



Suwannee Intermediate School



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Principal

<http://sis.suwannee.k12.fl.us/>

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Principal's Message:



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our teachers have been working hard to foster academic success for our students and i-Ready data shows that students are responding and academic improvements are gradually being made. Our kids are moving academically, but we still have work to do. We have provided a host of incentives to encourage our students to do well behaviorally and academically. I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations which enable us to provide SIS students with incentives for their success:

Tint Solutions	Nobles Greenhouse
Alban Electric	Doug's Lawn Care
Evacheks Tree Sources	Ricky Allen Plastering
Suwannee Valley Event & Party Rentals	African American Development Council
Cerified Electric & Plumbing	Bennett's Glass Company
M.A. Mathis Asphalt	Otis Johnson, Sr.
Above the Rest Tree Service	Alex Cameron Concrete
Ron White	Smith Brothers Lawn Service
NAPA Live Oak Auto Parts	Tri-County Metals
Pilgrims Pride	Timo Cortes Landscaping Designer
Charles Bean Painting	Maurice Perkins Construction
O'Neal Companies	Ron & Gail Williams
Tri-County Irrigation	Jessie Philpot Plumbing
Tim Alcorn	Law Office of C.D. Townsend
Huntsman Tree Supplies	Pioneer Janitorial
Douglas High Alumni Association	Ebenezer Church
James Cooper Lodge #21	Robert & Susan Ford
Walmart	Healthcore
SVEC	Trenton Medical Center
David Wood Electric	Busy Bee Tree Service
The Dirt Man/Randy Norris	

Important Dates

- 02/01/18 SGA CandyGram Fundraiser Begins
- 02/08/18 Chorus Concert (Michael Jackson Tribute) 6pm
- 02/14/18 SGA CandyGram Deliveries
- 02/15/18 Progress Reports sent home
- 02/16/18 County PD Day/Health Fair ~ No School
- 02/19/18 President's Day Holiday ~ No School
- 02/21/18 Migrant Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 03/01/18 SAC APT Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 03/12-03/16/18 SPRING BREAK

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Maria Rodriguez was named the **Teacher of the Month** for January. Mr. Caldwell announced the selection during morning announcements on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mrs. Rodriguez is the first recipient of the new monthly incentive. Along with several prizes, Mrs. Rodriguez's picture is posted in the new lighted display in the front of the school. Congratulations Mrs. Rodriguez!

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and/or Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency assessment for Grades K-12. The test is administered every year to help school districts monitor the English language development of students identified as English language learners and/or English Language learners who have significant cognitive disabilities.

The assessment measures four areas of English language skills including: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The testing window began January 29, 2018 and will continue until all ELLs have completed the individual assessment by March 23, 2018.

For additional information access the parent handouts at <https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx> or contact Dana Putnal or Jennifer Beach.



MUSIC NEWS

SIS CHORUS CONCERT Parents and the Public are invited to: The SIS Chorus Concert (a Michael Jackson tribute) on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. The SIS Music Fundraiser went toward purchasing a class set of boomwhackers.



FLORIDA FLU REVIEW

In Florida and throughout the U.S., flu activity is on the rise. Suwannee County has also seen an increase in flu activity.

The **Florida Department of Health** recommends that sick people stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours.

The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine. The Department of Health-Suwannee offers flu shots Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Practice proper hygiene: Wash hands well and often; cover your mouth and nose when sneezing; and disinfect frequently touched areas.

Seek Medical Care if someone becomes ill with flu-like symptoms. Treatment is most effective when started within 48 hours. More information can be found at

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/index.html>

SIS students enjoyed the events during **Celebrate Literacy Week ~ January 22-26, 2018**. Check out the **SIS Webpage** to see pictures of the events! <http://sis.suwannee.k12.fl.us/>

Dodgeball Basket Raffle

SIS classrooms will be creating gift baskets with assistance from parents, students, and local businesses for one of our biggest fundraisers. The baskets will each follow a different theme and your child's teacher will let you know what items you can contribute. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Possible Baskets may include:



Barb-Q Basket



Gardening Basket



Game Basket

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

We are very excited to offer our 100% color yearbook for the price of \$20.00 each. We are ordering less copies this year, so if you have not ordered your child's yearbook, please do so immediately.

The deadline for purchasing yearbook ads for the 2017-2018 school yearbook is fast approaching. Ads for the yearbook must be purchased by March 30, 2018. The prices are as follows:

Business card	-	\$20.00
(1/4) page	-	\$35.00
(1/2) page	-	\$70.00
Full page	-	\$140.00

Please enclose or attach camera-ready artwork for ad purchased. Please make all checks payable to Suwannee Intermediate School.



This year's Dodgeball Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018. Each class will need businesses or individuals to sponsor them. Sponsorships cost \$100. More information coming soon. For additional questions, email Jennifer Stevens. jennifer.stevens@suwannee.k12.fl.us



END OF THE YEAR CLASS FIELD TRIPS

4th grade- Sea World Orlando, Friday, May 4, 2018

5th grade- Busch Gardens, Tampa, Friday, May 11, 2018

Any 5th grade student that has an annual pass to Busch Gardens may use it for admission, however, they will still need to pay toward the bus fee. At this time, Sea World annual passes cannot be used because students have to enter through a different gate. We will let you know if this changes. Parents will be able to purchase reduced price tickets, however, we do not know if there will be enough room on the buses until we know how many students are going. If there is room, approved chaperones will be eligible first. More field trip news coming soon!