



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are now into January and the end of the second marking period is the end of this week. Parent Conferences will be held Thursday evening January 25th and Friday morning January 26th. Information to request conferences was recently sent home. I would encourage you to schedule a meeting, especially if you have some concerns. If all the time slots are filled, we will schedule a meeting the following week. SEIS PTO will be holding the spring Book Fair that week and will be open Thursday evening January 25th during Parent Conferences. Look for this information in the PTO Newsletter that was sent home on January 5, 2018.

The months leading up to the Holidays were a very busy time for SEIS. Our Race for Education Fundraiser was a huge success. We raised over \$15,000.00 for our school programs. This money helps pay for field trips to JA Biztown, Byrnes Health Center, Washington D.C and the Day in Education at the York Revolution. It is also used for our 6th grade picnic and supplies for the classroom. I want to thank everyone who participated and donated money to our event. This far exceeded our goal and as a challenge, Mr. Mulder, assistant principal, and I participated in an egg roulette, which was greatly enjoyed by the students, staff and principals.

We held our annual spelling bee contest in December and the three top students, Olivia Foraker, Erica Grimes and Luke Thompson will be going to the Grand Championship Spelling Bee in Harrisburg on February 25, 2018. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to Mrs. Tracey Fowler for organizing this event.

We held our annual Career Day event on November 16th. We had twenty-two presenters; many were parents of SEIS students who gave information on a diverse number of careers. Our students took an interest survey prior to this event and selected three career presentations. The students completed a brief questionnaire for each presentation which will become part of their career portfolio. This event has grown considerably from the previous two years and kudos goes to our School Counselors especially Mrs. Meckley, who was the key person for this program.

Our Holiday Concerts were well attended for both the Choral and Instrumental events. Some of our choral students participated in a hand held bell choir and gave us a wonderful holiday bell rendition of several popular holiday songs. Our Orchestra, Band and Jazz Bands students did a fantastic job with several holiday songs as well.

In the upcoming months, we have several events that will be exciting for our students. We have our sixth grade students participating in JA Biztown before the PSSA testing in April. JA Biztown is an educational program that enables students to learn economic concepts in interactive, hands-on environment. Our students actually run small businesses and participate in government positions that mirror a small town. The teachers and students prepare for this field trip for almost 8 weeks prior to the event. We are in desperate need of parent volunteers to help supervise the businesses and town functions. There is a training session that JA Biztown provides volunteers. It is a great program and you will not regret participating as a volunteer. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Nicole Golden at goldenn@sesd.k12.pa.us.

Our Patriot Program continues to be a huge success with both 5th and 6th grade students. The Patriot Program teaches students the value of patriotism through a selection of activities. In order to participate in the awards assembly and field trip, each student must demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the role they play as patriotic citizens. We will have a kickoff assembly on January 11th and all students will receive a packet of information that explains the program. The program will end in March prior to PSSA testing. We will have an awards assembly at the completion of the program along with a field trip to Washington D.C on April 30, 2018.

Our PTO is very active and I want to encourage you to attend a meeting. They are held the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the SEIS Library. We are looking for officers for next school year. Please consider holding a position to continue the success we have experienced these past several years.

Finally, we will no longer be giving students a copy of their account balance. For lunch account information, please check district web page @ my school bucks for this information.

Sincerely,

Jon Horton, Principal

Reminder!

Mark Your Calendars

January

9-PTO Meeting @ 4:00 & Patriot Meeting @ 5:00
 11-Day 2-Club Day
 12-Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:45
 12-Second Marking Period Ends
 15-No School-Staff Development-(2nd Inclement Weather Make-up Day)
 18-School Board Meeting @ 7:00
 22-Class Meeting
 19-Report Cards Sent Home
 19-26-Book Fair
 30-Music Pictures
 31-Day 2-Club Day

February

1-C.O.W. Meeting @ 6:30
 6 & 7-PTO School Store
 13-PTO Meeting @ 4:00
 15-School Board Meeting @ 7:00
 16-Early Dismissal @ 11:45
 19-No School
 20-SCHOOL NOW IN SESSION

Congratulations to the following students for representing South Eastern Intermediate School on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at Boiling Springs High School. Kate Gross (flute). Philip Bittner (clarinet), Connor Milton (trumpet), Loren Ragland (trombone), Colin Rasmuson (baritone) and Paul Hoppert (percussion). These 6th Grade Band students performed with students from 22 counties at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Youth Honors Band Festival.

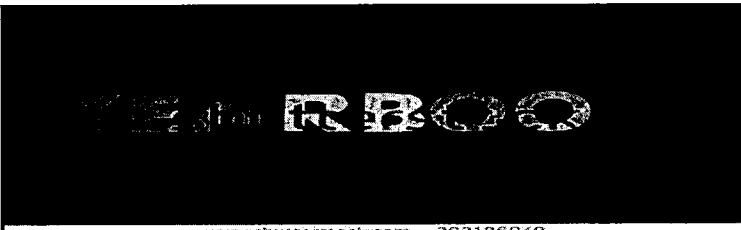


Nurses Notes

The time period before and after the holiday season finds many people feeling "stressed out". Adults feel increased tension, pressure or strain as normal schedules change. Children can also experience these feelings.

Stress can be precipitated by either expected events or unanticipated schedule changes. With the excitement, hustle and bustle of the season, it can be difficult for children to settle back into the school routine. While this is a realistic expectation, it does not always happen with ease. Here are a few tips to help your child deal with added pressure and stress:

- Establish a set bed time. Physical exhaustion and lack of sleep can lead to increased stress. One of the best stress and anxiety reducers for children is... you guessed it... getting enough sleep.
- Try to get routines back on track once events are over. Children like a routine. This can help to ease them back for the return to school and avoid potential meltdowns.
- Encourage children to verbalize. Being able to talk about events is a great way to work through tension and anxiety.



SEIS yearbook sale began on Dec. 11th and will run through Jan. 5th. If you need an order form, please contact Mrs. Starr. On- line orders **only** after Jan. 5th through March 26th.

Library Volunteers Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering in the school, consider helping out in the library. Mr. Shaffer, the school librarian, is looking for parents who can come in once a week for a few hours. Training is provided. If you're interested, please contact Mr. Shaffer @ shaffers@sesdrams.org



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2018- PSSA TESTING DATES

ELA-April 9-13

Math-April 16-20