

# The S-DCS Column

*A Newsletter for the Stakeholders of Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools*

## The Last Bell

It is that time of the year when school begins to wind down and students become more anxious for the last bell to ring and summer recess to begin. For our seniors, this will be the last time they hear the school bell, walk the halls, and see their friends and teachers on a daily basis. It may bring some tears and some sadness. This will not last long. A new chapter is about to begin for our seniors. Many will be entering college in the fall. Others will join the military. Some will begin a new job or learn a new trade. At Sunman-Dearborn Schools, we (teachers and administrators) believe that we have prepared our graduates to begin this new chapter in their lives to be successful. We also know that our work as educators is not done.

Next school year, Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools will initiate a five-year strategic plan that will take our students to even higher levels of achievement. A committee of teachers and administrators have been working diligently to develop a plan that will emphasize strengthening our K-12 literacy program, improve our parent, family and community relations and continue to provide a safe, orderly and caring learning environment for all students. We will continue to focus on hiring highly qualified employees who will adhere to best practices within their areas of operation. We will focus on being fiscally responsible and good stewards of taxpayer dollars while operating in an efficient manner.

As a school corporation, we have accomplished many great things for and with our students. We will not rest on these accomplishments. As we move from being a very good school system to one of the top 10 in the State of Indiana, we are driven by our desire to ensure that every student in S-DCSC is provided with the opportunity and encouragement to grow as a learner, but most importantly, be prepared when he or she graduates from Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools to begin that next chapter in life successfully.

We hope that our students and families have a restful and enjoyable summer. Don't forget to take time to read. We look forward to having you back in August. Have a great summer!

*Dr. Jeff Hendrix*

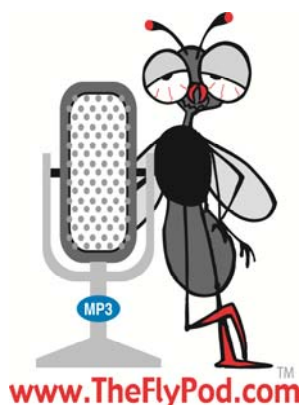


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Superintendent

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# The FlyPod...are you catching the buzz?



Each month Sunman-Dearborn Schools is featured on The FlyPod, a local entertaining yet informative media source. Superintendent Dr. Hendrix joins host Gary Puckett monthly for his "SuperChat" podcast. Past chats have featured faculty and even students from our schools and have covered topics including budget, athletics, student council, and much more. Gary also has featured our elementary schools in his segment titled "Your School".

Enter [www.TinyURL.com/SDSC-Schools](http://www.TinyURL.com/SDSC-Schools) in your address line on a new web page to hear the latest SuperChat. The most recent chat was held April 10 and featured ECHS Principal Robert Shipley and NDES Principal Jeff Bond discussing discipline policies at the high school level vs. the elementary level along with ECHS Guidance Counselor Rhonda Murdock talking about scholarships.

## A Special Visit from Lt. Governor Skillman

Several students participating in Destination Imagination from S-DMS and S-DIS have been awarded the 2012 Hoosier Rising Star Award. These students include: Chloe Rosenberger, Zac Cody, Shelby Lutz, Chloe McCracken, and Alex Nishime from S-DMS along with Jackie Ketcham and Trevor McClamroch from S-DIS. On **May 10, 2012** Lt. Governor Skillman will be coming to S-DMS to present these very creative students with their Hoosier Shining Star Award. The ceremony will begin at **2:05 in the S-DMS cafeteria**. The S-DMS band will provide some entertainment and at least one student will be performing a song during the ceremony. Parents, family members, friends, local politicians, and media are invited to attend. We are proud of our D.I. Shining Stars.

## Sports Physicals

Sports Physicals are set for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at East Central High School after school. You can print the forms off the athletic web site, [ECTrojanAthletics.com](http://ECTrojanAthletics.com). All students involved with athletics or advanced physical fitness in grades 7 thru 12 next school year need an IHSA physical on file. The cost again this year is \$20.00.

## Summer Art

By: Ruth Ann Batta

SUMMER ART is 25 Years old this year!! We are doing several special perks that we do not usually have in the program. If you know someone interested please have them get the form from the S-DIS website. It will be a great creative experience! Remember, ART is the smile of the soul.



## FCCLA

Vera Bradley/Longaberger Bingo

FCCLA will be holding their 12th annual Vera Bradley/Longaberger Bingo on May 2, 2012 in the ECHS Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$10 for 20 rounds of bingo! Please support our FCCLA chapter.

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# Middle School News

S-DMS students, parents, and staff enjoyed a great recreational time together on April 24 at our 1st annual S-DMS picnic. We served over 158 students and parents. In addition, many staff dedicated time to be there as well. Students enjoyed jumping in the bouncy house, lounging on the hillside, and playing several games of kickball. Staff grilled hotdogs and served chips and drinks to students and parents. A great time was enjoyed by everyone. Many parents who attended expressed enthusiasm about this opportunity, as did staff and students. We are looking forward to many more events like this in the future.



The S-DMS Talent Show will be held on May 15, 2012 in the Performing Arts Center at ECHS. Phenomenal talent was shared by many S-DMS students at auditions in March. Unfortunately, time in the talent show does not permit all students to perform. However, so many students at S-DMS possess great talent and creativity. Twenty acts will perform in the talent show. In addition, many other students will introduce acts and host the program. Parents, community members, family, and friends are invited. Our students would love nothing more than to have a huge, supportive audience.



We are excited about our upcoming choral and band performances. Chorus students will hold their spring performance on May 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The band will entertain us on May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with a medley of musical performances. Both concerts will be held in the Performing Arts Center at ECHS. Our teachers, Mr. Ralenkotter, Mrs. Julie Wilson, and Mrs. Tanner spend a great deal of time helping students prepare to offer their best performance. If you have not witnessed the great talent of S-DMS chorus and band, now is your chance. Hope to see you there.

Awards Day will be held on May 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center at ECHS. We are excited about the academic accomplishments of S-DMS students. We extend an invitation to everyone to come join us as we encourage our young students who have worked so hard. We are expanding our program to include academic areas not previously recognized, in order to celebrate the achievements of students from varying backgrounds.

ISTEP testing will be conducted starting Monday, April 30 through May 11, 2012. Please help your students by ensuring they get plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast. Encourage students to give their best efforts for test completion. We know that S-DMS students have the ability to perform well on ISTEP and are very proud of each and every student. Teachers and students have worked hard this year to learn the standards which are tested through ISTEP. It is also important for students to be at school during the test window. Please limit absences to emergencies only. Students who have perfect attendance will enjoy ISTEP sundaes loaded with favorite toppings. Students with less than perfect attendance during ISTEP will also enjoy ISTEP sundaes with limited toppings depending on their rates of attendance.





# East Central Horticulture

Keep it green and support local agriculture by attending the 6th Annual 2012 Spring Plant Sale!!!

Sale dates and times are:

Thursday, May 3	3:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday, May 4	3:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 5	8:00 am - noon
Thursday, May 10	3:00 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 11	3:00 - 6:30 pm
Saturday, May 12	9:00 am - noon

After these dates please call for plant availability.

All plants have been started from seed and have been cared for by East Central High School and Sunman-Dearborn Middle School agricultural science students.

Items Available:

Cabbage - Early Golden Acre/Red Acre (ready in early spring, call us)  
Broccoli - Packman Hybrid (ready in early spring, call us)  
Cauliflower - Snow Crown (ready in early spring, call us)  
Tomatoes - several varieties:

Better Boy (big meaty 8 oz. and larger fruits)  
Beefmaster (large 12-16 oz. fruit size)  
Big Beef (large 9-11 oz. fruit size)  
Supersweet 100 (cherry type)  
Rutgers (excellent for canning)  
Roma (excellent for pastes, sauces)  
Jet Star (6-8 ounce globe shaped fruits)

California Wonder Green Bell Peppers  
Jalapeno Peppers  
Marigolds - Durango Tangerine, Bonanza Yellow/Bolero Hero Flame  
Zinnias  
Celosia  
Salvia  
House plants - Aloe Vera, Wandering Jew, Swedish Ivy, Spider Plant

Prices:

All vegetables and annuals are 4 plants for \$1.00  
Flats of 48 plants are \$10.00  
Houseplants will be priced to sell

Location: East Central High School. Look for the second story greenhouse on the north side of ECHS. Park and enter through the agriculture shop doors.

Contact: Roy Johnson, Agricultural Science instructor at 576-4811 ext.11122 or email at [rjohnson@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us](mailto:rjohnson@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us)

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# History Comes Alive At Sunman ES

For centuries, people have passed historical stories down from generation to generation through storytelling. In the technological age in which we live, storytelling for the sake of recalling history has become more of an art than a necessity. However, children always love to hear a good story. With this premise in mind, Sunman Elementary students in grades 2, 3, and 4 have recently had wonderful storytelling experiences.

On Friday, April 20th, the second grade learned about the life of Harriet Tubman through the talents of the mother/daughter team of Virginia Wesley and Annamaria Crider. Their program, "Tragedy, Trains, Truth and Tales" conveyed the story of Harriet Tubman's life and the times of slavery in our United States history.

On Friday, April 27th, the third and fourth graders enjoyed presentations from Kevin Stonerock. Mr. Stonerock presented “A Visit with a Hoosier Pioneer” to our third graders, and “Billy Yank, Common Soldier for the Union” to our fourth graders. His storytelling skills and interjections of humor made a memorable impression on all our students.

In addition to the face value of these programs, students were able to experience instruction that appeared to be merely 'fun'. Numerous Indiana Academic Standards were addressed, and students were easily able to review and discuss what they learned through these experiences.



# Last Day of School

The last student day of the 2011-12 school year for Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools is **May 15, 2012**.  
Have a fun and safe summer!!!!

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# Character Education in Life: April Trait - Team Spirit

By: Norbert Goessling, Principal Bright Elementary

Our character quality trait for the month of April at Bright Elementary was "Team Spirit". I want everyone to know how proud I am of my staff and as a school in our efforts of being a team. In order for a team to be successful you must have a clear goal in place with everyone making efforts to succeed in reaching that goal. Clear communications are a must in being successful, so is honesty, respect, follow-through and self-sacrifice. Through the process, certain self-awareness must take place as well. And what I mean by that is that you must be able to take a close look at how things are going in order to improve, find weaknesses and most importantly know if you have been successful when you reach the goal. In other words, you need to be able to call "a spade a spade", whether you are recognizing a weakness or a success.

I recently read of a question that Abraham Lincoln asked a group of his peers. He asked, "*How many legs does a dog have if you call his tail a leg?*" The answer is "*four. Because, just by calling a tail a leg, doesn't make it a leg*".

I think this is very applicable when talking about team spirit. If you know that you are not following the rules, you are disrespectful, purposefully leave people out of the communications, having no intention of doing what it is you are supposed to do, you can't call that team-work. Why am I bringing this up you might ask? We are coming to the end of the school year, many goals and expectations have been set. We are coming to a time to reflect. Have you met your goals? Have you been truthful to yourself and others? If so, **then be proud and enjoy your success**, if not, what is it that you can do to be honest with yourself, placing yourself back on track to be successful in these final weeks and into the summer. After all, let's call "a spade a spade, a leg a leg, and a tail a tail".

## Volunteers at BES

As the year comes to an end I have tried to compile a list of all the wonderful volunteers who have helped out this year at BES. It is really an impossible task as we have so many people who have helped. I will mention only a few as I attempt to show appreciation to all of our volunteers. A huge thanks goes out to Mrs. Anne Hudepohl and Christie Gutfriend who has organized our Santa Shop and BES festival over the last few years. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wheeler (pictured) who have donated many days in classes. Mrs. Mary Lloyd is a volunteer who works one day a week in our library. Mrs. Debbie Huber is a volunteer who works with our first graders in reading on a regular basis. These volunteers and the many others not listed make BES a better place in education. Our volunteers show our students they are cared for and loved. Thank you to all the volunteers at BES.



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# 2012-13 School Calendar

August 9-10, 2012	Teacher Workdays
August 13	First Student Day
September 3	Labor Day - No School
October 12	End of 1st grading period (44 student days)
October 17	Students Not Present - Parent-Teacher Conferences/Professional Development
October 18-19	Fall Vacation - No School
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
December 21	Last Student Day Prior to Christmas Vacation
	End of 2nd grading period (45 student days)
	End of 1st Semester (89 student days)
January 2, 2013	Teacher Record Day/In-Service Day
January 3	Classes Resume After Christmas Vacation
March 8	End of 3rd grading period (47 student days)
March 18-22	Snow Make-up Days
March 25-29	Spring Break – No School
May 23	Last Student Day
	End of 4th grading period (44 student days)
	End of 2nd Semester (91 student days)
May 24	Teacher Record Day/In-Service Day
May 27	Memorial Day - No School
June 2	ECHS Graduation

Total Students Days - 180      Total Teacher Days - 185

The calendar may be shortened or lengthened to reflect a total of 180 student days as required by I.C. 20-30-2-3 and the teacher record day will follow the last student day.      Adopted: January 12, 2012

## Other Important Dates for 2012-13

### New Student Registration

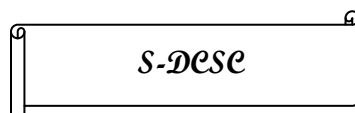
All buildings will hold new student registration on August 2, 2012.

### Book Days

All buildings will hold book days on August 6 and 7 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and on August 8 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Open House

East Central	August 9 at 5:30 p.m.
S-D Middle School	August 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
S-D Intermediate School	August 9 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bright Elementary	August 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
North Dearborn Elementary	August 10 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunman Elementary	August 10 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.





## Outdoor Club at Bright Elementary

The Outdoor Club at Bright Elementary has been very busy this month re-doing the school's Butterfly Garden. They began by clearing out old bushes and shrubs and ridding the garden of weeds. They then planted a variety of new plants, including butterfly bushes, azaleas, weigelas, lavender, sage, coral bells, maiden grass, yarrow, day lilies, and hostas. The hardest task was spreading fresh mulch, but with 27 sets of hands, the work went quickly. Benches will be placed in the garden to make it a peaceful spot for students and staff to sit and enjoy nature! Outdoor Club is sponsored by BES PTO and is led by Mrs. Karen Schebler, who is a teacher aide at BES. The project was funded by money donated in memory of Judy Hansel (former first grade teacher at BES), Entertainment Book sales, and the BES capital project fund. A special thank you to Casey's Outdoor Solutions for their generous donation and assistance in selecting plants as well as Rehage Landscape Services for assistance in clearing the garden and delivering mulch.



## A Whirlwind of Help



UCB and North Dearborn Elementary School combined forces to help the Holton tornado victims. Holton, Indiana was destroyed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> when tornadoes wildly blew through their town leaving a path of rubble and debris behind. Twenty-five families lost everything and are living in churches or with relatives. The students at NDES felt sorry for these families. They wanted to help them as much as they could.

NDES decided to do a collection for Holton. Students donated money and items that were needed for two weeks. Students brought in cleaning supplies, baby items, food, hygiene products, and more. We collected over 700 items and raised \$270.

Pizza parties were awarded to two classes thanks to LaRosa's and Snappy Tomato Pizza. Mrs. Moder's class collected 81 items and Mrs. Wuestefeld's class brought in \$113. They are excited about their pizza parties! Mrs. Scudder's class spent their recess time volunteering to collect the school's donations and box them up, but they enjoyed helping. It was for a good cause.

*Written by Mrs. Scudder's Third Grade class.*

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## Trojan Golf Open

Preparations for the 2012 Trojan Golf Outing are underway. Our goal is to raise money to support all of our student athletes at East Central. On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> we will have our golf outing at Hoosier Links Golf Course located in Milan, Indiana. Tee-off is 8:00 am with lunch afterwards.

We would love to have your support and companionship at this event. Contributions may be donated in one of three ways:

1. Play in the actual golf outing. We are accepting individuals or teams who would be interested in participating in the outing. If you do not have a team we will do our best to place you in a group.
2. Sponsor a hole for \$50.00.
3. Make a monetary donation to our athletic department.

Below is an entry form for the outing as well as how to contribute as a hole sponsor.  
We hope you will be able to participate and we look forward to seeing you on June 9<sup>th</sup>!

Go Trojans!!

Don Stonefield - Athletic Director  
Fred Boger - Trojan Open Coordinator  
Scott Schwarz - Trojan Open Coordinator

### Trojan Golf Outing

What: Golf Outing for East Central Athletics  
When: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.  
Where: Hoosier Links Golf Course in Milan, Indiana  
Format: Four person scramble  
Cost: \$60.00 per person includes: golf, golf cart, food, drinks and a donation to the athletic department. (Checks made payable to East Central High School)

#### Team Members

#### Hole Sponsor Name (\$50.00)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle the division - Divisions:*

"A" Team has four experienced golfers.

"B" Team has A, B, C, and D level golfers.

"C" Team has four inexperienced golfers.

*Please return this entry form to:*

East Central High School  
Attn: Athletic Department  
One Trojan Place, Suite A  
St. Leon, Indiana 47012

*Questions:*

Call ECHS at 812-576-4811  
Don Stonefield ext 11931  
Fred Boger ext. 11601  
Scott Schwarz ext. 11802

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## Food Service Department Updates for 2012-13

As part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 Section 205, we will once again be required to increase lunch prices for next school year. We are allowed to only increase by \$.05 this year instead of the \$.10 that was required last year. Student lunches will be \$2.00 for all schools next year. Breakfast will remain at \$1.25. In addition, the USDA has created new nutrition and meal planning regulations which will begin next school year. The notable changes are as follows:

- o Fruit and vegetable portion sizes will increase for all grade levels.
- o Vegetable subgroups such as dark green, red/orange, beans/peas and starchy vegetables will be required each week.
- o All students MUST have at least one fruit or vegetable on their tray to make a meal (\$2.00).
- o At least half of the grains served must be whole grain.
- o There will be a limit to the amount of grains and protein served each week.

We are already meeting many of these guidelines which will help with the student transition. However, it will be important to discuss these changes with your students so they are not confused the first day of school in the fall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Mandy Copenhaver, RD, Director of Food Services at [mncopenhaver@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us](mailto:mncopenhaver@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us) or 812-576-1900 x 13809.

Have a wonderful summer!

## Intermediate School News

### "Working for a Cause"

Each year the students at S-DIS work very hard to raise money and collect items to give to needy people not only in our community, but also other places in the country and world.

Most recently, the S-DIS students participated in the Math-A-Thon. This was our 8th year participating. We raised \$2508.05 this year and a grand total of \$24,841.68. All proceeds benefit the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thanks to Mrs. Beth McClamroch for organizing this event.

The students also participated in raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with their "Past for Pennies" drive. We raised \$2921.76 this year. We celebrated the event with the annual student/staff basketball game. Thanks to our student council and Mrs. Jina Muncy for organizing the event.

### Awards Program

As the year draws to a close, we greatly enjoy recognizing the hard work from all of our students. We would like to invite you to our end-of-year awards program. The sixth graders will have their program on May 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m. The fifth graders will have their program beginning at 1:00 p. This will be held in the S-DIS gymnasium.

Thanks to all the parents and community volunteers for your time and dedication to our students and staff. Have a great summer.



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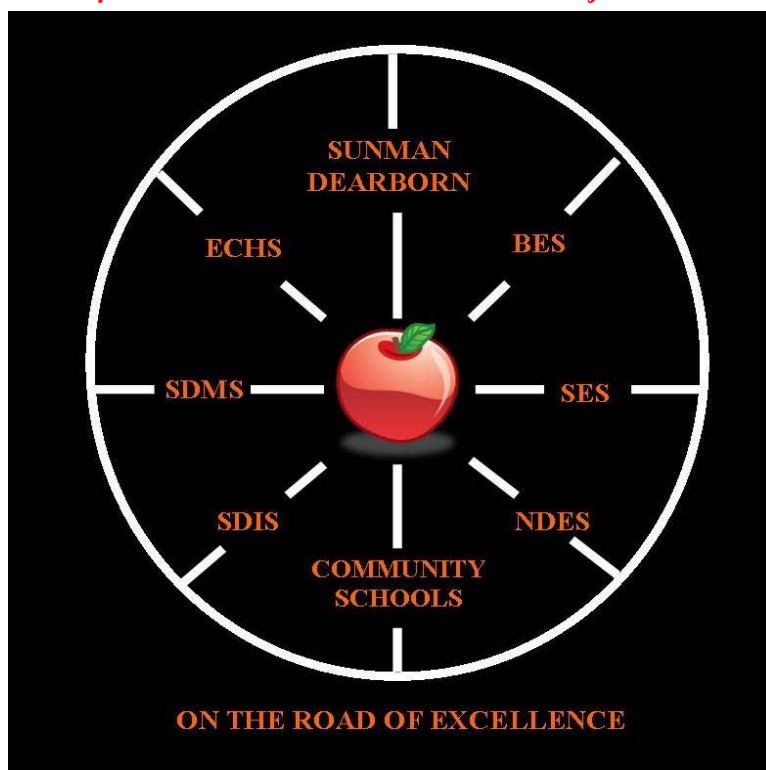
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