

Principal's Corner
Sevierville Intermediate School
School-wide Title I School
October 2013

The 2013-2014 school year has gotten off to a fabulous beginning with very few snags. Our goal is to challenge each child to reach his or her highest potential. Thank you for making every effort to help your child be successful. Our school improvement goals are to increase the percent of students scoring proficient/advanced in Reading/Language Arts and Math. **The Reading/Language Arts and Math curriculum is more rigorous this year with the implementation of Reading/Language Arts and Math Common Core.** Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher about ways you can assist your child at home. We make a great team!

The SIS PTO started its **discount card campaign** September 24th during our Fall Family Night Open House. A heartfelt thanks goes to our PTO volunteers, community agencies, teacher presenters, and Mellow Mushroom for making the event a huge success. We still have plenty of cards for sale for \$10.00.

Our goal this year is to upgrade and enhance our **technology** as well as add new resources to our new **science lab**. This endeavor is very expensive so every little bit helps. We want to thank our County Commission for financially supporting the implementation of six new computer labs for our school in order to prepare for future on-line state testing. The implementation of the labs will begin in the near future.

Sevierville Intermediate School receives **Food City Bucks** if you shop there. Please take your barcode to be scanned the first time you shop and the school will benefit each time you do your grocery shopping at Food City.

The **Mini Relay for Life** to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held Saturday, October 12th at Sevierville Middle School from 10:00-3:00. Sevierville Intermediate School was one of the top schools in the county for money raised last year. Each class will be collecting dimes and participating in the \$1.00 Sun and Moon Challenge at school. We hope to see you at the Mini Relay for Life for a day of fun, games, and healthy snacks as we raise money for this worthy cause.

A special thank you goes to Jessica and Eric Lambert for donating cotton candy and popcorn for our Back to School Dance. It was a huge success. We also appreciate our many parent volunteers.

Please continue to follow the appropriate traffic pattern for student drop off and pick-up. We rely on parents to follow the rules in order to keep our students safe. Thank you for your cooperation. Also, please do not drop students off in our staff parking lot next to the King Library.

We offer many after school clubs for students to be involved in. Please inquire in the office for more details.

Aerospace Club- This club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 3:30-4:30. This club is an exciting way to learn about aerospace. Club members will learn how planes fly, learn about exciting careers in

aviation, design paper airplanes, build and launch rockets, and more. There is a \$15.00 fee to cover a portion of the materials.

Beta Club- Our chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club is a service club that is open to fifth graders who meet the following qualifications: on the honor roll, satisfactory behavior, and working on a fifth grade level. Fifth grade students will be invited to join after the second six weeks reporting period. The cost is \$25.00, which covers the national dues and local dues. Meetings are generally the last Thursday of each month starting in January.

Drama Club- This club meets every Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 5, 2013 from 3:30-5:00. This club promotes a successful working relationship between parents, students, and faculty, as well as a chance to learn how to perform in front of an audience. Club members learn about theater through educational productions and lecture series with guest entertainers. Club sponsors provide opportunities for artistic growth and strive to develop an appreciation for all forms of performing arts including singing, dancing, and technical work. The winter performance will occur on December 16th and 17th.

Environmental Club- This club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning September 19th from 3:15-4:30. This club is a fun way to learn about recycling, water testing, field journals, hiking, and birds. There is a \$3.00 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Student Council- Elected class representatives meet monthly at 7:30 in the morning to discuss ideas proposed for school and community improvement. Look for this to start in October.

Fifth Grade Mad Scientists Club- This club meets each Wednesday starting September 25th. The meetings will be held in the science lab from 3:15 to 4:30. Club members will participate in science experiments. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies to do the experiments.

SIS Running Club- This club is for students in third, fourth, or fifth grade who can currently run a mile and would like to improve their running ability and time. The running club will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 beginning September 17th. Appropriate clothing and tennis shoes must be worn.

Important SIS Calendar Dates

Oct. 8	PTO meeting 8:15
Oct. 12	Mini Relay for Life
Oct. 16	Constructed Response Assessment
Oct. 18	Progress Reports
Oct. 21	Picture Retakes
Oct. 22	McTeacher Night at McDonalds
Oct. 22	Parent/Teacher conferences
Oct. 23	Goodies Fundraiser Kick-off
Nov. 5	2 nd six weeks ends
Nov. 7	4 th grade spelling bee
Nov. 8	5 th grade spelling bee
Nov. 11	Teacher In-Service- no school
Nov. 13	3 rd grade spelling bee
Nov. 14	Grade cards