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## From the Principal's Desk

By **Judith A. Gephart**

*Shawnee Middle School*

For the 2018-2019 school year, the English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science state tests will be given. At the middle school, all tests will be completed online. Tentatively, all testing will take place in the mornings, periods 1-3.

## 2019 Testing Schedule

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> : 5th & 6th- ELA, Pt. 1

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> : 7th & 8th- ELA, Pt. 1

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> : 5th & 6th- ELA, Pt. 2

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7th & 8th- ELA, Pt. 2

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> : 5th & 8th- Science, Pt. 1

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> : 5th & 8th- Science, Pt. 2

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: 5th & 6th- Math, Pt. 1

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> : 7th & 8th- Math, Pt. 1

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> : 5th & 6th- Math, Pt. 2

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> : 7th & 8th- Math, Pt. 2

## SMS Spelling Bee

Congratulations to  
Shashank Chanamolu,  
the 2018-19 SMC  
Spelling Bee Champion!

Congratulations to Addison  
Kirchenbauer-Roney as well who finished as the  
runner-up. Shashank will proudly represent  
Shawnee Middle School at the Allen County  
(February 23<sup>rd</sup>) and Lima News Regional (March  
9<sup>th</sup>) Spelling Bees. Best of luck, we are proud of  
you!



## Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is **Tuesday**,

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Once again the

Middle School will be using Lifetouch for spring pictures.

Lifetouch will be using a prepay program where you select your package and pay for pictures on picture day, just like in the fall.



## Reminder.....

Please do not send candy, flowers, balloons, vases of flowers, etc. for Valentine's Day to your student. These items are not allowed on the bus at dismissal time and create a problem for the Office and the Transportation Dept.

## Shawnee Optimist Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 7AM to 12PM in the Middle School Cafeteria

Adults \$6.00, Children 5 to 10 years \$4.00,  
4 years and under are FREE



## Kind Words...

We have all heard the old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me." What do you think about that? Do you think words can harm you? You bet they can! Whoever wrote that old saying must not have heard about verbal abuse.

It isn't always adults who are abusing children with ugly comments. Young people abuse other young people with unkind words, and it does hurt!

I once heard someone say, "Nice words are free, so choose words that please another's ears."

I must have heard my mother say a thousand times, "If you can't say something nice about someone, please don't speak about them at all." It doesn't cost anything to speak kindly to others, but we pay a high price when we verbally abuse one another.

I hope you can spend a few minutes with your children and discuss these old sayings. Do you have the time?



## News from the Guidance Office

By Mrs. Schmiedebusch

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor

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It's hard to believe we're halfway through another school year. As the second semester begins, we will continue to prepare for this year's state tests as well as begin scheduling 8<sup>th</sup> grade students into the appropriate classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Please review the following information carefully regarding scheduling and testing. If your student is struggling academically, it is important to work on improving homework and study habits and be in touch with teachers so that he/she can be successful this second half of the school year.

### Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling for High School

By the end of January, each eighth grade student will receive the *Shawnee High School Course of Studies*. Please read through this booklet carefully with your child to determine which required and elective courses can be taken each year. I will spend time explaining the booklet to them here at school.

In late January/early February, your child will meet with me during social studies class to help create not only the ninth grade schedule but also a four-year plan based on your child's interests and the teachers' recommendations for course placements in the ninth grade. Scheduling is an important time, and your involvement will help create a smoother transition to high school. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for individual times to meet to review their schedules more in depth. Please do not hesitate to call the guidance office at (419) 998-8072 if you have any questions throughout this important process.

### Eighth Grade Parent Meeting for High School Scheduling

The annual Eighth Grade Scheduling Meeting will be held for high school bound eighth graders and their parents on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM** in Hugh Downs Auditorium at Shawnee High School. High school counselors will discuss what is necessary for success in high school and beyond, as well as address graduation requirements. Parents are encouraged to bring the Course of Studies booklet that each student will receive from me as well as any other scheduling materials they may have received by that day (i.e. four year planner, teacher recommendations).

### College Credit Plus and Credit Flexibility Options Meeting

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15PM** in the Hugh Downs Auditorium for current middle and high school students and their parents, who are interested in either College Credit Plus or Credit Flexibility. The College Credit Plus Program provides students the opportunity to take college course work for both high school and college credit at the school district's expense. Credit Flexibility provides opportunities for students interested in earning credits in non-traditional ways.



### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> STEM DAY

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in **STEM Day** here at the middle school on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The goal for the day is for students to have the opportunity to gain knowledge about STEM careers through related hands-on activities and/or experiments. Students will attend two sessions throughout the day during their math and science class periods. Be sure to ask your student about his/her experiences!

### 2019 Career Fair

Our 2019 Career Fair for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If interested in participating, please call or email!



### NUMATS – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

We are asking that any 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade student taking the ACT through the NUMATS program, mark on the registration to report the scores to the school. We understand that it may be too late to do this if you've already registered. Please provide a copy of the individual score report to the guidance office to place in the student file at your convenience.

## What do I need to take with me for the ACT/SAT through NUMATS?

If you are taking the ACT or SAT through NUMATS, please remember to bring the following to your testing location:

- Admission ticket sent to you by the testing agency (or testing agency registration number for ACT or SAT)
- Completed ACT Student ID Form or SAT Student ID Form
- Two sharpened pencils with good erasers
- An approved calculator (see test preparation materials)

**\*\*\* Forms and more detailed instructions are available in the online MyCTD Toolbox.\*\*\***

## Hoops For Hearts

This year, the 5th and 6th grade students will be collecting money for the Hoops for Heart program. This is similar to Jump Rope for Heart that they participated in at Maplewood. The students will receive their collection envelopes in February. All monies are due to their homeroom teacher by Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. All money collected will go to the American Heart Association. On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> any student who has collected \$10.00 or more will be eligible to participate in the Knock -Out Competition. Any student who raises \$15.00 or more will be eligible to participate in a 3 point competition. All winners will receive a Hoops for Heart BASKETBALL!



## Jr. Optimist/Jr. Leadership News

Happy New Year! Are you getting rid of some of your old books and not sure what to do with them? Jr. Optimist/Jr. Leadership will be collecting old books to ship to our soldiers in Operation Paperback. Operation Paperback was started in 1999 and provides books to wounded warrior programs, veteran hospitals, military personnel and their families. So, please provide ANY unwanted used books (in good condition) or even new books through the month of January to any Jr. Leadership member or see Amy Hardesty.

Upcoming events: In March, Jr. Optimist/Jr. Leadership will be collecting items for Care Packages to be given to children going through cancer treatment. We will be collecting NEW items that may be of comfort or help with long hours of treatment times. Such things as blankets, crossword puzzle books, books, coloring books, funny movies (age appropriate), hats, scarves, warm socks/slippers, lip balm/sensitive skin lotions are just a few ideas.

## Top AR Point Earners

*Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

### Grade 5

Aryam Eyob\*  
Lujane Taja  
TamDuc Tran  
*\*Top 5<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 868 points*

### Grade 6

Alexandria Karapondo\*  
Adam Jmiai  
Mackenzie Onan  
*\*Top 6<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 336 points*

### Grade 7

Daniel Koh\*  
Andrew McKenzie  
Olivia C. Miller  
*\*Top 7<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 260.8 points*



### Grade 8

Kayla Frost\*  
Orinayo Akomolafe  
Chase Morgan  
*\*Top 8<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 147.4 points*

## Breakfast at School

The food service staff would like to remind you that we serve breakfast every morning in the cafeteria except on delay days. We now serve breakfast in every building. As you have heard for years, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Statistics show that students who eat breakfast have fewer trips to the nurse, better test scores and can stay better focused to learn. If your child isn't hungry first thing in the morning, then let them try breakfast at school. Maplewood and Elmwood charge \$1.50, Middle School is \$1.50 and the cost for the High School is \$1.75. Whatever your status is for lunch, it is the same at breakfast. Some of the items we offer are warm cinnamon rolls, breakfast pizza and sandwiches, yogurt, cereal and fruit. The High School serves 7:05 – 7:25, Middle School serves 7:10 – 7:30, Maplewood serves 8:40 – 9:00 and Elmwood serves 8:30 – 9:00. Encourage your child to give breakfast a try at school.



## Kindergarten Registration Information for the 2019 – 2020 School Year

Shawnee Elmwood Primary School will be accepting kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year from January 14, 2019 - May 17, 2019 at the Elmwood office during regular school hours. Children who will be 5 years old on or by August 1st are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten.

Kindergarten Screening will take place on May 30, 2019 at Shawnee Alliance Church (located across the street from Elmwood). Parents can sign their student up for a screening time when turning in the registration packet. Mailings will be sent out in early May reminding parents of their student's screening date and detailing orientation information.

The following is REQUIRED for enrollment:

- Student's birth certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization records (listed below)
- Parent's ID
- 2 current proofs of residency
- Custody papers (if applicable)

Immunization requirements for Kindergarten:

- Five doses DPT, DtaP, DT or Td or a combination. (Only four doses required if the fourth dose administered after fourth birthday)
- Four doses of trivalent oral polio (TOPV), or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV). The fourth dose Of polio must be administered on or after the fourth birthday
- Three does of Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR)
- Two doses of Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) or written proof of having had the disease

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 school year:  
January 14th - May 17th  
Kindergarten Screening: May 30th (Shawnee Alliance Church)

\*if registered after May 30th screening will be scheduled in August.

## **Transportation**

If you are in need of transportation in the Shawnee School District, please call our transportation department at (419) 998-8034.



## Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:



The Ohio Department of Health made changes to the immunization requirements starting the 2016-2017 school year. These changes will affect your students as they enter seventh grade next fall. The ODH is now requiring that all students entering seventh grade have a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) booster, and Meningitis immunization. This immunization can be obtained from the Allen County Health Department or from your family physician. The Allen County Health Department now requires that an appointment be scheduled in order to obtain immunizations there. You can contact the Health Department at 419-228-4457. The Health Department does charge for vaccines, however no one is refused service due to the inability to pay. Your child will need to receive this immunization before the start of school next fall. The school will require proof of this immunization or your child could be excluded from attending school until the immunization requirement is met. You can fax your proof of immunization to me at 419-998-8067. At this time there are no plans to have a mass immunization clinic held at school in order to meet this requirement (per Allen County Health Department). If you have questions you can contact me at 419-998-8065. The only students exempt are those with an exemption form signed on file at the school. If you would like an exemption form they can be found at [www.limashawnee.com](http://www.limashawnee.com), under health and wellness in the district tab.  
Andrea Vogelgesang, RN

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – TWO HOUR DELAY – Teacher in Service
- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – College Credit Plus Meeting @ Hugh Downs Auditorium in the High School 6:15PM
- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Eight Grade Parent Meeting @ Hugh Downs Auditorium in the High School 7:00PM
- Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Pictures
- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
- Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Choir Concert @ Hugh Downs Auditorium in High School 7:00PM
- Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – STEM Day at the Middle School
- Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – TWO HOUR DELAY – Teacher in Service
- Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Optimist Pancake Breakfast
- Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of third nine weeks
- Spring Break – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Resumes

