

# Suwannee Intermediate School



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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### Principal's Message:



Thank you to the Dads (grandfathers, uncles, and cousins) who were present at our **Donuts with Dads and Daughters** celebration. Studies show that girls who have Dads actively involved in their lives perform better academically and socially. Thanks for your participation and to those who signed up to volunteer at SIS. We encourage each of you to volunteer because doing so promotes the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child."

As we were looking at ways to improve our academic performance as a school, it was determined that student absences has an effect on the academic gains of our students. A challenge was presented to our students to attend school each day for two weeks and 480 students responded by being present. Congratulations to **Amy Skipper** who was present during the two-week challenge as well as being present every day since the start of school. Amy will receive a free Chromebook for meeting the challenge. Perfect attendance rewards or incentives are awarded to students that are present each day, all day, without tardies and/or early dismissals.

Please also note that four early checkouts or four tardies equate to one student absence.

Thank you for supporting Suwannee Intermediate School.



11/01/17	SGA Meeting
11/02/17	SAC/APT Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
11/06 -11/10/17	Holiday Food Drive
11/07/17	Fall Picture Make-Ups
11/09/17	Parent Night Super Cool Science Show
11/14 & 11/16/17	Science Club
11/17/17	Progress Reports
11/20 – 11/24/17	Thanksgiving Holidays
12/04-12/08/17	Penguin Patch Christmas Shop



Suwannee Intermediate School is sponsoring a **Holiday Food Drive**. Please send in non-perishable items the week of **November 6-10, 2017**. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade classes that donate the most items will receive a pizza party. Below is a list of suggested/needed items, however, any food items will be greatly appreciated.

**Suggested items:** canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, yams, sweet potatoes, greens), soups, canned meats (ham, tuna, stew, chicken), spaghetti sauce, chili, chicken and dumplings, canned fruits (cranberry sauce, pineapple slices, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears), dry goods (rice, potatoes, spaghetti noodles, macaroni and cheese, pasta, cake or brownie mix, cereals, breakfast bars), canned frosting, peanut butter, jelly, and condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise).

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday season!

### SIS Teacher and Employee of the Year

Faculty, staff, and parents have submitted their nominations and voted for the SIS Teacher and Employee of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year finalists are: Theda Roper, Maria Rodriguez, and Ruth Thomas. Congratulations to all three of these exceptional educators!

We hope to announce the final results of the Teacher and the Employee of the Year in the near future.



## COACHES CORNER

**Great things are happening in PE at SIS! Students are now participating in a rewards program called STARS. STARS must be earned as a class. Classes earn stars (stickers) for each day there are no infractions in PE. Once a class reaches 10 stars/stickers, they will earn a reward. Rewards include such things as: free snow cones, skip an exercise day, or extra use of PE equipment!**

**With the weather changing, students need to be prepared to be outside by bringing a jacket. Please remind your child to bring their jacket home each day. At this time, we have several jackets/sweatshirts/coats without an owner. If your son or daughter is missing theirs, have them look in the "Lost and Found."**

### TOP AR Class

**Congratulations to Mrs. Griswold's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for achieving the top spot in AR for the first 9 weeks. The class had the highest percentage of students (96%) that met their AR Goal with 85% or higher accuracy rate. Way to go!!**



### Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shop Monday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Holiday Shop allows students to shop for their family during school hours giving them a sense of independence, along with being able to share in the joy of giving. Students will be able to walk away with inexpensive gift items for their loved ones and we will have "holiday helpers" to assist in the shopping process. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Erin Vogel @ 386-647-4717. All volunteers must be School Board approved in advance. Volunteer forms are available in the front office. More information will be sent home in the near future. Check out their website <https://penguinpatch.com/how-it-works/>



### SIS Flu Vaccine Update from Nurse Shun:

The State Team was very impressed with the behavior of SIS students last week during our Flu Vaccinations.

#### SIS Stats:

- 83- Students vaccinated
- 4- Staff members vaccinated

Thanks to all for your assistance!



## MUSIC NEWS

I would like to thank all the parents who supported our Charleston Wrap fundraiser for the music classes. We sold 265 items and earned \$1,374.20 for the music program. The funds will help us meet our goal to purchase a class set of ukuleles for the school.

We are currently learning to play the recorder in music class. Students may purchase one for \$5.00. If you already have one at home, please start bringing it with you to music class. Recorders are available for students to borrow for the class period free of charge. They are cleaned after every use.

Chorus has begun practicing. If your child is in Chorus, please be aware of the rehearsal schedule printed on the back side of the chorus letter. You only have to attend when your homeroom team is listed. Stay tuned for concert dates.

### Student Government Information

#### SGA

Regularly scheduled meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month. Officer meetings are usually held during school hours the day before the monthly meeting.

Satsuma orders are completed. We are expecting our delivery in the few days prior to fall break.

For our next fundraiser, SGA will be selling Texas Roadhouse Peanuts at SHS home soccer games.

The next community projects will center on our veterans and local nursing homes. These students are ready to do wonderful things!



**Super Cool Science-** where scientific exploration is awakened and brought to life will be coming to Suwannee Intermediate School. The aim of this program is to engage students and inspire a love for science. The exploding 30 foot instant indoor cloud is sure to be the highlight of the evening. Families will enjoy a fun-filled Science Spectacular where they can't help but grow in the learning process as they investigate scientific principles, formulate hypothesis, and come to the conclusion that Science is pretty amazing!

Please join us Thursday 11/9/17 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Suwannee Intermediate School Cafeteria.