

Winter Concert



PUMA PRIDE



“Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners”

Important dates

- Dec 19- Veteran's Breakfast
- Dec. 19- Grade 8 trip
- Dec. 21-Winter Woolly Day (Warm winter fleece, Holiday Onesie Day)
- Dec. 22- no school
- Dec. 22-Jan 1-Vacation
- Jan 2- 2018 School begins
- Jan. 8-Progress Reports

Recess in Winter- Please be sure that students dress for weather conditions for outside recess. We try to go out rain, cold or snow, if possible. Students need hats, coats, and necessary winter wear.

Grade 7- Veterans' Breakfast-

The traditional Veterans Breakfast will be held on Dec. 19 honoring our local veterans.

EHP Raffle- Fundraiser – 12/11-15

- Tickets can be bought in the main lobby for the EHP Fundraiser Raffle. .25 per ticket
- 5 for \$1.00
- Free ticket for can of food
- Proceeds for SMS Food Pantry and EHP

Buy Chances to win great baskets!

Dec. 21, 2017 - SMS /Food Pantry Fundraiser

We will be accepting \$1.00 donations from students and staff who would like to dress up in their winter woolies aka onesies, fleece pajamas warm woolies. The proceeds will go to the SMS Food Pantry and the SMS student activity fund.

Dear SMS Parents and Guardians,

Please know how difficult these past few days have been for Mrs. Parker and myself hearing the cruel comments about us and SMS on social media. We hope the you all realize how hard we work to support all students and fight the mean unkind behavior between students each day. We work tirelessly to help students through the middle years in a society that often models some of the worst behavior even from our leaders.

We have programs such as PUMA PRIDE, Kindness Challenge, Advisory and counselors working with students every day to stop the mean-spirited behavior that is in the news every day. We realize that we can't do this alone and need so much parent support. We thank you for all the things you do to help us accomplish the Kind, Caring and Cooperative behavior we try to model.

Even as an adult the social media is devastating to be a victim of and I can't imagine how young children handle it. We ask that you support us and our children to handle this dangerous medium.

Please know that we care very much about your children and take every situation seriously.

Anne



SMS Scarves and Hats for sale:

Checks made out to SMS: Orders in main office or EHP

- 10.00 per scarf
- 15.00 per hat

Make great gifts

Tweet- Follow my tweets about things going on at SMS! go to Twitter and follow SMS:

@anneobryant2

Grade 7 & 8 Lab Girls-

Lab Girls will start for Grade 7 & 8 –

Sign up in the main office to secure your spot.

- Jan. 26
- Feb. 2
- Feb. 9
- Feb. 16
- Feb. 23

This is a program sponsored by the Harris Center. The focus is science and environmental studies. Limited spots available.

Winter Concert-

I want to congratulate Elizabeth Fortin and Ed Lowy for a fabulous Winter Concert celebrating the holidays. The show went on even though Mrs. Fortin had an emergency that day and couldn't attend. Mr. Lowy, teachers and most of all, our students picked up the pieces and put on a great show. This is a tribute to the preparation of Mrs. Fortin.

Thank you.

We wish Mrs. Fortin a speedy recovery.



EHP Raffle – Tickets on sale until 12/20

- Each can of food = one ticket
- 5 tickets for a \$1.00

Kindness Challenge- We encourage the Kindness Awareness to be a part of SMS. Please continue the discussions at home to support our efforts here at school. Kindness begins with our own efforts to help others.

We can all make a difference!

Social Media- Check student emails and websites, pictures and apps.

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 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.

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

The AHT Dates for meetings are:

Grade 8 AHT Trip 4/16-20,2018-

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.

- 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.only)

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.

Happy Holidays!

