

THE MIDDLE LINK



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RIDE THE WAVE TO SUCCESS

How to React when Grades are Less-Than-Perfect

It's natural for parents to get upset when a child brings home a bad report card. Showing your frustration and anger won't help your child get better grades. Some suggestions on a better approach:

***Look behind the grade.** Grades tell us there's a problem. Sometimes it's not an academic problem. Talk to your child and ask what he/she thinks the problem is.

***Contact your child's teachers.** Do not attack the teacher. Teachers don't give grades; students earn grades. Remember that you and the teacher have a common goal— your child's success.

***Set realistic goals.** Don't expect all A's if your child is getting all C's. Unrealistic goals could set your child up for failure. The Parent Institute

Academic Success at SPMS

Our staff and faculty, along with our students, work hard and effectively to achieve academic success at SPMS. Their combined efforts are shown in the academic successes we are celebrating:

- Our current 8th grade class ranked equal or higher than the national average in all areas on the EXPLORE test.
- Our most recent spring test accountability index of 101 is the highest in school history.
- SPMS students scored higher on the last accountability test cycle than every other middle school in the region except for one.
- Our Reading test results placed us in the top 3.7% in the state; science scored in the top 13.5%; social studies in the top 12%; and writing in the top 19%.
- Fifty eight of our current 8th grade students scored all Distinguished during the spring test cycle.
- Test scores earned SPMS a ranking in the top 12.6% of middle schools in the state.



Dates to Remember



December 1: 7th Grade Health/Safety Fair

December 12: Youth Services Center Advisory Board, 2 PM

December 12: SBDM, 3:30 in the Media Center

December 20: End of Grading Period

December 21-January 2: Holiday Break; No School

January 3— Professional Development Day; No school for students

January 4— School resumes

January 6: Report Cards
January 13: Renaissance Rally

January 16: No School

January 19: Meade County Champions' Anti-Drug Coalition

January 23: Site Based Decision Making Council, 3:30 PM



Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WMMG 93.5 FM or WHAS Channel 11 News to find out if activities or school have been cancelled.

Community Helpers

Grandparents' Support Group— Dec. 13, 9 AM, Brandenburg Primary
Community Action Agency Heating assistance, 422-2545
Community Based Services Medical cards, food stamps, 422-3974
Clothes Closet— 422-2010
Health Department— All insurance plans accepted, 422-3988

Military Night

There is free admission for all current and retired military personnel and their families at the Kentucky Horse Park on Wednesday, December 7. Just show a military ID, DD 214 or VA Medical Card at the gate. There is a three mile holiday light display and lots of indoor activities for families.

STUDENT SUCCESS AT SPMS

All Distinguished on the 2011 Accountability Test: Brian Abell, Logan Allen, Madilyn Barr, Jacob Beavin, Collyn Bradley, James Brangers, Jeremy Chambers, April Cherry, Kayla Cook, Caitlin Coppinger, Krista Davis, Joshua Edwards, Ethan Fackler, Robin Farrell, Bailey Flaherty, Zach Flaherty, Kevin Foushee, Janessa Gonsalves, Emily Hardesty, Karissa Hardesty, Abigail Heibert, Tyler Jackson, Darra Johnson, Olivia Kessinger, Emma King, Hannah King, Craig Lindsey, Kaylin Logsdon, Morgan Love, Michael Mattingly, Mallory Miles, Angelica Miller, Tyler Miller, Hailey Mitcham, Caitlyn Neal, Alicia Ogburn, Randy Owen, Alexandra Pike-Goff, Elizabeth Pollock, Madison Reff, Jeffrey Reynolds, Dustin Satterley, Lindsey Shelton, Noah Slone, Bailey Smith, Caroline Smith, Kadin Staples, Mikaela Stewart, Joshua Story, Evan Strobel, Sioux Thomas, Zackary Todd, Alexandra Whitman, Natalie Wilkins, Kristin Williams, Mack Wilson, Mary Wilson, and Jonathan Wood.

Intramural Football– Black Team- Kevin Millay, Jay Maloney, Justin Wolz, Austin Poole, BJ Abell, Dylan Mielke, Noah Slone, Ely Pelletier, John Whelan, Harley Roney, Chris Macey, Cameron Lane, and Zach Greyhawk.

Intramural Football– Blue Team- Kadin Staples, Cody Mancell, Seth Davis, Austin Simmons, Brandon Bergmann, John Carpenter, Nathan Seal, Mason Smith, Cole Tighe, Josh Edwards, Tony Thomas, Justin Thomas, Thomas Orr, and Tristan Griffin.

Intramural Football– Red Team- Jasper Sipes, Christian Hipsher, Ikaika Chun, TJ Eaton, Tristan Howard, Madison Thompson, Jacob Crase, Bradley Adams, Patrick O’Grady, Devon Rider, John White, Kyle Gardner, Zach Risinger, and William Brian.

Intramural Football– Green Team- Dillon Thorson, Jacob Short, Aaron Whelan, Brannen Leslie, Austin Ogle, Brady Risinger, Zach Burkey, Garrett Poole, Andrew Dumont, Josh Key, Justin Akridge, Tyler Vowels, and Ethan Wardrip.

Congratulations to **Cameron Kingsbury** and **Ethan Miller** for being selected to the middle school 2011 Kentucky Football All-Star Team. In addition, **Levi Hurt** and **Jeremiah Shacklette** were selected for the Kentucky West All-Star Team.



SPMS students are striving to be state academic champions.



Congratulations to **Alexis Boggs** for being selected as the school winner for the North Hardin Lions Club Peace Poster contest. Her poster will now be judged at the district level. Kasi Givens and Ceanna Johnson received honorable mention.

Congratulations to the **2011 Girls’ Traveling Squad Basketball teams** on outstanding seasons. Our 7th Grade team made it to the tournament semi-finals while our 8th Grade team made it to the tournament finals. The future continues to be bright for the high school and middle school girls’ basketball programs.



Congratulations to **Jacob Robertson** and **Danielle Fabel** for competing on the high school **cross country varsity team**.

Jacob finished 8th in the middle school state competition and Danielle finished in the top 50. **Jacob** qualified to run at the state meet. At the state meet, he finished third on the varsity team. The Meade County team placed seventh in the state.



2011-2012 7th Grade Boys’ Traveling Squad Basketball Team

The following boys made the 7th grade traveling squad basketball team: Garrett Ammons, Jordan Brown, Logan Greco, Calvin Hackert, Tyler Haynes, Levi Hurt, Cody Janes, Hunter Johnston, Chad Jupin, Cameron Kingsbury, Bryce Mattingly, Case Medley, Ethan Miller, Zach Prather, and Cody Reed. Good luck on a great season.

