

The S-DCS Column

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS OF SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



HELPING THOSE IN NEED

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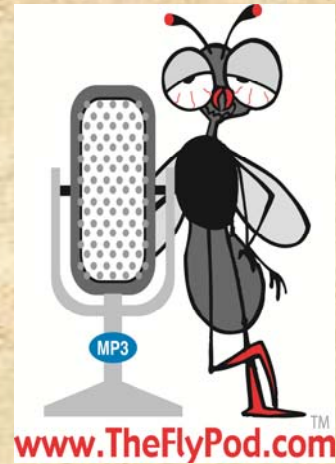
This season we would like to ask that members in our community join with us to help those in need. If you can provide help to the local food pantries, shelters, humane societies, or other community organizations that support our community, please do so. Your financial support is critical, but if you cannot provide financial support, then please think about donating some of your time. These organizations can always use volunteers now and in the future. Our community is only as strong as those who are willing to step up to lead and serve. Please think about helping those in need! Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools thanks you for your service and support to our community and to our schools. Have a Happy Holiday!

Dr. Jeff Hendrix
Superintendent



DON'T MISS THE BUZZ

Each month Sunman-Dearborn Schools is featured on The FlyPod, a local entertaining yet informative media source. To listen to this monthly "SuperChat" podcast enter <http://tinyurl.com/SuperChat-SDSC-3> in your address line on a new web page. This month's chat was recorded on Monday, December 2nd, the discussion is on the new East Central Business Academy. The guests were Gary Puckett, Kelly Pettit, Tina Wachter and Krista Hutzel. Be sure to listen in and hear about these exciting topics and how they relate to our Sunman-Dearborn Schools.



BRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Night shift custodian, Mike Wolf, handcrafted and donated this awesome podium for BES. We send a huge thanks for your years of service to BES as well as this wonderful addition to the school.



Bright Elementary students raised over \$6,000 dollars in selling Entertainment Books this fall. Top sellers were treated to a limo ride and lunch at LaRosa's.

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS



Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate School celebrated Veteran's Day on Nov. 7, 2013. The bagpipes were played by Alex Watts from the Scottish rite, as over 230 veterans filed into the gym, led by the World War II veterans: Otto Duschi, Ray Hemke, Lawrence Lyttle, Bill McClure, Vera Meakins, John Reid, Whitey Schuman, Jerry Smith, and Bud Swales. "God Bless the USA" was sung by the ECHS Choir, led by Mrs. Donna Tanner. Roll call was read by Mrs. Ruth Ann Batta for all veterans present. Also recognized were the 3 local American Legions: New Alsace Legion Post 452, Sunman Legion Post 337, and St. Leon Legion Post 464. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Otto Duschi, who was celebrating his 100th birthday. S-DIS student, Brandon Thompson, sang the "National Anthem."

Featured speakers included P. G. Gentrup from Veteran's Affairs, World War II veteran, Bill McClure, and special guest, Brett Bondurant. In 2011, while serving in Afghanistan, SPC Bondurant lost both legs when he stepped on an IED. The Purple Heart recipient walked to the podium on artificial legs and thanked the community and fellow veterans for their support.

Members of New Alsace Legion Post 452 presented a P.O.W. tribute, which was followed by a moment of silence. S-DIS Choir, under the directions Ms. Jeannie Herman, sang "America." After closing comments, veterans filed out and lined the halls to shake hands with the students as they returned to their classrooms. Many veterans also went to classrooms to speak to the students. Mr. Hank Geissler, representing the Cincinnati Veteran's Hospital, accepted a beautiful painting of the American Flag created by Mrs. Ruth Ann Batta

and students from this year and last year. The flag was signed by all veterans that attended, as well as the SDIS painters and staff. It will hang in the Veteran's Hospital as a tribute to veterans from our school.

In honor of Veteran's Day, a showcase of military memorabilia was created by Mrs. Nancy Lillie and her students. An Iraqi gas mask, ammo pouch, and a camo hat from Desert Shield and Desert Storm worn by Jim Hicks were brought in by his daughter, Emilie. A book, titled *Crusade in Europe* by Dwight D. Eisenhower, was displayed by Ralph Jackson. Wyatt Hartman brought in a picture of his brother, Kyle, who is currently serving at in the army at Ft. Stewart, GA. He also brought items from his uncle and aunt, SSgt. Michael and Ssgt. Blanche (Woffindale) Damon from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also displayed were Civil War relics from near Gettysburg, a bayonet, a magazine article written by Maxine Klump about her uncle, Sgt. Henry Yaeger, who died at Vicksburg, WWI blanket and duffle bag, a Japanese rifle site, WWII Army uniform of SSgt. Michael Klump, and Most-Wanted Playing Cards (Iraq) provided by Mrs. Lillie. Brett Bondurant and Bill McClure added patriotic dollar bills to the case.

Thank you to many for their support: wives and families of the attending veterans, Gary Puckett of TheFlyPod.com, S-DIS Cafeteria, S-DIS Student Council, McDonalds, Dave Deddens/St. Leon BP, United Community Bank, Rick Knueven/All American Vending, Cornerstone Realty Inc. & Lutz Auction Service, Andres-Wuestefeld Funeral Home & Monuments, Chaz Burdette and WRBI, Bubba Bo and WSCH, P.G. Gentrup, and the Veteran's Day Committee (Ruth Ann Batta, Elise Smith, Dawn Bugni, Jina Muncy, and Nancy Lillie).

*Mrs. Chris Vennemeier
Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate
School Principal*

SUNMAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SHARE WITH OTHERS

Sunman Elementary students practice giving, sharing and learning while they accomplish kindness toward others.

To coincide with Veterans' Day, students donated small items for our Hand-In-Hand collection benefiting We Care Packages. Candy, beef jerky, individual drink mixes, pouches of tuna, chips, nuts, and toiletries were among the many items donated. These boxes were located near the beautiful Veterans' Wall of Honor. Students brought in artifacts from veterans in their families. The Wall of Honor was displayed through the Sunman Life Squad's breakfast. Other student displays throughout the building demonstrated our patriotism as well.

Our annual food drive was held the three days prior to Thanksgiving break. Our goal was to collect items for the Sunman Area Food Pantry, who will distribute these items during the Christmas season. Students earned "points" by bringing in items requested by the food pantry based on need. For example, fruits and cereals were worth 5 points while vegetables were worth one point. Student and staff donated items totaling 5,096 points! The Sunman Food Pantry will receive more than one truck load of food from the generosity of Sunman Elementary.



SUNMAN-DEARBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We want to remind our parents that we are aspiring to maintain our 97% attendance rate at SDMS. Our goal is to continue to shoot for educational excellence. One of our school improvement goals is to maintain our high attendance rate of 97% and to increase our student achievement. Parents please help us by supporting these efforts.

The month of December SDMS students and staff will be conducting our annual canned food drive through December 6. Our goal is 5000 items for both the Sunman & North Dearborn Food Pantries! For every 10 items a student brings in, they will receive a ticket. Each ticket will go into a drawing. Winners will be chosen during lunches on Friday, Dec. 6th. Each winner will get to throw a pie in Mrs. Herbert's &/or Mrs. Baudendistel's face! Also, the advisory class that collects the most canned goods will win a free lunch from Blimpie!

SDMS students will also enjoy our annual holiday extravaganza on the evening Friday, December 13, 2013. This is an opportunity for our students to learn appropriate behavior in a semi-formal setting. Parents are encouraged to limit spending for this event since it is not intended to be an extravagant event. Girl's dresses should be modest and boys must wear attire other than jeans. We understand this can be difficult and require that girls wear a shawl if dresses are strapless or spaghetti straps. Pictures will be available for purchase. Snacks and drinks will be sold at the dance. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$7.00 and \$10.00 at the door. Please check out our website for more information about this and other events going on at SDMS to include our winter concert dates, student recognitions for perfect/high attendance rates, and positive behavior recognitions.

*Mrs. Lisa Baudendistel
Sunman-Dearborn Middle
School Principal*

CHECKLIST FOR WINTER

Cold weather is upon us. Hats, coats, scarves and gloves are no longer closet hidens, they are now an everyday necessity! This marks the beginning of winter and the winter blues that come with it. Children will welcome the coming winter months in anticipation of snow days, sled riding and snowmen. Parents cringe at the thought of dead car batteries, icy sidewalks and driving delays. No matter how you look at it, we all need to prepare for the coming months.

- Please check your school's lost and found for any forgotten coats, gloves or mittens. You may not have noticed them missing before, but soon you will.
- Be sure your emergency contact information is up to date so that we may inform you of delays or closings.
- Take extra time with driving and enjoy the opportunity to slow down a bit and spend some time indoors with family.

Mr. Jeff Bond
North Dearborn School Principal

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Sunman Dearborn Community Schools Wellness Committee will be implementing various wellness programs for teachers and staff in the school corporation. If you have a business that would be interested in donating prizes or you are a fitness professional willing to help, please contact Olivia Stone at 812-576-1900 x 13809

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Mrs. Olivia Stone RD, LD
Director of Food and Nutrition Services



WE NEED YOUR VOTES

We have applied for a grant from Stanley to help secure our schools. The grant money is awarded to the school who receives the most votes. So we need your help and help from your students to receive this grant. Let your students know how to vote and let them know to vote daily. Ways to vote are listed below. Thanks in Advance for your help to make SDCSC a safer place.

The school with the most votes will win a Grand Prize of \$200,000 in STANLEY Security installed products and services for their school. Three runner ups will receive individual prizes

of \$100,000 in STANLEY Security products and services. Each vote for a school also counts as an entry for the school to win daily prizes, so don't forget to vote daily!

VOTE from November 5th to **December 13th** cast your vote daily for your school!!

Two ways to vote:

- 1) Visit stanleysaferschools.com daily.
- 2) Text school name & city to 99222 daily (standard messaging rates apply).

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The mission of S-DCS is to develop, for all students:

- Literacy skills (reading, writing, communicating confidently)
- Mastery of state and national standards
- Character, responsibility, teamwork, the importance of regular attendance, goal-directedness, and service to community
- High graduation rates and post-secondary success

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