

# Southeastern Academy Charter School

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## **"A Diverse Family of Learners that Seek to Challenge the Whole Child Through Innovation"**

It's hard to believe that students have already been in school for 3 weeks. Time surely does fly when you are having fun! Teachers are in high gear. Please contact Lisa Ard if you are having trouble in PowerSchool. Please be reminded that pick up for students is at 3:00. Students should be picked up by 3:15. Also for safety purposes, student should get out of the vehicle on the same side as the lobby. Coming around cars poses a safety hazard. Remember that your child loves for you to come eat with him or her at lunch, and the staff loves your visits! Please feel free to come!

## **SeA Musslewhite Library News**

We are starting a student news broadcast to bring you all the happenings at SEA and to give our students a chance to work with broadcast technology. Students that make the broadcast team will learn to write, produce, film, and star in a news program. Mrs. Kennedy will be holding auditions for the SEA Broadcast News Team in the Library directly following release on September 1, 2016. To be eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must maintain at least a "B" average and positive behavior in all classes, return a completed application packet by August 30th, and complete an audition. We hope to have our first episode coming out towards the end of September or beginning of October, so stay tuned!



## **Upcoming Events**

### **September 5**

No School

### **September 13**

Skate Night

### **September 14**

Picture Day

### **September 18-23**

Book Fair

### **September 19**

Reading Night Make & Take 6p.m.

### **September 20**

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **September 22**

Progress Reports



Sweet Frog Event

## Computer Lab News



Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! We're all so excited to get back to the computer lab! After we've discussed Lab Procedures, we'll jump right in to [learning](#) in the Computer Lab! Please visit the [Computer Lab News Page](#) to see a breakdown of what each class is doing in the lab, and come back to visit often, as I will update the page weekly.

**Yearbook Sales have begun!** ALL of our SeA dolphins will participate in the creation of the school's 72-page Hard Cover yearbook. Students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> will be taking photos to make sure **EVERYONE** is included in the book, and the middle school students will be responsible for designing the pages and layout of the yearbook. **Be sure to order your copy before the price goes up September 30th!** Order forms (printed on lime green paper) went home last week!

## Kindergarten News

The kindergarten class has worked diligently with regard to getting use to our daily routine and schedule. For those of us in kindergarten, EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE! In ELA, we are working on our letters and beginning sounds. We are also writing our names. In math, we are working on counting and cardinality. Everyone enjoys our daily morning meeting in our Saxon Math! In science, we are working with insects and spiders. We are focused on the fact that insects have six legs and three main body parts; spiders have eight legs and two main body parts. Spiders are also referred to as ARACHNIDS. We are looking very forward to the autumnal equinox, which will occur Thursday, September 22.

## 1st Grade News

Wow, what a wonderful start to first grade. We have already dove into Saxon phonics and Saxon math. Our first spelling test is out of the way also. In September, first grade will continue to work hard in phonics and math. We will be adding the writing program Being a Writer to our schedule in September. Center rotations are going well. The science center and iPad center are two of the children's favorites. First grade will have a Johnny Appleseed party on September 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of learning and good times ahead for the first grade dolphins. Be on the lookout for an upcoming field trip in September or October.

## Sports

### Soccer

Our soccer season is just beginning. We are looking forward to an exciting season with our new head coach, Miss Mary Grace Norton.



### Volleyball

Volleyball is back! We are thrilled to have PJ Von Taborsky, back as head coach. The girls won their first two matches!!

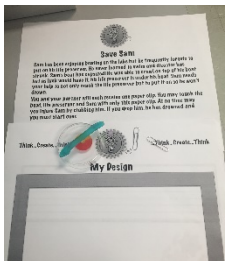


## 2nd Grade News

Welcome back SeA families! Second grade is off to a fantastic start! Our students were very excited to be back at school. Second grade would like to welcome Mr. Jefferson to our class this year as our assistant. We also had two wonderful girls join our class this year. We are thrilled to have many new resources to use in our classroom, such as new math books, and Words Their Way for spelling and vocabulary. We have also added several new online resources for students to use at home. Students are thrilled about receiving our Tech-tubs containing several iPads! We will certainly put all of our new materials to good use as we learn and grow in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Third Grade has hit the ground running so far this school year! After getting through the first couple days of Back to School "jitters", the third graders have gotten out of "summer mode" and are working hard. With the Summer Olympics winding down- the students began their first novel study of the year: Magic Tree House Hour of the Olympics. The students are also using the novel study to learn more about Greece, the first Olympic Games, and other historical facts. The third graders have also completed their very first Science Experiment and Data Sheets when they tried to "Save Sam". As the new year begins, that also means new adventures for third graders. A transition from number grades to letter grades with percentages, introduction to the world of testing, the EOGs and the BOG3, and so much more. This group of third graders really have it going on and it's going to be an amazing school year!!



## 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Math and Science News

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade math we are working on place value and rounding. The standards are 4.NBT.A.1, 4.NBT.A.2, 4.NBT.A.3. Students should continue working on basic facts as well. All students are working towards proficiency in all basic facts. We are having weekly quizzes on basic facts until students demonstrate proficiency. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade math we are working on place value, exponents, rounding, and the addition and subtraction of decimals. The standards are 5.NBT.A.1, 5.NBT.A.2, 5.NBT.A.3, 5.NBT.A.4, 5.NBT.A.7 (addition and subtraction only.) In both grade levels we are learning about ecosystems. We will be having vocabulary tests weekly in science.

Information will be going home on Friday about the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade science club. Applications for the club will be due September 8, 2016.

## 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> ELA and Social Studies News

4th and 5th grade dolphins quickly got back to school and back to work by beginning a Cursive Refresher in preparation for September 6th's Cursive Day. Cursive Day is the day when all student work is completed in a student's most beautiful cursive handwriting. We are beginning to work as a writing community by developing new writing habits and spending time writing. As a group, we are looking for leadership in our classroom as we make our mark on SeA this year. Robby Novak, more commonly known as Kid President, is an inspiration to us as we watch his captivating YouTube videos and do a book study on *Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome*. In his immortal words, "You're Awake, You're Alive, Be AWESOME!"

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT IN 4/5 ELA INCLUDES: making copies, making class supplies, reading with learners on a weekly basis, speaking about your career or passion

## 6-8 ELA News

6th, 7th and 8th grade ELA classes have had a very good start to their school year. The 6th grade has started reading the novel *Scat* by Carl Hiaasen. Most of the 6th graders read the novel *Hoot* in 5th grade by the same author. The 7th grade is reading the *Book Thief*. Many of them have already seen the movie, but they have promised not to spoil the ending!! The 8th graders voted to read *Maze Runner*. We are all enjoying the book and are having very stimulating conversations about survival, identity and reflection, our three main themes for 2016-2017.

## 6-8 Math News

This has been an awesome couple of weeks!! I have enjoyed getting to know all the sixth grade students and catching up with the 7th and 8th graders. Their stories of summer adventures have been very entertaining. :) We have been hard at work in Math. Students have already completed many homework assignments and a test. I am impressed by the efforts of the middle school students so far. They are enthusiastic and dedicated! We will continue to work hard in mastering all math skills this year!!

## 6-8 Social Studies News

In Social Studies we are moving into, if not already started, the second unit for each grade level. This is going to mean more project based learning assignments for students within the classroom. Project based learning means the students are going to be able to see how the ideas and concepts covered within the classroom are actually put into use. These are great learning experiences for students and I look forward to being able to work with each group on one of these assignments in the near future.

## 6-8 Science News

The start of the 2016 to 2017 school year has been amazing! After spending several days reviewing classroom rules and procedures, we are finally off and running in the following areas: Sixth Grade -

Introduction to Abiotic and Biotic Factors, Seventh Grade - Earth's Atmosphere, and Eighth Grade - Foundations of Chemistry.

#### A Few Quick Reminders:

- Please check your child's grades in Powerschool on a regular basis.
- Encourage your child to record homework, tests, quizzes, and other important dates in their student planner daily.
- The Super Science Team registration deadline is Thursday, September 8th.
- The first Super Science Team meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15th.

Volunteer opportunities for science class:

- Science Tutoring
- Field Trip Chaperones
- Super Science Team Volunteers for Monthly Meetings (help monitor students so that we can maintain a safe environment)
- Guest Speakers in the Following Areas: Water Monitoring, Biotechnology, and Science Research

## PE News

I am excited to welcome back our kids to a new year of physical education, health and athletics! I am looking forward to teaching and working with each and every one of them. All grades will begin the year with Fitness Gram testing that will test various aspects of their athletic ability. Aspects that will be tested are flexibility, strength, and endurance. At the start of the year I will monitor and record their baseline scores and we will work to improve them through the year.

Athletics currently has soccer and volleyball teams formed and practicing. Schedules can be found on the school website and Facebook page.

## Miss Richter's News

**Awareness** (*noun*)- concern about, and well-informed interest, in a particular situation or development.

Miss Becca and Mr. Jefferson challenge you to increase your **awareness** of disabilities in our world! We would like for you to research and discuss any disability with your student. Focus on the importance of being well-informed, kind, patient, and accepting of all people. Becoming **aware** of the world around us is the first step in creating a world worth inheriting!