
School Spirit Day Oct. 26 Wear Red, Black and White	Character Day Oct. 31

Enter the 2022 SMS Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest

ENTER

1. Submit a photo of a home decoration OR
2. Submit a photo of a school decoration.

WIN

1. Receive votes from your classmates and school staff.
2. Receive one of the following awards:
 - Most Creative
 - Best Use of Community



HOW TO ENTER

Decorate

Decorate your Home front door, mailbox or fence with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's theme: "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free."TM

Decorate your School with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's theme: "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free."TM

Snap A Photo & Upload

Take a picture of your Red Ribbon decoration (preferable with people in it!) and email it to:

jstrayer@ecasd.us

Get Votes!

Staff and students will vote for the five categories!

Entry Period	Oct. 24-31
Voting Period	Nov. 7-11
Winners Announced	Nov. 18



Sweet Treat

Ms. Halling's FACS class did an excellent job making Rice Krispie treats. They have been busy in the kitchen the last few weeks.



WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT?

To help ensure you get the information you need as quickly as possible, South Middle School has established this communication chart:

1 Contact the adult working with your student(s).

This may be a teacher, counselor, instructional coach, athletic coach, bus driver, school nurse, or another employee.

If you still need your question answered...

2 Contact the administration in your child's school.

This may be the principal, assistant principal, or activities director.

If you still need your question answered...

3 Contact the superintendent.

For email, refer to the staff directory on the school's website.

PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office
715-852-5200

School Nurse
715-852-5270

School Counselor
715-852-5203

Assistant Principal
715-852-5212

Principal
715-852-5210

District Office
715-852-3000



October is
Prescription Drug Take Back *and*
Communicate with Your Kids Month

Take this opportunity to talk to your kid(s) about prescription medication safety! Talking about medication safety keeps kids safe and healthy. This includes not sharing or taking someone else's medication. Learn more at:

drugfree.org/article/talk-with-your-kids/

Another great way to participate is the National Drug Take Back Day! Each year, this day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs and unneeded medications. This event will take place on October 29th 10am-2pm at

- Marshfield Medical Center – Eau Claire
Medical Offices - Door B; 2116 Craig Rd., Eau Claire
- Altoona Police Department

Visit GetInvolvedASAP.org to find a take back location near you.

This information is provided by The Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention coalition, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. For more information visit www.getinvolvedasap.org

GET YOUR SHOT

FREE Vaccines for Kids:

- Flu (6 months-18 years)
- COVID boosters (5+ years)
- HPV
- Meningitis
- Tdap



Location

South Middle School (Commons)

Altoona Fire Station

Northstar Middle School
(Multi-Purpose Room)

DeLong Middle School (Library)

Date

Wed. Oct. 26th

Thurs. Oct. 27th

Wed. Nov. 2nd

Wed. Nov. 9th

Time

1pm-5pm*

3pm-6pm

1pm-5pm*

1pm-5pm*

*Clinics open to the public from 3-5pm

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koj muaj lus nug txog tsab ntawv no, hu rau Blia (715) 852-6850.

Si desea que una persona hispana le traduzca esta carta en español o si tiene
preguntas sobre esta carta, llame a Kresly al (715) 225-3333.

No appointment needed
Questions? Call 715-839-4718



Eau Claire City-County
Health Department

Vaccination Clinics Upcoming at Middle Schools

The Eau Claire City County Health Department is sponsoring vaccination clinics at South, Northstar and DeLong Middle Schools in the next few weeks. Go to [Vaccinations](#) for details.

Eau Claire Area School District 2022 Capital Referendum

As many of you are aware, the Eau Claire Area School District is going to a capital referendum on November 8, 2022, to address aging infrastructure, to improve the learning environments for our students, and to continue necessary reinvestment in our buildings.

This \$98.6M referendum question will address major capital (building) projects at South Middle School, Memorial and North High Schools, and Putnam Heights Elementary School. In addition, projects at Northstar Middle School, Locust Lane, Manz, Meadowview, Northwoods, Sam Davey, and Sherman Elementary Schools will be included.

We have established a web page for you to visit for more information including [Frequently Asked Questions](#), details on upcoming [Information Sessions](#), and a [2022 Referendum Fact Sheet](#) which contains the scope of the capital projects at the buildings.

Please consider joining us for an information session on one of the following dates:

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, at Memorial High School IMC

We also encourage you to email us at 2022referendum@ecasd.us with questions about the upcoming referendum.

Adult Crossing Guards Needed!

Are you looking for a flexible and fun position working with Eau Claire Area School District students and families? We are looking for two regular-shift adult crossing guards and three substitute adult crossing guards to help our students get to and from school safely. This position is a great opportunity for a retired person, college student, stay-at-home parent, or just someone who wants to pick up some extra hours. The position starts at \$13.88 per hour, is one to 1 ½ hours in the morning and again in the afternoon and pays mileage from residence to the assigned position both ways. If interested, please call Brian Marks, Safety and Security Manager, at 715-852-3025, email bmarks@ecasd.us, or stop by 500 Main St to complete a paper application.