Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk-

Newsletter #36
April 11, 2021

Important Dates:

- **April 16- Quarter 3 ends**
- **April 16- Flex Friday**
- **April 19- Quarter 4 begins.**
- **April 19- Spring Sports begin**
- **May 1- Last day to change the learning environment for the month of May.**

- **May 24-27- NHSAS testing in person testing only.**
- **May 31- No School Memorial Day**
- **June 16- Grade 8 Celebration- Details TBA**
- **June 17- Last day of School**

Dear SMS Families,

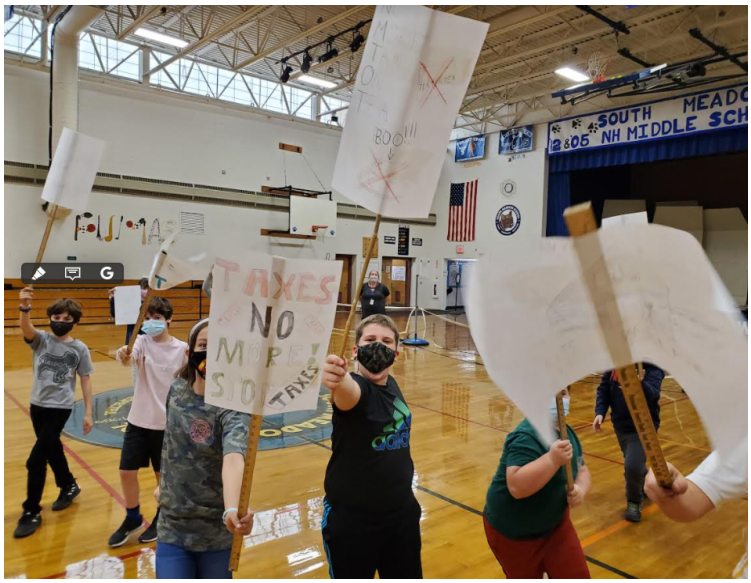
It is hard to believe that we will be starting our last quarter on April 19. Report cards will be available in PowerSchool after April 26. Please note that our special classes such as PE ,Health ,Art … are on a different rotation, so there will be no grades on the report card for the current specials classes.

Spring sports will begin at SMS starting April 19. Coach Silegy will be meeting with students who are interested in trying out for Softball and Baseball next week. There will also be a meeting for students interested in the Running Club . These activities are for students in grades 6-8. Parents will have to provide all transportation for pick up from practice and games,

We will be getting more guidance if there will be any changes to the Middle School Model this week. In the meantime, we will continue with the Friday Flex day model.

If you are a parent of a student who is a remote learner, and you know you will not be bringing your child in for the NHSAS testing in May, you will need to contact the office to sign an Opt Out Letter for the State of NH Department of Education before May 1.
Thank you,

Anne



Blue Pod Grade 5 students learn about causes of the American Revolution and peaceful protests.

Nurses Newsletter:

Please click on the link ,

https://www.smore.com/egw6x

SOUTH MEADOW SCHOOL ATHLETICS
PERMISSION & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Dear Parents:

Your child is interested in participating in an extracurricular athletic program. All students planning to participate must have parental permission. This form serves as parental permission and an emergency contact form.

This year, transportation will be the responsibility of families due to the COVID-19 mitigations strategies that are still in effect at the middle school.

Please fill out the form below and have your child return it to their advisor.

Student's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Activity to Participate in (circle one): Baseball Softball Running Club Grade: _____

Parent's (Guardian's) Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Is there a health condition that we should be aware of? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child have any allergies? If yes, please specify allergen and reaction: _____

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If parent/guardian cannot be reached in case of an emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship to student: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to student: _____ Phone: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Is the student covered by accident insurance? Yes _____ No _____

All sports are potentially dangerous, and injuries may occur to any participant. Your signature below authorizes the coach/trainer/staff to apply first aid treatment and/or refer the student for medical treatment, including ambulance transport or other emergency services.

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature: _____ Date: _____

***PLEASE NOTE:** all student athletes are required to have a physical exam within the last two years indicating that the student is cleared to fully participate in athletics. Please make sure that the school has a copy of your student's Universal Health Form or similar document from their provider.

Red Pod Lunch

SMS Support Counselor Hours: Fridays

Mrs. Evelyn, Student Support Counselor will be holding open office hours on Zoom on Fridays from 11:00-12:00 to help support parents and guardians with social & emotional concerns.

Meeting ID: 947 7386 7916

Passcode: rk5rN3

SMS Lunch outside- Yellow Pod

GSA Club- After School activity -

SMS is excited to offer a new (virtual) club to students. The GSA will meet every other Thursday at 4:00PM on zoom . The advisors are our counselors Judy Winters and Stephanie Smart. Here is their mission statement:

The GSA at SMS provides a safe and welcoming space for any student who wants to talk about issues related to sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. We will work to create a school community where all students feel welcomed and supported, and we will do this through a combination of social-support, advocacy and education. Everyone is welcome – regardless of identity.

The group will participate in a variety of activities including open chatting, targeted discussions, guest speakers, movies, team building activities, and eventually organizing school wide events.

Chromebooks- Students must use school devices for all class work.

- Students are expected to use school assigned Chromebooks for all school interactions.
- NWEA testing, relay classroom and security monitoring can only be done on school devices.
- Using school devices helps us keep our students safe from interacting with outside sources that are not secure.
- Teachers have the ability to monitor student progress during class when they are on school devices.
- If there is an issue with the school assigned Chromebooks,please put in a support ticket through technology.Enter Tech Ticket: http://bit.ly/cvs
- **dhelp**

Reminders of the purpose of Flex Friday- Attendance is taken for all students at 7:45am in advisory.

- To allow time for small group intervention for students who struggle in a subject area
- Reduce screen time
- Allow for independent study time
- Allow for make up time for students
- Allow more planning time for teachers during this extremely challenging year.
- This is a school day so there is attendance at 7:45am in advisory and students who are requested to be in an intervention session do not have the choice to miss the session.
- Students who do not check into advisory are marked absent and calls will go out to parents.

Friday Enrichment Activities:
We will be adding to this list for enrichment activities for students to participate in on Flex Fridays.

History -

- https://www.battlefields.org/visit/virtual-tours/gettysburg-360-virtual-tour
- https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-white-house
- https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour

Math- IXL.com (Math)

Guidance:

- Google classroom code for Guidance Enrichment Series: yimoiqt

Science-

- Science Enrichment Grades 5-8

Middle School Model Revision Reminder- Especially for students returning from remote to in person-

Reminders for In person students;

- Dress for lunch ,recess and other opportunities to be outside. (Boots,hats,gloves etc.)
- Computers must be charged at home
- Bring adequate water bottles for the day.
- Masks will be worn all day
- Wash hands frequently
- Follow all Covid Protocols for safety
- Bring your own water bottles filled with water (2 recommended)
- Do not send students to school who are sick

Attendance- Remote or in- person learning will be the same procedure. Parents must notify the school of a child's absence Remote or In Person by 7:30am. When you report an absence you will have to report why your child is out sick. We have to track all absences for COVID purposes.
Attendance is taken in every class and remote students are expected to be on time for the sessions to get full credit for attendance
Please note: In-Person students may not be remote for a day unless a parent has called them in to school sick . The expectation is that in-person students will be at school for live instruction.
All absences must be called or emailed in to the SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105 - leave a message
- Email- to report absences- sms- attendance@conval.edu
- Pick up Patrol

Remote students-

Chromebook cameras are expected to be on during classes unless there is an issue that the teacher has been informed about by a parent.

We have headphones to distribute to each of our remote students. You can call the office to pick them up for your children.

Please remind your children that no videotaping is allowed without teacher permission. It is a legal violation to videotape a teacher or student without permission. It would be another legal violation to post any recordings on-line.

NH Wiretapping Law – Is described under Chapter 570-A.

This is the school schedule for Both Remote and In-Person Students-

Start	End		**Math**	**LA**	**Sci**	**SS**	**UA1**	**UA2**
7:20:00 AM	7:45:00 AM	Advisory	Advisory					
7:45:00 AM	8:10:00 AM	Intervention	Intervention					
8:13:00 AM	9:03:00 AM	Block1	8	planning	7	planning	6	5
9:06:00 AM	9:56:00 AM	Block2	Planning	8	planning	7	5	6
9:59:00 AM	10:49:00 AM	Block3	6	7	8	5	planning	planning
10:52:00 AM	11:42:00 AM	Block4	5	planning	6	planning	7	8
11:45:00 AM	12:10:00 PM	Lunch /Recess	Lunch Pods 1 & 2			Recess Pods 3, 4, & 5		
12:10:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	Lunch /Recess	Recess Pods 3, 4 & 5			Lunch Pods 1 & 2		
12:38:00 PM	1:28:00 PM	Block5	planning	5	planning	6	8	7
1:31:00	2:20:00	Block6	7	6	5	8	Planning	Planning

community meals

Local restaurants are cooking and packaging individual meals for members of our community in need. Meal distribution begins on Tuesday February 2, 2021.

Peterborough Community Meals To Go!

FREE DRIVE-THRU MEALS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm
First come, first served.

South Meadow School
Rear Upper Parking Lot
108 Hancock Road
Peterborough, NH

No sign-ups.

Masks required for safety.

Sponsor:

A collaboration to feed our community and support our restaurants during Covid.
Partners: Peterborough Fire and Rescue Association, Cornucopia Project, Peterborough Food Pantry, The River Center, ConVal School District, the Town of Peterborough, local churches and restaurants.

Questions: community@peterboroughnh.gov
More Information: http://bit.ly/PboroMealsToGo

AVENUE A
TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER

APRIL SCHEDULE

A PROGRAM OF THE GRAPEVINE FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

MANGA ART
TUES | 4-5:30 PM | GRADES 7-12
Manga, Anime, & Comic art enthusiasts unite! Practice your skills & show off your work. Led by Shayna, our Manga expert. **Meets in-person @ Avenue A.***

CREATIVE WRITING
TUES | GRADES 9-10, 6-7 PM
GRADES 11-12, 7:05-8PM
An evening of writing & feedback...Open to poets, lyricists, fiction writers,, & people who write on napkins. Facilitated by Adam Arnone! **Meets virtually.**

TALKING ABOUT MUSIC
TUES | 8-8:30 PM | GRADES 9-12
Trade song recommendations, talk about favorite artists, & discuss music/songwriting with recording artist Adam Arnone. **Meets virtually.**

AVENUE A CLUB
WED | 2:30-4 PM | Starting March 31!
After-school fun, games, activities, & time to be together with friends!
Meets in-person @ The Grapevine Lawn.*

ART!
WED | 4:30-6 PM | GRADES 7-12
Creative, hands-on art projects with visual artist Marcy Pope! We create art exhibits and do community service art actvities for our community! **Meets in-person @ Avenue A.***

POOL GROUP
WED | 6:30-8:30 PM | GRADES 9-12
Come play pool with us. Practice your skills, and hang out with others!
Meets in-person @ Avenue A.*

CAMPFIRE TIME
FRI | 4:30-6 PM | GRADES 9-12
Small group, socially distanced time to connect around the campfire (with cocoa)!
Meets in-person @ The Grapevine Lawn.*

COMING UP...

ART @ THE AVENUE - WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
THURS | APRIL 8 | 6-7:30PM | GRADES 7-12
Local artist, Jennifer Murdough, is visiting to teach us watercolor art techniques in this fun, relaxed workshop! Come create with us! All materials are provided.
Meets in-person @ Avenue A*

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR OUR PROGRAMS. TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL US.

***PLEASE READ OUR COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & EXPECTATIONS FORM AT AVENUEATC.ORG BEFORE REGISTERING FOR IN-PERSON PROGRAMS.**

DONATIONS SUPPORT AVENUE A! IF YOU'RE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION, WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT IT.

AVENUEATC.ORG | AVENUEA@GRAPEVINENH.ORG | 42 MAIN STREET, ANTRIM

WOODWORKING & CARPENTRY CREW

THURSDAYS | 3-5PM | STARTING APRIL 15!
OPEN TO TEENS IN 9-12TH GRADE.

LEARN NEW SKILLS & HELP BUILD THINGS FOR AVENUE A & OUR COMMUNITY.
WE MEET OUTDOORS AT THE GRAPEVINE'S TOOL SHED DECK IN ANTRIM!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. EMAIL US AT AVENUEA[at]GRAPEVINENH.ORG TO REGISTER.

AVENUE A
TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER
middle school
community service day
FRIDAY | APRIL 16TH | 2-4PM | OPEN TO 5TH-8TH GRADERS
MEETING AT THE GRAPEVINE | 4 AIKEN ST | ANTRIM
RAINDATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2-4PM
We're helping our neighbors at Antrim Village by picking up branches and raking leaves off of their walking path!
Join us for this fun afternoon of helping our community!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED! EMAIL AVENUEA@GRAPEVINENH.ORG TO SIGN UP.

AVENUE A

TEEN + COMMUNITY CENTER

We have a special survey for teens!

We are working on a 3-5 year strategic plan for Avenue A! As part of this initiative, we've created a survey for teens to collect their input & help us imagine Avenue A's future! We hope to hear from as many middle & high school students (or recent grads!) in our region as possible... Teens who take the survey will be entered to win a Visa gift card!

Please help us spread the word by sharing this survey with teens that you know!

You can copy & paste this survey link or click on the survey button below:

https://forms.gle/6GK4w7BWjxih59Lx6

ConVal School District
2021-2022 Calendar

180 Student School Days
187 Teacher/SSP/Para Days
197 New Prof. Staff Days
188 New Paraprofessional Days

Approved: March 2, 2021
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EVENTS

August (1 school days)

- 2-13: New Professional Staff Days (New paras will attend only 1 of these days)
- 26-27: All Staff Prof. Dev. Day
- 30: Para Prof Dev. Day & Tchr/SSP Classroom Prep. Day
- 31: First Day of Classes

September (21 school days)

- 6: Labor Day

October (20 school days)

- 11: All Staff Prof. Dev Day (No Classes)

November (17 school days)

- 2: Parent/Teacher/SSP Conferences – No School
- 11: Veterans Day
- 24-26: Thanksgiving Recess

December (16 school days)

- 23-31: Holiday Recess

January (20 school days)

- 17: ML King, Jr. Holiday

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EVENTS

February (15 school days)

- 21-25: Winter Recess

March (21 school days)

- 7-8: All Staff Prof. Dev. Days (No Classes)

April (16 school days)

- 25-29: Spring Recess

May (21 school days)

- 30: Memorial Day Holiday

June (12 school days)

- 16: Last Day of classes (Half-Day Early Dismissal
- 17-30: Potential Make-Up Days

Key	
	Student School Days (180)
	New Staff Professional Development (PD) Days
	Para PD Day & Tchr/SSP Classroom Prep. Day
	Professional Development (PD) Day – No School
	First & Last Day of School
	Holidays
	Parent/Teacher/SSP Conferences – No School
	Potential Make-Up Days

Employment Opportunities

School Bus Drivers are needed!! If you are looking to earn extra money while spending time with your children, including having the same days off work as they do in school; then this is the perfect job for you!

Contact Amy Wing at 924-9211 or email at awing@ridesta.com to request an application or additional information.

Substitute teachers are in high demand! Have you ever thought about substitute teaching? We'd love to have you come sub at GBS! You can apply online here: https://www.applitrack.com/cvsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Substitute#

THE River Center

A Family and Community Resource Center

Tuesday
7 pm - 8 pm

January 5
HOW PLAYFULNESS CAN HELP US USE CHANGE TO OUR ADVANTAGE

To help parents be and reinforce resilience during unpredictable times and to make learning fun and engaging during the periods of school shutdown and beyond.

February 9
IS MY TWEEN/TEEN NORMAL?

Join parent educators Bonnie Harris and The Grapevine's Carol Lunan for a conversation on what is "normal" for teens/tweens, how to handle the challenges of their attitudes and behavior, and how to recognize when they need more help and support.

March 2
GRANDPARENTING WITHOUT GUILT

Discussion for grandparents and kinship families currently actively participating in the upbringing of children who would like advice and partnership from families in a similar situation.

April 13
LET'S GET OUTSIDE

Join Community Program director and Naturalist, Susie Spikol, from The Harris Center for a community conversation on getting your family up, motivated and outside to explore and discover the gifts or our amazing region, its trails, ponds, flora and fauna.

May 4
TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE

Clinicians from Monadnock Family Services and Reality Check will be on hand to discuss and give guidance on talking to your kids about substance use while continuing to build connection with them.

June 1
HEALTHY EATING TIPS AND TRICKS

Parents and their children will learn the importance of good nutrition to growth and development as well as how to get their kids to accept and eat lots of different colors, textures and varieties.

TUESDAY TOPICS

Monthly panel discussions and presentations by local experts on a variety of topics.
Currently being held online via Zoom.

Scan here!

Visit our website or call 924-6800 for more information

These are not school-sponsored programs