

From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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“Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners” Hat Day!

Important dates

- **Oct.6 - School Picture Day**
- Oct. 6-Roller Skating Cancelled
- Oct.11- Progress Reports-Sent home
- Oct. 13 – PUMA PRIDE Assembly-advisory time.
- Oct. 16- 19-NWEA Grades 5 & 8
- Oct. 23-26- NWEA Grades 6 & 7
- Oct. 28- 10-2pm Grade 5 & 6 Stemfest
- Oct. 27- Red Day
- Nov. 2 – Turkey Trot

Pick up patrol – Use by 1:30pm for changes in end of the day transportation.

Pick up Patrol is now up and running. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Please be sure to call the office by 1:30pm for any changes in transportation at the end of the day. The end of the day is very hectic and we don't want any miscommunication about changes in transportation.

Attendance: All absences must be called or emailed in to SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105
- Email- to report absences-
- sms-attendance@conval.edu

Picture Day: Friday, Oct. 6

- Picture Day
ID:LG387405Q0
- Order at
Mylifetouch.com

Grade 7 & 8- 1:1 Computers -

Grade 8 will receive Chromebooks starting Wed.10/4.

Grade 7 & 8 Technology Loan Agreement:

We plan to distribute computers in October to students in grade 7 & 8. Please sign and return the parent loan agreement if you plan to have a computer assigned to your child.

If you are not accepting the Chromebook for your child on the form please indicate so on the Loan Agreement Form.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Murray or myself.

Progress Reports -will be sent home on Wed. 10/11. You can also view student grades in Power School Parent Portal.

SMS Adopts a family from Puerto Rico- We have been asked to help a family of four from Puerto Rico who are coming to this area to stay with family members. Since they have lost everything they have many needs. I will be finding out more about the family what we can do to help them through such difficult times.

Fresh Picks: Food Service Link for parent payments and info.<http://www.k12paymentcenter.com/> Please note that it takes 24 hours for payments to reflect on accounts. After

School activities: No student may stay after school without adult supervision. Most games do not start until 3:30pm. Students may not stay on school property waiting for games to start. When students are unsupervised there can be many safety issues.

Box Tops-SMS collects Box Tops for money towards schoolwide activities We appreciate everyone helping us out to support our students needs and offerings.

Chromebook Insurance: Grade 7 & 8

Chromebook Fee

Parents/Guardians have the option of paying an annual \$25 Chromebook fee. If parents/guardians choose to pay this fee for the 2017-2018 school year, repairable damage to the Chromebook will be 100% covered. Additionally, if the Chromebook needs to be replaced due to damage or loss, parents/guardians of high school students will be charged only \$100 for replacement and parents/guardians of middle school students will be charged only \$75 for replacement

Parents interested in paying the optional Chromebook fee of \$25 need to do *so prior to October 16th*. Payments should be made electronically at [K12PaymentCenter](#). If unable to make an electronic payment and need to make a payment using an alternate method, please contact Mindy Ryan, ConVal School District's Business Administrator, by phone [603-924-3336 ext. 2029](tel:603-924-3336) or by email mryan@conval.edu.

Roller Skating will be cancelled this Friday 10/6 due to long weekend.

SMS Roller Skating 10/13 Fundraiser for Dance /Drama Team.

- Session 1- 5:30-7:00 pm \$7.00
- Session 2- 6:30-8:00pm \$7.00
- Both sessions: \$12.00

Permissions slips with parent contact information is needed for each evening.

Pick up is in the back of school.

Students may not use their own skates

Parent /School Connection:

Please start off the year supporting healthy habits:

- Students should not arrive to school tardy.
- Time should be set aside each night for reading and homework.
- Attendance is a priority to a student's success in school
- Dress should be appropriate for school and not beach.
- Check Planners for homework assignments each night.
- No hats are allowed at SMS
- No gum chewing
- No cell phones are allowed in school
- Promote: "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful " behavior at all times.

Oct 28-SMS Stemfest -UNH/SMS STEMS Collaboration: 10am-2pm

The UNH Engineering Department has teamed up with SMS to host the first ever SMS Stemfest. The UNH ambassadors are students who will offer STEM experiences for our younger students, encouraging the lover of learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for students grades 5 & 6. SMS will host two other middle schools; Great Brook and Jaffrey Middle School on Oct. 28 from 10-2pm.

STEMbassadors are a team of more than 40 CEPS students who are dedicated to providing inspiration, role models and hands on STEM activities to students. All nine academic departments within CEPS are represented, ensuring a wide-range of topics are delivered to the K-12 community.

Lunch (pizza) will be provided that day. This event is free to the first 60 students who sign up in the SMS office by Oct.1. We will be sending more information home with parent permission slips in October. I wanted to have parents save the date and have students sign up as soon as possible, if interested.

I am very excited to have this opportunity to work with UNH ambassador students from the field of Engineering at SMS to work with our students.

There will be a brief parent meeting that morning at 10am in the gym and then students will go to workshops until 2pm. Permission slips and medical forms must be turned in before students can participate. Lunch will be for students only and parents can leave as long as we have permission slips and medical forms.

2pm pick up out back by gym.

Grade 8 AHT Trip 4/16-20/18-

The grade 8 AHT Trip to Washington DC in April is being offered to our students this week.

The trip includes a community service piece and a historical report for all students who participate on the trip.

There are mandatory student meetings and two mandatory parent meetings.

We hope that all grade 8 students come on the trip since it is an exciting experience for them.

The AHT Dates for meetings are:

- 10/19: Student Meeting
- 11/16- Student Meeting
- 1/16- Student Meeting
- 2/8 Student Meeting
- 3/8-Student Meeting
- 3/21- Student Meeting
- 4/5 Student Meeting
- 4/5-Parent Meeting Mandatory 6-7pm



Popcorn Sales- .50 per bag

Proceeds go to the Red Cross and the grade 8 AHT Trip. (Wed. and Thursdays)