

SARALAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



Parent Newsletter



Red Ribbon Week is October 22-26

Students dress up during Red Ribbon Week to display their stand against drugs:

Monday: Nerd Day
 Tuesday: Camouflage Day
 Wednesday: Neon colors (grade)
 6th-yellow, 7th-green, 8th-blue
 Thursday: Spirit Shirt
 Friday: Spirit Shirt

October 29 is Parenting Day

Parents, grandparents and students' guardians are invited to attend our annual Parenting Day on Monday, October 29 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Fun and informative activities have been planned. Come learn ways to stay informed and positively impact your child's education.

Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year

Congratulations to SMS Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Stephanie Verkouille, and to the Support Staff Member of the Year, Mrs. Bea Wilson!

New Resources for Students

SMS has purchased subscriptions to **BrainPOP** and **iReady**. Families are encouraged to extend learning beyond the classroom by having students access these educational sites at home. Students simply log in to their **Clever** account and click on the BrainPOP or iReady icon. BrainPOP is an award-winning provider of cross-curricular digital content including animated movies of over 600 topics accompanied with review quizzes, educational games, and other activities. iReady provides students with unique learning paths prescribed in math and reading based on the results of diagnostic tests. SMS also recently purchased two additional ChromeCarts, allowing more students access to technology during the school day.



Above: During a workshop, teachers discover ways to enrich classroom instruction with BrainPOP. Encourage your child to have fun while exploring and learning by accessing BrainPOP at home!





Helpful Hints for Parents

Stay informed and regularly monitor your child's progress.

Check grades regularly in INOW. Click on "INOW PARENT PORTAL" located on the SMS website at www.smspartans.com. Contact the school office for login credentials.

Ask your child to show you his or her progress report on Take-Home Tuesdays.

Contact your child's teacher if you have a question.

Visit teachers' web pages to view upcoming assignments and for links to additional resources.

Address concerns early in the quarter so that your child can work to improve his or her grades.

Students of the Month

September

6th: Savannah Keith & Jacob Corley

7th: Autumn Poates & Kelsey Goler

8th: Cameron Clark & Ben Sutterfield

Pat on the Back: Mrs. Mayfield

Upcoming Events

October 29: Parenting Day

November 2: SMS Spelling Bee

SMS Robotics Qualifies for Regional Competition



Congratulations to the SMS Robotics team for placing 3rd with their robot and 5th overall out of 33 middle and high school teams at the 2018 Jubilee BEST Competition! The team earned a spot as a wild card in the upcoming regional competition in Auburn.



Congratulations to 7th graders who qualified for the Duke Talent Search by scoring in the upper percentile in math or reading on the spring 2018 Scantron test. (Not all 7th graders who qualified are pictured.)