

MESSAGES FROM THE MIDDLE

South Seneca Middle School



October 16, 2009

Special points of interest:

Oct. 19 — MS SDMT @ 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 28—MS/HS Picture Re-take Day
Nov. 11 — NO SCHOOL—Veteran's Day
Nov. 15 — Fall Drama Production @ 2 p.m.

Oct. 23 — NO SCHOOL Grades 6-8 ONLY
Nov. 9 — MS SDMT @ 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 13 & 14 — Fall Drama Production @ 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17 — 1/2 Day for Students PK-12

PRINCIPAL NOTES:

Greetings from the Middle School! It has been a very fast-paced beginning to the school year, and, as usual, we have non-stop activity in our building every day. Fall sports teams are working hard; the Drama Club has elected officers and begun preparations for the play in November; our Bands and Chorus are busily rehearsing; and classes are already five weeks into the school year.

Please ask your child about classes. We know that the more students talk about their learning, the more it "sinks in." This might take some encouragement! Middle school students notice everything around them, but they are often a little slow to want to talk about it. We are excited about helping students make connections from one subject to another, and from school to home too.

Finally, we continue to invite you to contact us at school for any reason concerning your child. The more communication the better, so please don't hesitate to pick up the phone or send an e-mail, or stop in to school if you have the time. Now that we've settled in to the school year, our busy pace will only get busier. Let's keep the conversations going!

Steve Parker Zielinski
Middle School Principal



CORRECTION:
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY IS:
OCTOBER 28TH

Hello Friend and Family of South Seneca Middle School,

I am so happy to have the chance to write you a quick note and introduce myself. My name is Ms. Lewis and I am the new librarian for the Middle and High School. I am so excited to be the new librarian here as well as the facilitator of the Library Media Club.

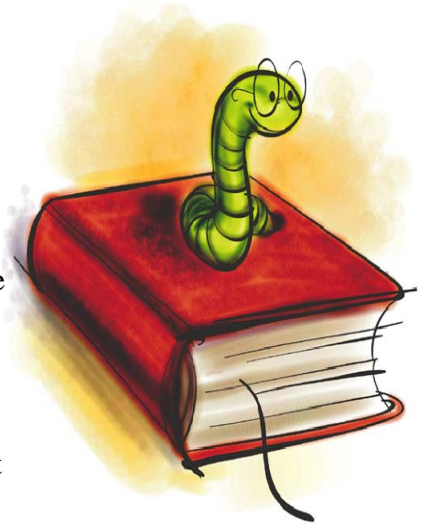
Below is information on the library that I believe you will find useful. Please read the following and if you have any question feel free to contact me at school.

The South Seneca Library Media Center facilitates the development of information literacy skills, lifelong learning and curricular support through collaborative projects as students and teachers prepare for New York State Learning Assessments. Teachers are encouraged and welcome to use the LMC as an extension of the classroom through collaborative projects and co-teaching with the library media specialist.

The LMC is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30 to 3:00 for all student's and staff's research needs. In the library students and staff have access to online databases, fiction and nonfiction texts, as well as internet use. Students may borrow up to four books at a time and items may be renewed once at the end of four weeks.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me here in the library.

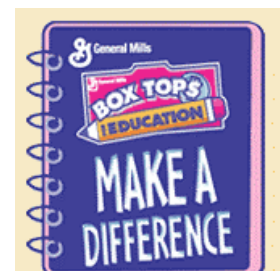
Best,
Ms Lewis



South Seneca School participates in a Recycling Program. Please donate your empty **printer cartridges, used cell phones, and used MP3 players** to our school. We will recycle them as a fundraiser. Just send them to school with your kids or drop them off in one of the offices.

SSCS has also participated in the "**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**" program (General Mills products) for several years as well as the "**CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION**" program. Please continue to save these items and send these to school with your kids. There has been a **change** in the **CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION** program. We are now saving the **UPC code** instead of the front label.

Thanks to all for your continued support of these programs.



SOUTH SENECA MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE



South Seneca students are currently in rehearsals for John Patrick's comedy: *The Curious Savage*. Performances will be held at the South Seneca Middle-Senior High School Auditorium on November 13th, 14th, and 15th. Curtain time is 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. Prices are \$4 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

The Curious Savage is a comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately ten million dollars. Ethel's three stepchildren are shocked to find out that their mother plans to set up a memorial fund with the money to fund the ridiculous dreams of people. They arrange to have her put into a sanatorium called *The Cloisters* where she meets several inmates, none of whom are completely insane, each having only one minor problem. She becomes friends with them and gains new insight into life during the play. Meanwhile, her children visit several times, flustered over the fact that she took all the money and hid it in a bundle of half-million dollar negotiable bonds. She deceives them and sends them on a wild goose chase, and they return only to meet up with the inmates and have the bonds stolen from right under their noses. Primarily a comedy, the play sets up a contrast between the inmates and Mrs. Savage's stepchildren. By the end of the play, the viewer wonders who the crazy ones really are.

The South Seneca Falcon Players production of *THE CURIOUS SAVAGE* is under the direction of Mark and Kathy Sinkiewicz and the cast includes the following students:

Cast List

(Alphabetically by Student Last Name)

Cynthia Becker—Miss Willy

Vivian Becker—Sam Savage

Kayla Eygnor—Dr. Emmett

Kevin Nickerson—Titus Savage

Amanda Phelps—Mrs. Paddy

Ava Russell—Ethel Savage

Noah Sinkiewicz—Jeffrey

Jacob Szymanski—Hannibal

Kylie Westervelt—Florence

Kayla Williamson—Nurse

Leah Wolff—Fairy May

Gemini Zajac—Lilly Belle Savage

7th Grade News

The Seventh Grade Team of students and staff have identified eight characteristics that they will "Stand For" throughout the school year. These characteristics are:

Courage, Citizenship, Problem-Solving, Respect, Self-Discipline, Health and Cleanliness, Empathy, and Responsibility

Every five weeks, the Seventh Grade Team will recognize three students who have been "caught" displaying these qualities. For the first five weeks, the team would like to recognize *Monique Sheldon, Erika Albro and Jake Albrecht*. Excellent job ladies and gentleman! Keep up the stellar work!

The Seventh Grade will be very busy in October as they are focusing on the following topics and/or skills:

Social Studies - Students will be learning about exploration and the early colonization of North America. They will be developing their mapping, sequencing, and summarizing skills, as well as accessing and building prior knowledge

Math - Students will be working with percents and decimals and will be focusing on the order of operations.

ELA - After we wrap up our short story unit, we will begin reading plays (with a spooky theme, just in time for Halloween). Our focus for grammar will be to identify and create complete sentences, to recognize and avoid sentence fragments, and to identify and use simple and compound sentences in our writing.

Science - We are finishing up Density and will be moving into Metric Conversions. Our first unit for the year, Exploring Life Science, is expected to wrap up during the week of Oct. 12th with our first unit test taking place on the 16th (BD) and 19th (AC). Please be on the lookout for an email with additional information and attachments. If you are not currently on our email list and would like to be added, please email me at efulton@southseneca.k12.ny.us. All materials are posted to my Moodle page as well.

Please offer congratulations to the following students in Middle School for being selected to the 2009 All-County band of Seneca Tompkins Counties.

Clarinet II-5 Leslie Worden

Clarinet III-3 Sarah Woodward

Clarinet III-5 Sierra Coney

French Horn I-1 Meghan Perry

French Horn I-2 Nicole Sturdivant

French Horn II-2 Jon Reff

French Horn II-3 Katie Hubbard



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