

March 2, 2017

Southeastern! Go Lil' Hawks!



The Families of Southeastern Elementary Students:

Well, we had some interesting weather this February. It went from springtime to winter and back to springtime in a day's time. So we will see what March has in store. There are many things happening at Southeastern Elementary that you will want to know.

This year is **Southeastern's 65th birthday**. On **Friday, March 31st**, we are inviting school and city officials, previous teachers and students, and you! There will be opportunity to review our school's memorabilia. In addition, we will be celebrating the whole week by doing educational and fun activities within the building. You will hear more about our 65th throughout the month.

The Southeastern students are extraordinary! To quote Mrs. Golich, one of our School Counselors, "I am so delighted with the number of students who made Honor Roll! All of our students are such hard working students!" Students in grades 3-5 make Honor Roll with a B average for the second nine weeks; there were a total of 35 students. Also, 170 students made the Principal's List with all A's and B's. Superintendent's List is for students who made all A's; there were 88 in this category. A grand total of **293 students made some form of Honor Roll!** Mr. Branco and Dr. Terrell fully agree with Mrs. Golich!

Save the Date...Southeastern's Kindergarten Registration Week is April 3rd thru April 7th. This process is completed by appointments, so please, spread the word about Kindergarten Registration Week. Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 30, 2017. Registration requirements include 1) a physical dated within one year of the first day of school, 2) an up-to-date immunization record, 3) a state-certified birth certificate, and 4) a utility bill showing usage as proof of residence (example: Dominion Virginia Power bill). At the time of registration, we will schedule an appointment for a screening with your child. Enrollment packets will be available in the office prior to registration for your convenience. Interested parties should call the school office 421-7676 to schedule your registration appointment.

SEE parents are already taking advantage of the Chesapeake Public Schools new initiative, the **Chesapeake Preschool Initiative (CPI)**. It began last year for at risk preschoolers, children who are three (3), before September 30. If your child is four (4), before September 30, and at risk with educational needs, then CPI could be available for him/her. Here is the link for easy access to the CPI information and application <http://www.cpschools.com/Schools/preschool>.

Now that we are in our second semester, here is a reminder about **educational sites** that are purchased for your child(ren). They are:

- Tumble Books is available to all students. This site has books that students can read on-line and some have a read aloud component. Username: sees Password: books
- SOL pass is available for 3-5 students. Students can review history and science SOL's. The password is southeastern.
- Brainpop Jr. and Brainpop are available for all students. This site contains video learning clips. Username: seeint Password: pop
- Reading Eggs is available to K-2 students. This site reinforces phonics and has interactive activities to build reading skills. Logins are individualized.
- The Benchmark Reading Program has books online for student access as well. Logins are individualized.

Also, here are some additional websites for further support at home:

- ☺ The Southeastern website for the SEE Portaportal link
- ☺ The Virginia Department of Education SOL released tests:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/index.shtm |
- ☺ Jefferson Lab – SOL practice website: <http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/>
- ☺ Multiplication website: http://www.multiplication.com/interactive_games.htm
- ☺ Starfall website: <http://www.starfall.com/>

The 2016-2017 **Southeastern Lil' Hawk Yearbook** pre-order form is in your child's folder today. The cost is \$20.00 again this year. Cash, checks (made payable to SEE), or online school payments are accepted. They can be pre-ordered until March 17th.

March events include:

- We have been celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss with activities like wearing Seuss hats and wacky socks and having extra time to Stop, Drop, and Read.
- Tonight, March 2nd, is the last PTA Pizza/Bingo Night. Tuesday night was such fun!
- On March 7th at 7:00 p.m., The PTA Board will meet. All PTA members are welcome!
- March 9th is an Early Release Day for Elementary only; most students leave at 12:19p.m. **PreK and K parents**, check with your child's teacher for start and release times. Lunch will be served during an abbreviated schedule.
- Interim Reports will go home on March 9th as well.
- Daylight Savings time begins on March 12th. Be sure to spring forward by one hour.
- The Teacher of the Year Reception is at 6:45 p.m. on March 16th at Indian River High School to recognize **Mrs. Kim Higgerson!** Please join us to celebrate her.
- Wear green to celebrate on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.
- Southeastern Yearbook Pre-Pay Sales close on March 17th.
- Elementary Young Writers Event is on March 21st at Oscar Smith High School.
- Safety Week is March 20th – 24th with many practice drills during the week.
- Saturday, March 25th, is the PTA Spring Beautification Day from 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- The SEE 5th Grade Students/Faculty Basketball Game is 6:30 p.m. on March 28th at Hickory High School.
- The Southeastern 65th Birthday Celebration on March 31st.
- Spring Break is the week before Easter, April 10th – 14th. Plan ahead.

Truly, we cannot **express our appreciation** enough **to the members of the** Southeastern Elementary School **PTA**. It does so much to help our students and school succeed. Please consider playing a more active role in the PTA. The Spring Beautification Day is March 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Remember **school attendance is required**. Also, being on time starts the day well. Be sure your child is in school daily unless sick and arrives on time. The easiest way to be sure students are on time is to have them ride the bus; making the morning routine go smoothly.

Thank you for everything you do for Southeastern and our "wee lads and lassies." May the luck of the Irish be with you and your family this month! If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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