SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Falcon Calendar

2/13- Chrous 7 concert at 7:00 PM

2/20- Chorus 8 concert at 7:00 PM

2/21- Mid Quarter 3

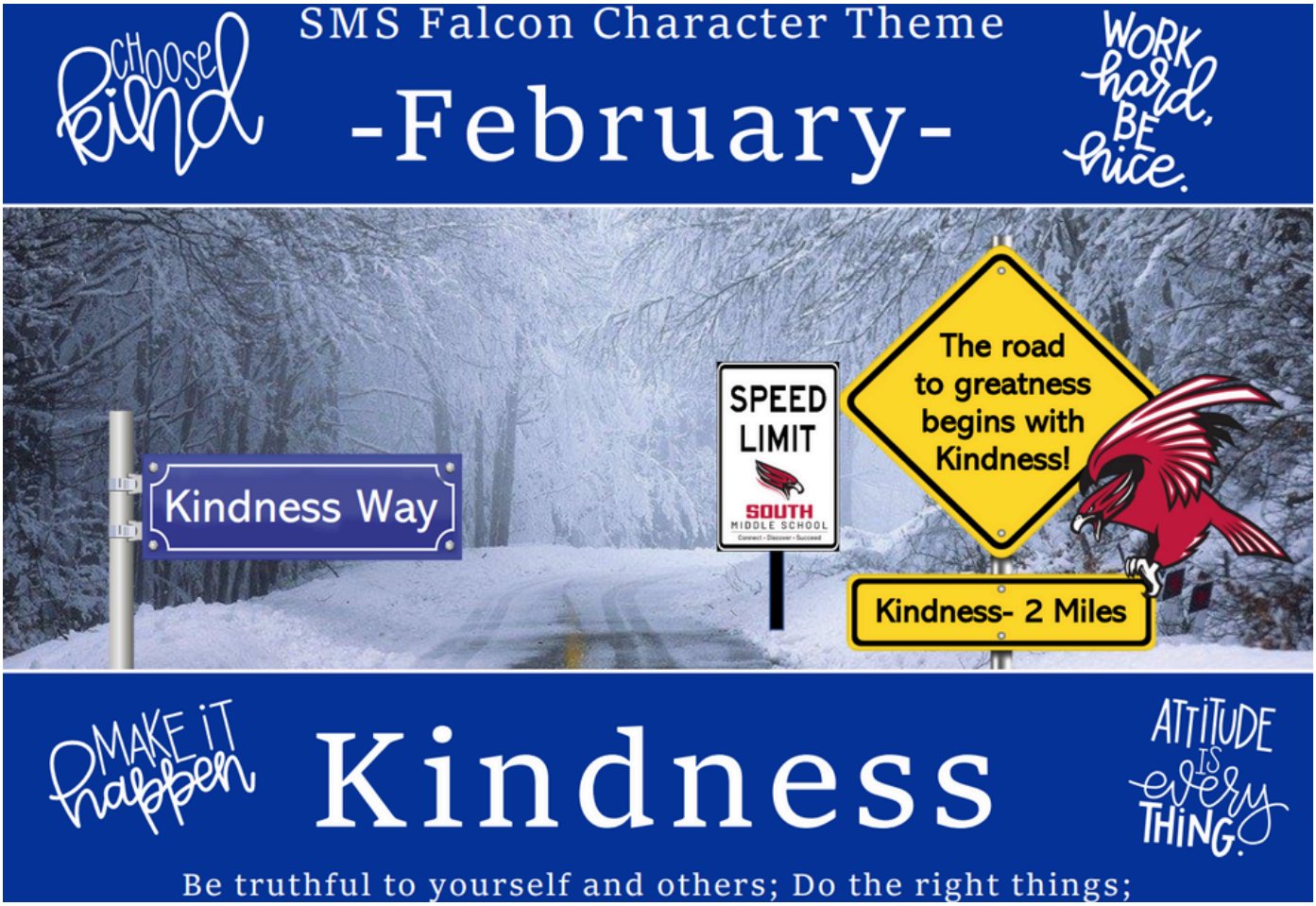
2/27- Evening Family Conferences

2/28 No School- Family Conferences

Incoming 6th graders

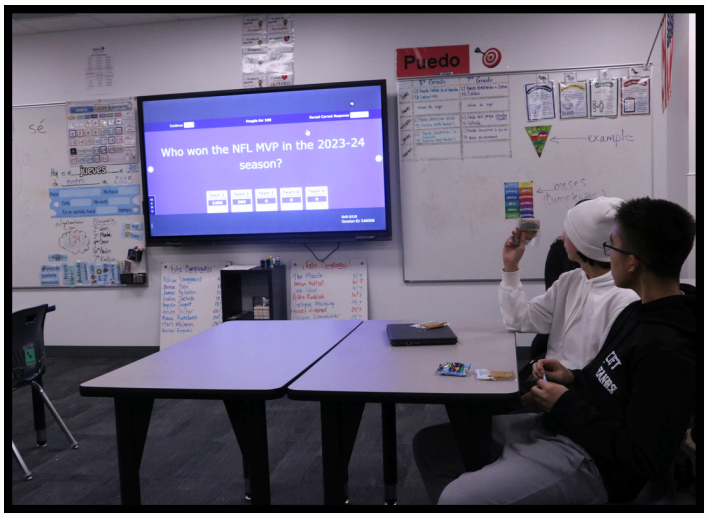
Music Beginner Meetings for Band and Orchestra at South are next week on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, Feb. 6th, 6:30 pm

Band will meet in the Auditorium and the Orchestra will meet upstairs in the Cafeteria.



Quarter 2 Celebration

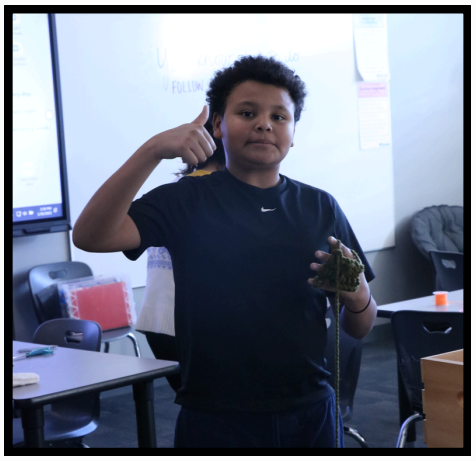














On Thursday we held a celebration for a great second quarter. Students chose an activity they wanted to participate in during Falcon time.

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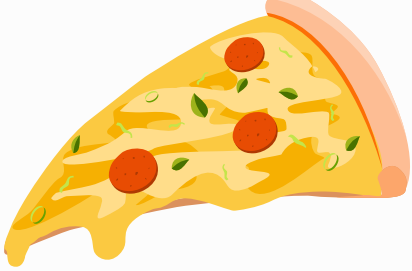






Conference Meal

It is a tradition at South that families provide a meal to staff during conferences. You can sign up below if you would like to donate.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4EACA72FA5F58-54743801-conference



Announcements

Random Acts of Kindness

Dr. Seuss once wrote: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 10-14. Please join us in making South Middle School a great place to be. It all starts with one little choice: Make Kindness the Norm! Have you ever thought about how your actions affect the people around you? Amelia Earhart, famous for being the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean put it like this: “A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” In other words, when you do something kind for someone, then they say something kind to someone else, and then they are kind to someone else, and it just keeps spreading! Not sure what you can do to be kind? How about: Practice Patience, Pick Up Trash, Do the Dishes, Take the Dog for a Walk, Send a Card, Send a Message to an Old Friend, Smile, Clean Your Room, High Five Mr. Hundt, Volunteer, Walk with Someone, Offer to Help with Yard Work, Be a Good Teammate, Stand Up for Someone, Visit a Nursing Home, Thank a Teacher, Hug Your Mom, Make a Bird Feeder…I could go on and on. Random acts of kindness that spread love, compassion, and positivity through small, unexpected acts. Each little thing causes a ripple effect of positivity. Let’s celebrate the power of kindness and compassion! Make Kindness the Norm at South Middle School!

Dress-up Days February 10-14th

Monday-Comfy Day



Tuesday: South Spirit Day: wear black & red



Wednesday: College/Post-Secondary Wear



Thursday: Jersey/Uniform Day



Friday: Valentine’s Color-Out (8=pink, 7=red, 6th=white/camp shirts)



DO YOU WANNA DUCT TAPE MR. HUNDT TO THE WALL? ADD PENNIES TO YOUR LUNCH’S JAR TO ADD POINTS. ADD ANY OTHER TYPE OF CURRENCY TO OTHER LUNCH’S JARS TO SUBTRACT POINTS!

PENNY WARS

Event will be held through February 10th - 21st

Carnations for sale



Pre-order this week and next. $2.00 each. They will be delivered Friday, February 14 druing first hour lunch.

Conferences

As we approach the time for family-teacher conferences, we want to provide you with several options to best meet your needs and preferences.

Conference Options:

Individual Teacher Conferences: You can sign up to meet with one of the core teachers on your child's team (ELA, Social Studies, Math, or Science). If you choose this option, please indicate if you would like to receive notes from the other core teachers.

Group Conferences: If there are major concerns that need to be addressed, you can request a group conference with all core teachers present.
Selective Conferences: You may choose to meet with one or two specific teachers to touch base on your child's progress.
Email Check-Ins: If a meeting is not necessary, you can send an email to check in with the teachers.

Please note that in middle school, we do not expect all families to meet with all of the teachers. We encourage you to choose the option that works best for you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to connecting with you.

SKI TRIP

The next ski trip will be on February 28th. Permission forms will be due on February 4th.

Announcements

ROYAL CREDIT UNION
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fun Financial Fact: Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be featured on a U.S. coin. Minted in 1909, “Lincoln Pennies” were meant to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth - February 12. However, the coins proved so popular that they just never stopped minting them!

Royal Credit Union is open at South Middle School on Wednesdays, before school in the cafeteria, to help students practice the habit of regular saving. Every student who saves at least $0.50 will earn a giveaway prize!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal Credit Union, please contact:
Rachel Orlovsky
rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org



Congratulations to the winner of the Amazon gift card!

Concessions

Student Council students will be setting up a Concession Stand at home basketball games this quarter. Bring your cash and have a snack! All proceeds will go toward Student Council initiatives like the 8th Grade Dance, Teacher Appreciation Week, and supporting other school events.







ATTENTION

8th Grade Families

JA in a Day

8th grade Academic and Career planning event: Junior Achievement in a Day (JA in a Day)

On Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, eighth graders at South Middle School will participate in a career day. This event represents a partnership among several groups including Junior Achievement, the Eau Claire Area School district, Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce and many other local businesses and organizations.
In the morning, students will engage in workshops regarding education and career opportunities throughout the Chippewa Valley. They will attend a panel presentation with local entrepreneurs, an expo with representatives from multiple career clusters and learn about career-related skills from volunteers in our community.
In the afternoon students will visit two business sites within the community. Students will tour the businesses to learn more about career options. Buses will leave South after lunch (11:30) and return prior to the end of the school day.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding the field trip please contact the student services office. We are looking forward to a great day of activities to assist your child in planning for their future. Please return your students' permission slip as soon as possible.

8th Grade Fundraiser

Our 8th grade students will be going on an end of the year celebratory trip to Valley Fair the last day of school, Thursday, June 5. This is a full day of fun to celebrate a milestone in our students' lives! The trip includes a round-trip bus ride, admission to Valley Fair and Soak City, pizza, and snacks for the way home. The total cost per student is estimated to be around $55. Because of the price, we are offering students the opportunity to Fundraise for a lower total cost by selling Kwik Trip gift cards.

For the month of February, Kwik Trip is offering a 10% return. So, for every $100 dollars sold in gift cards, $10 will go directly to your child's trip fee. Typically, there is a 5% return. This is a great deal—your child's trip could be free if they sell $550 worth of gift cards!

Any additional profits that may be accrued will go to the 8th grade Scholarship Fund to pay for any other students in need. The fundraiser is completely optional, but it is an easy way to lower costs for families.

How your child can participate:
Students will get information and order forms in their Falcon Time class tomorrow. We have also attached the letter and order form to this message.

The card sale runs for a two-week period: Friday, January 31 to Friday, February 14.

Complete the information on the attached form and collect all cash/checks.

All checks should be made out to the Falcon Advisory Committee.

Pre-sale Order Forms AND full payment must be turned in before school (7:10-7:30) in the 8th Grade House on Friday, February 14.

No late orders can be accepted.

The pick-up date will be announced when gift cards arrive. Adults must pick up orders.

Fill the cart!

We will be collecting food over conferences for Falcon Foods. Please drop items off in the shopping cart by door 2. Thank you for helping support Falcon Foods!



FALCON FOODS

Contact Jen Whatley, jwhatley@ecasd.us if you would like more information.

You can start ordering food here.



South Falcon Advisory Council (SFAC)

Meeting Dates

March 10

May 12

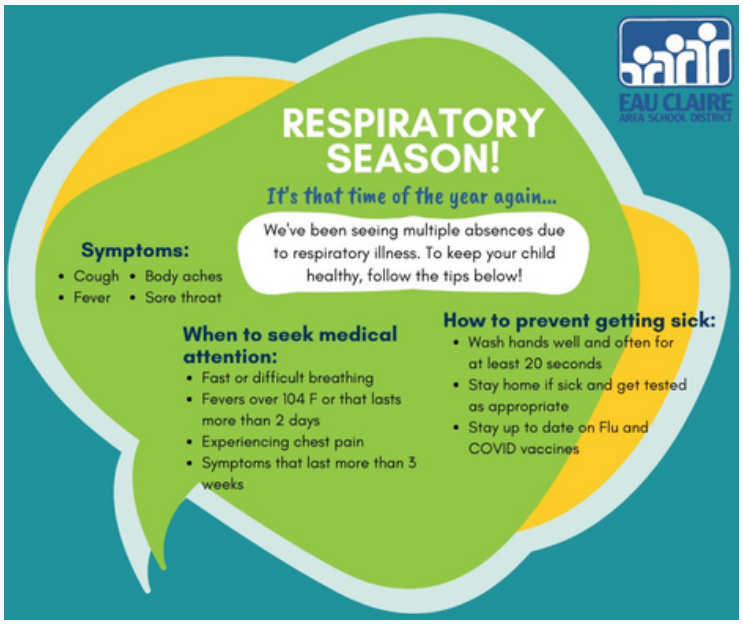
Everyone is welcome!

Save Your Box Tops

Hey South Families! Want to earn money to support field trips, (add other fundraising items here) just by doing your usual shopping? Get the Box Tops App and scan your receipt to earn $.10 for each item with the Box Tops logo on it. No more clipping like in the past. Use the code NJUK7NXE when you scan your first receipt and South will earn extra!









Open Enrollment Begins February 3

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families who don't live in our district to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District.

Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

How and When May Parents Apply?

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 3, 2025, through April 30, 2025, at 4:00 pm for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 3, 2025, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment. Please call 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.

Have you moved out of the district during the 2024-2025 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for an application.

Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2042-2025 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 3, 2025, through April 30, 2025, to continue attending during the 2025-2026 school year.

Current Open Enrollment Students

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

Other Information

Students that move into the district after January 2025 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2025-2026 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students must apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2025-2026 school year.

School Placement

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You can indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us.

IMPORTANT LINKS

February Lunch Menu

ECASD Family Service Webpage

South Middle School Website

My School Bucks

Check balance and deposit money into your child's lunch account

ECASD School Calendar

Community Events

Family Tech Support Information

Skyward Family Access

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