

# *S.S. Dixon Intermediate School*

## May 2019

### **Mrs. Gooch's Good News**

It is hard to believe we are beginning the final month of the school year. It is filled with many activities so please check the calendar on the last page as well as information from your child's teacher. State standardized testing is taking place through May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child is on time, eats a good breakfast, and gets a good night's sleep during the testing window. I am thankful to be principal at such a great school with so much parental and community support. During the week of May 13-17 our PTSO has daily events planned to recognize our staff. These recognitions are made possible by you---the wonderful parents who participate in our fundraisers. We know that many of the events that occur at SSDI would not happen without help from OUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, and OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS. We had a good turnout for our volunteer appreciation luncheon. If you couldn't attend, we want you to know how much you are appreciated. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, please see the section below about specific information for the end of year events for your children. **REMINDER:** All visitors to the school **MUST** check in at the front office and wear a visitors' pass while at the school. This includes parents who come to eat lunch with their children. Parents are asked to adhere to the cafeteria rules---no talking when the music is playing.

Our district is on a continuous journey to make our schools the best places for students to learn, staff to work, and parents to send their children for a good education. In this effort, we appreciate your support. It is important to gather feedback from you to celebrate successes and identify areas for growth. Please take a few minutes and complete this Parent Satisfaction Survey to help provide this feedback. Once the survey is complete, the results will be analyzed by an outside organization. The data from the survey will be sent to each school and the Superintendent. Then, the results of the survey will be shared with parents and the community. The survey can be accessed online at: [SRCSD Parent Satisfaction Survey](#) and will be opened until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for interest in and support of your child's education with us. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the survey.

### **Mrs. Hendricks' Happenings**

Here we are again....at the end of another school year, and what a year it's been. I have REALLY enjoyed my first year here at SSDI! So, before anything else I want to give an ENORMOUSLY HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for making me feel so welcome!! I'm very honored to be part of such a remarkable school! **Safety** - Your child's safety has been a top priority for us this year and we appreciate everyone being patient during the changes that have taken place. **Testing** - By the time May arrives, teachers, students, staff members, and parents are all looking forward to the summer break. As the school year winds down, it can be a stressful time for students due to statewide testing. Parents can help prepare students to perform their best by making sure that their child is well-rested and well-fed before testing. Also, your child has been working with their teacher on test taking strategies. Please remind your child to use the strategies and discuss the importance of always trying to do their best. All of our students have been working very hard and I know they are ready to show what they have learned! I hope you all have a fantastic rest of the month and enjoy your summer break!!

**Cupcakes with Moms (or a female figure)**-each student will bring home an invite to come and decorate a cupcake with their child. It is/was on pink paper. All students, regardless if a mom figure comes, will decorate a cupcake to take home. Please see the individual grade level dates on the last page.

### **FIFTH GRADE NEWS**

Your child should have brought home an informational letter about the awards ceremony which will be held on May 29, 9 am at Immanuel Baptist Church on Hwy 90 in Pace. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should be taken

directly to the church by 8:30 am so that we may begin at 9:00 am. If there is no one to take your child to the church, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

The fifth grade classes have several events coming up prior to the end of the year. A parent informational meeting for the Panama City Trip will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The AR Rewards to UWF pool will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. "Cupcakes with MOM" will be May 15<sup>th</sup> and the trip to Panama City will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Our 5th grade chorus performed last Thursday evening. They did a terrific job! Teachers will notify parents as to when they will have their end of year parties. We have an amazing group of fifth grade students and I know we will hear many great things about them in the future! Best of luck.....

## **TITLE ONE**

On May 21, 2019, we will have our annual meeting to review Title 1 documents and update them for the 19-20 school year. The meeting will be held from 12-1 pm. From 1-2 pm on the same day, we will share ways that parents may help their children during the summer. To request Title 1 information, please contact the school's office and request information from Mrs. Gooch or Mrs. Hendricks.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

A completed volunteer application is required to help in the classroom or chaperone students on a field trip. If you plan to only go on field trips you must complete the volunteer or field trip form.

## **NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

Thank you for your support during our recent spring book fair. The last day to check our library books is May 10<sup>th</sup>. All books must be turned in by May 17<sup>th</sup>. The literacy committee has the following information concerning end of the year AR parties. Students who reach the goal will have the chance to go to UWF pool. The schedule is: 3<sup>rd</sup> graders go on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade go on May 13, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade go on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEWS FROM PTSO**

The final box top collection will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students who bring in at least 25 box tops will receive a special treat. The TOP 3 students who brought in the most box tops will be given a Target gift card. The top class in each grade level will receive a pizza party.

## **NEWS FROM P.E.**

This month is a busy one in Physical Education! We will be finishing our kickball unit the first week, and then it's on to Blooperball which is always a favorite! Recreational Games will be our final unit of the year. We enjoyed celebrating our Kids Marathon participants at our Final Mile Event Awards Ceremony and Celebration. A great time was had by all. Students that completed the marathon and were unable to attend the event will receive their medals soon on ITV.

Running Club Water Day is going to be Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a celebration for all students that remained in running club this year (did not miss running unless it was excused or they were absent) or helped as a table worker. Permission slips with details on times and what to wear/bring will be coming soon. The students have been very active this year and most students have learned some new games/skills. It is important they remain active during the summer and eat a healthy diet filled with fruits and vegetables. Please remind them to wear a helmet when they are on any type of moving object.

Have your student look through the lost and found in our cafeteria before leaving for the summer. All items not claimed by May 31<sup>st</sup> will be donated to a local charity. We have enjoyed spending the year with your student at PE and look forward to their return in the fall. For all of you with 5<sup>th</sup> graders, we wish them a fond farewell and best of luck in their future endeavors. It has been a pleasure teaching all the terrific kids at SSDI! Cordially, Coach Williams, Coach Keller, and Coach Ward

## POP TABS

This year the students have brought in over 150 pounds of bottle caps. The overall grade winner for the year is 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Ronald McDonald House appreciates our support. **April totals are as follows:** 3rd grade with 3 lbs., 4th grade with 4 lbs., and 5th grade with 9 lbs. **Final Yearly totals are as follows:** 3rd grade with 63 lbs., 4th grade with 62 lbs., and 5th grade with 72 lbs.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our final meeting for the 18-19 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 9 am. We hope you will consider serving on the council next year.

## WEBSITES

Florida standards are located at: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081014-lafs.pdf> and <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081015-mathfs.pdf>. Students may still be able to access Classlink during the summer to do some of the apps such as Imagine Math and Freckle.

## SSDI May Calendar of Events

*(classroom teachers will share event dates that are pertinent to their classrooms)*

- 1 & 2 FSA MATH Testing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, READING 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 6 & 7 FSA MATH Testing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 8 & 9 FCAT SCIENCE Testing 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 8 SAC Meeting at 9 am
- 13-17 Staff Appreciation Week
- 13 4<sup>th</sup> grade to UWF pool AR rewards; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Cupcakes with Moms 7:30-8:30 in classrooms
- 14 5<sup>th</sup> grade to UWF pool AR rewards; 4<sup>th</sup> grade Cupcakes with Moms 7:30-8:30 in classrooms
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- 16 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Panama City; 4<sup>th</sup> grade Government Field Experience (rotations in classrooms)
- 17 4<sup>th</sup> grade Career Day
- 20 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wax Museum
- 21 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wax Museum; PIZZA PARTY for top coupon book sellers (during students' lunches);  
Title 1 Document review 12-1; Keep Learning Going During the Summer 1-2
- 22 Running Club Water Day
- 24 Variety Show 9 am
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY---no school
- 29 5<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony at Immanuel Baptist Church 8:30 drop off
- 31 Dixon's Got Talent Show 9 am; **Last day of school; EARLY RELEASE @ 12:10 pm**

*Jr. Patriots are the best students ever!!!!!!  
Have a safe and fun*

