



SFMS Mustangs

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Special points of interest:

- 96 South Fork Middle School students had zero suspensions and fewer than 4 detentions for the first quarter! That's 71%!
- 50% had no detentions!
- 43% of SFMS students had perfect attendance for 1st quarter.
- 29 students qualified for the Kevin McCarthy Award: zero detentions, 3.5 or better GPA, and 95% attendance!
- See inside for our entire honor roll list!

And the Award Goes to...

The 2011-2012 school year is a year of goals: goals for academics, goals for behavior, goals for test scores, and goals for attendance. Because of this, we want to reward those students who work hard to meet goals. This year, more than **any** other year, South Fork Middle School offers rewards to the many students who work so hard. A special thanks to the many businesses who have donated prizes or offered them to us at their cost. Without the support of the community, we would not be able to offer so many different prizes. Read on to see some of the recipients of our great rewards!



Standards Plus!!!



This year, South Fork Middle School students are spending a little extra time working on mathematics in the afternoon. We have ordered a new supplemental program that will help us review important standards and sections of their grade level math. This program, called *Standards Plus*, will help your child review sections that they need extra time working on and will help them to learn sections that they may have missed. PLEASE DO NOT PICK YOUR CHILD UP EARLY, unless necessary. We want them to have the extra time that they need to work on their skills. Also... students are NOT working on homework during this time. Please check your child's backpack for homework!



Fifteen Miles Can Feel Like a Million!

Thank you to all of the friends, family, and community members who supported our walk-a-thon this year. As the school continues to face budget cuts, we rely on the funds to pay for the many activi-

ties and opportunities that your student enjoys. Thank you for donating your time, money, and energy. Without you, the Walk-a-thon would not be possible!

Congratulations to the following students who ran the entire 15 miles!

1st place: Aaron Wright

2nd place: Jacob McCullough

3rd place: Luis Mendoza

4th place: Christian Laverne



1st Quarter Honor Roll

Platinum Honor Roll:

Tylee Hogue
 Faith Marshall
 Maddison McMullen
 Kassy Opferman
 Tyler Cazares
 Ella Damron
 Mark Fulkerson
 Morgan Green
 Devon Vittoria
 Daniel Wray
 Dakota Harbuck
 Jacob Mccullough
 Sadie Mollenauer
 Skye Simunovich
 Aurora Sunderland
 Mackensie Eirich
 Tori Hogue
 Brittany Smith
 Ashley Yasin

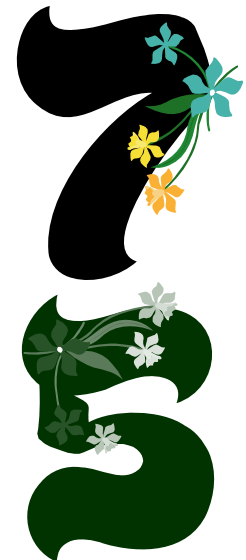
Gold Honor Roll:

Hannah Hurley
 Haley Peterson
 Nadia Roberts
 Tyler Simunovich
 Kaylie Torres
 Gordon Wray
 Jesse Boswell-Lee
 Isabella Sunderland
 Cristal Anzaldo
 Zachary Hendrickson
 Abigail Opferman
 Ricky Moreno

Silver Honor Roll:

Garrett Carothers
 Emilee Deegan
 Rachel Driskell
 Samantha Helms
 Zachary Meeks
 Morgan Olson
 Thomas Shrody
 Taylor Alldredge
 Hayley Bevan
 Kaitlyn Booher
 Serenity Durham
 Bryanna Ege
 Mariah Embree
 Kelly Hand
 Zeno La Grand
 Revel Ation Marshall
 Skylar Newton
 Angelina Sanchez
 Bailey Settlemire
 Juliana Thom

Cole Behm
 Rebecca Bowen
 Sean Deegan
 Anastasia Dickson
 Dylan Harbuck
 Samantha Hurley
 Jessica Melby
 Luis Mendoza
 Dustin Avila
 Emil Priesol
 Payton Booher
 Sharri Cazares
 Charlotte Davenport
 Ashlee Garcia
 Harleigh Harbuck
 Tamra Hoover
 Sean Wilson
 Aaron Wright



Percentage of students that we want to make honor roll for 2nd Quar-

Reading Really Rocks!

Did you know that one of the best indicators of student success is his or her ability to read and to understand what he or she reads? To help your child to be a better reader:

1. Offer opportunities to read. Encourage your child to read magazines, papers, road signs, the back of the cereal box...
2. Encourage your child to find reading material that he likes. You can find free books at the school or county library. We also provide book orders that have inexpensive reading materials for all grade & age levels.
3. Model reading for your child. Read in front of them and to them. Many kids really enjoy having a book read to them!

4. Encourage your child to read aloud! This is the most research-proven method of helping them to develop and improve their skills. They can read to you or to siblings.

Check the school website for links to teacher sites.
www.southforkschool.org

But I was sick!

The state of California only allows schools to excuse absences for the following reasons: illness, medical appointments, funeral services for a family member, lack of required immunizations, quarantine under the direction of a health officer, and court appearances.

After a student has missed 12 days of school, students MUST have a doctor's note in order to excuse absences for illness. Typically, we do not send students home from school for illness unless they have a fever or are vomiting.

Did you know...

Students who attend school 95% of the time are more likely to test proficient on state tests, succeed in their regular academics, graduate from high school, and gain employment!
 Kids in school succeed!

Did you know...

“Children who were read to at least 3 times a week had significantly higher phonemic awareness than children who were read to less... and were twice as likely to score in the top 25% in reading.”

US Department of Education



South Fork Middle School Mustangs Succeed in School!





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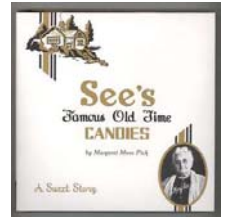


See's Candy Sales

PTC Activities!

PTC meets the second Monday of each month in the elementary school cafeteria at 3:00 pm. We could always use extra volunteers and helpers to work events! The next meeting will be November 14th.

Also starting on November 14th is the semi-annual See's Candy Sales. Look for fliers coming home with your student and order some candy for the holidays! Remember, that fund raiser goes directly to things needed by teachers and students!



Thank you to PTC for a funtastic Fall Festival and for providing snow cones for Walk-a-thon!

Upcoming Events:

See's Candy Sales
Holiday Gift Shop

To volunteer for this and other events contact:

760-378-2211

In Honor of our Veterans...



In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British in the War of 1812.

In 1931, the Congress of the United States made "The Star Spangled Banner" the National Anthem of the United States of America. Today, this song is sung to honor our veterans, our citizens, and, most importantly, the land of the free and the home of the brave, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Please join the South Fork staff and students as we honor the veterans who make this the wonderful country that we live in today.

Our Veteran's Appreciation

Ceremonies will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 9:00 am in the middle school gymnasium.

"The Star Spangled Banner"

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

