



“Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners”

Important dates

- Oct. 23-26- NWEA Grades 6 & 7
- Oct. 28- 10-2pm Grade 5 & 6 Stemfest
- Oct. 27- Red Day
- Nov. 1- Athletic Award Banquet 6pm
- Nov. 2 – Turkey Trot
- Nov. 3- End of Term 1
- Nov. 3- Puma Pride
- Nov. 6-Term 2 begins
- Nov. 17-Picture Retakes
- Nov. 20- Parent Conferences (No School)
- Nov. 21-24- No School- Thanksgiving

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

Athletic Awards Banquet-

Student Athletes will be recognized in our Fall Awards Banquet. Students should arrive for a 6:00pm start. This is a very special celebration of our student athletes.

Picture Day: Retakes Nov. 17

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

SMS Roller Skating 10/27-Session 1- 5:30-7:00 pm \$7.00- This week will be a Halloween Theme. Costumes must be appropriate and safe for skating- no masks, no fake weapons.

- 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

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 love 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.

Lunch (pizza) will be provided that day. 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.

Parent /School Connection:

Please start off the year supporting healthy habits:

- Students should arrive to school on time 7:20am
- 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.

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.



Halloween Dress Up-

Students are welcome to dress up for Halloween as long as the costumes are appropriate subjects for school. Students may not wear masks, have pretend weapons or clothes that could cause them to trip.

Social Media-

Please monitor the pictures, texts and emails that your children are sending through social media. Inappropriate pictures or texts can lead to legal issues if students are not appropriate. Every year, we deal with serious issues between students that cause a lot of problems for students and parents. Students seem to have a lot of independence with phones and computers in middle school and that can get them in trouble. Know the passwords to your children's digital devices and have them show you what they are doing on social media. This can be an opportunity to share and learn from your child. It is very important to monitor this through middle and high school for the safety of all children.



The AHT Dates for meetings are:

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.

- 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- \$1.00 per bag

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

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.