



Suwannee Intermediate School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message:



344 students had perfect attendance for our first attendance challenge! For the second attendance contest, 401 students had perfect attendance! It was determined that all students that earned perfect attendance would be rewarded at lunch with a cake party. The next incentive party is scheduled for next week (December 13th). Students that earn perfect attendance for the third challenge will participate in an ice cream party. Studies and our school data has shown that student incentives work. Our motto is, "Working Together to Make Things Happen" and you responded by having your child present during the designated time while avoiding early checkouts and late arrivals. We ask for your continued support with this endeavor.

The ultimate goal in this process is student academic gains. Another promotion toward academic progress is assigned homework. Students should have two days of multiplication facts as homework and two days of prefix and suffix work as homework each week. Moreover, it is recommended that students read twenty minutes each night from their assigned AR book. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful holiday break!



Don't Forget!

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| 12/04-12/08/2017 | Penguin Patch Christmas Shop |
| 12/06/17 | SGA Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Begins |
| 12/07/17 | Elite Dunkers Show 9:00 a.m. at SHS |
| 12/07/17 | SAC/APT Meeting 5:30 |
| 12/13/17 | Attendance 2-Week Challenge Ends |
| 12/18/17 | 5 th Grade School Spelling Bee |
| 12/20/17 | Early Dismissal (End of 2 nd Quarter) |
| 12/21-01/07/2018 | Winter Break |
| 01/05/17 | Teacher Workday |
| 01/08/2018 | Back to School (Begin 3 rd Quarter) |



SIS Teacher and Employee of the Year

The SIS Teacher of the Year is Ruth Thomas. Ms. Thomas teaches 5th grade math & science. The Employee of the Year is Lori Smith. Ms. Smith is the head custodian at SIS.

Congratulations to these exceptional women! SIS is lucky to have such dedicated professionals.

Suwannee Intermediate School collected over 3000 items during the Holiday Food Drive!! Thank you to everyone that donated.

Congratulations to **Kelly Pennington's 5th grade** and **Michelle Jessup's 4th grade** classes for collecting the highest number of items. Each class was treated to a pizza party.

Monday Dec. 4th
through
Friday Dec. 8th
9:30am - 3:00pm



S.I.S.
Penguin Holiday Shop

Room #007

Students will be allowed to shop during "Recess" times



The **Penguin Patch Holiday Shop** allows students to shop for their family during school hours. Students may purchase inexpensive gift items for their loved ones during recess. We will have "holiday helpers" available 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.



COACHES CORNER

At this time, we have several jackets, sweatshirts, and coats without an owner. If your son or daughter is missing an item, please have them check the "Lost and Found." Thank you!

Student Government Information 
SGA is selling chocolate bars this month.

From our NURSE:



THINK PREVENTION during activities and travel over the holidays with family and friends:

Head Injuries-Most childhood head injuries are minor and hurt only the outside of the head. On rare occasions, a severe head injury can cause bruising or bleeding in the brain. This type of head injury requires immediate medical attention.

Prevention: Make sure kids wear protective gear for contact sports, biking, skating, and skateboarding.

Head Lice-A head louse is a tiny, wingless insect that can attach to a person's hair where it feeds on extremely small amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Lice aren't dangerous and they don't spread disease. They are seen more commonly in children.

Prevention- Try to avoid head-to-head contact with other children. Do not share combs, brushes, hair ties, etc. or lie on bedding, pillows, and carpets that have recently been used by someone with lice.



SIS Students Win County 5th Grade Essay Contest!

The Suwannee County Farm Bureau sponsored an essay contest that all 5th Grade students could enter. The purpose of the contest was to promote the many aspects of agriculture, to provide opportunities for our youth to gain knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of agriculture and help promote its many values and virtues.

Congratulations to the following SIS students who placed at the county level for their participation in the *Florida Farm Bureau Essay Contest*:

1st Place (\$100): Sarah Shockley (Roper)

2nd Place (\$75): Katleyn McGee (Pennington & Chauncey)

3rd Place (\$50): Janeah Mitchell (Pennington & Chauncey)

4th Place (\$40): Maria Cortes-Wilkes (Burgess & Thomas)

Instructional Coach Suggestions:

- Set a timer for 30 minutes each day to monitor independent reading time at home.
- Review multiplication facts using flash cards, games, or with online practice.
- Check out these math links:
 - <https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication01.html>
 - <http://www.multiplication.com/games/play/quick-flash-ii>
 - <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-multiply.html>
 - <https://www.digitwhiz.com/sample-games/>