

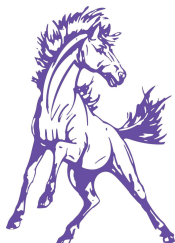


MAVERICK TRACKS

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

The Maverick Tracks newsletter is written by the administrators of Spring Hill Middle School. This publication is designed to inform parents of upcoming events and important topics and to serve as an additional means of recognizing our students.

The motto of the Spring Hill Middle School has been and continues to be "Education: A Shared Responsibility." This motto correctly implies that to be successful in attaining our educational mission, all parties involved (students, parents, teachers, administrators) must view education as crucial and work in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support. Should you have problems, questions or concerns, please address them following the chain of command. Problems normally can be eliminated at the lowest level by discussion with the impacted teacher, coach or other school district employee. If a concern still exists, please contact a building administrator. Please call the Middle School Office (592-7288 or teacher voice mail) to schedule an appointment. Working together in the best interest of our kids must be our common goal throughout the year. Visit us on the web at: www.usd230.org for information updates and a calendar of events at Spring Hill Middle School.



SPRING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

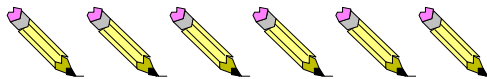
Our Spring conferences will be held on February 15th from 4 to 8 pm and on February 16th from 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 pm. In an effort to accommodate more parents in the time allotted, we will set up in an arena format in our gym for these conferences.

Teachers will be seated by grade level and/or by department. Conferences will be conducted on a first come, first serve basis.

A parent/teacher conference gives parents a chance to:

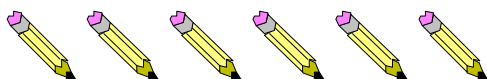
1. Get to know their child's teachers.
2. Learn about the school and curriculum.
3. Discuss your child's strengths and weaknesses in various areas.

It's a chance for parents to ask questions and give teachers information that will help them better understand your child's needs. We look forward to seeing you on February 15th and 16th. Conferences with individual teachers may be scheduled at other times by calling the school office at 913-592-7288 or by contacting your child's teacher via phone or email.



**Wednesday,
2/15
4-8 PM**

**Thursday, 2/16
1-4 & 5-8 PM**



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MAVERICK MESSENGER STORY CONTEST WINNERS

January 5th -18th *The Maverick Messenger* hosted a Winter Wonderland Creative contest where students could submit either a photo, drawing, poem or short story. Winners were chosen from each category: **Olivia Scroggins** won for her short story submission, **Jaiden Waddle** for her photo, and **Claire Owen** for her Comic Strip. Congratulations to all winners! The winner's photos will be placed in the next issue of *The Maverick Messenger*. To access the newspaper online, go to www.usd230.org. Click on schools, then SHMS, then activities and find the Newspaper Club link. Click on "Read The Latest Maverick Messenger" link.



CONTINENTAL MATH LEAGUE:

Congratulations to the 37 sixth graders that participated in Meet One of the Continental Math League on Friday, December 9th. Top scorer with five out of six correct was **Lucy Kuhn**. Other Team Representatives with four out of six correct were: **Ethan Baumgarten, Paris Dennis, Conner LeBeau, and Joel Oberkrom**. Students that did a nice job showing their work and correctly answering three out of six correct were: **Maverick Edwards, Natalie Joeckel, Hunter King, Jessie LeBlanc, and Justin Weber**. Excellent problem solving sixth graders!

Congratulations to the 39 sixth graders that participated in meet two of the Continental Math League on Friday, January 27th. Top scorers with five out of six correct were **Ethan Baumgarten** and **Lucy Kuhn**. Other team representatives with four out of six correct were **Dakota Rockers, Regan Smith, and Justin Weber**. Excellent problem solving sixth graders!

THE POWER OF MILK

By Jayci Dalton, R.D., L.D., Director of Nutrition Services, Spring Hill School District

The choice between plain white milk versus flavored milk is a struggle that occurs in many families. Data has shown that students choose flavored milk 70 percent of the time. So, is that the right choice?

Milk, both flavored and unflavored, provides nine essential nutrients including calcium, vitamin D, phosphorus, riboflavin, protein, vitamin B-12, potassium, vitamin A and niacin. It also is important to note that flavored milk only contributes 3 percent of added sugars to children's diets yet still provides the same nine essential nutrients as unflavored milk.

The power of milk is clear when you consider that an 8 ounce glass of milk provides as much calcium as 10 cups of spinach, as much vitamin D as $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce of cooked salmon, as much phosphorus as 1 cup of kidney beans, as much riboflavin as $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of whole almonds, as much vitamin A as 2 hard boiled eggs, and as much potassium as 1 small banana.

Regardless of flavored versus plain, milk is an excellent way to help children get the essential nutrients they need to grow healthy and strong!

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Each school year the Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that students participating in extra-curricular athletics in the 7-12 grades have a new physical completed by their doctor. Beginning May 1, 2012, any physical completed by your doctor will be good for the 2012-2013 school year. The form is available in the MS, HS, and BOE offices. We also have the forms available on our website. Your doctor may not have the correct forms, so be sure to pick one up at school. You will need to complete the KSHSAA physical form, an insurance verification form and a concussion form. The extra-curricular sports offered at the middle school are: cheerleading, volleyball, football, wrestling, basketball and track. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, 592-7288.

SHMS CHEER CLINIC, TRY-OUTS & CAMP

Attention 6th and 7th grade students: SHMS cheer clinics and tryouts for 2012-2013 school year are scheduled for February 28th & 29th, March 1st & 2nd from 3:30 to 5 pm. Participants must attend all four days. Tryout packets will be available in the office. These forms must be filled out and returned before the first day of the clinic.



Our cheer camp this summer for the newly selected 2012-2013 cheerleaders will be scheduled and information sent home with your student soon.

GO MAVERICKS!!!

PTO NEWS

Welcome to 2012 from SHMS PTO! Here are some upcoming events:

2/14 Sonic night! Visit Spring Hill Sonic from 4-8 p.m. and help raise money for SHMS! Don't forget to turn in your receipts the next day to your homeroom teacher! Winning classroom gets an ice cream party!

2/15 Gambino's Day! Another great fund raising opportunity...remember to fill out a form when you buy your pizza...winning class room gets a pizza party!

2/13-16 Scholastic Book Fair

2/15 & 2/16 SPIRIT WEAR will be available to buy during parent-teacher conferences!

2/16 SHMS Staff dinner provided by SHMS PTO and parents

2/27 PTO Meeting, SHMS IMC, 6 pm

3/6 March Sonic Night, 4-8 p.m. at Spring Hill Sonic

3/26 PTO Meeting, SHMS IMC, 6 pm

Last semester, SHMS PTO provided funds for many grant requests that put supplies in your child's classroom, provided for special curriculum programs, or perhaps helped fund a field trip, raised money by having concession stands during girls volleyball, girls and boys basketball and wrestling tournaments and games. We have also raised money with our spirit wear items. **Lots of fantastic items are in stock and will be available to purchase during parent-teacher conferences.**

Staff members each received pies of their choice for their holiday gift. **THANK YOU** to all of the parents who provided the pies for the staff members!

A volunteer job with the SHMS PTO is richly rewarding... we are always grateful for and indebted to our volunteers... each of you make such a positive difference!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In order to recognize effort and excellent citizenship, the Spring Hill Middle School faculty and staff will select one boy and one girl from each grade level, 6th through 8th, as "Students of the Month." Each student receives an award certificate, a T-shirt, and a letter of credit from an area merchant. Spring Hill Middle School thanks all the businesses in town that help to support this recognition program.

December Students of the Month:

6th Grade: **Regan Smith, Jackson Burrell**

7th Grade: **Lyric Smith, Dawson Stinebaugh**

8th Grade: **Kelsey Campbell, Jonathon Roman**

January Students of the Month:

6th Grade: **Chandler Davis, Nick Parker**

7th Grade: **Alyssa J. Grinnell, Conner Hecke**

FINE ARTS SOM'S

Each month Mrs. Sarah Dorian, Orchestra instructor, Mr. James Scroggins, Choir instructor, Mr. Jeff Acheson, Band instructor, and Mrs. Suzanne Hofmann, Art instructor, will be selecting a student from their area for outstanding work in class. The student will receive a certificate for being the Orchestra, Choir, Band or Art Student of the Month.

December Fine Arts Students of the Month:

Ethan Kosberg: 6th Grade Orchestra

Dakota Crookston: 7th Grade Orchestra

Kira Hephner: 8th Grade Orchestra

Kylie Weers, Dakota Rockers: 6th Grade Choir

Savannah Leaton, Dalton Woods: 7th/8th Grade Choir

Ashley Pope: 6th Grade Art

Hunter Smither: 7th Grade Art

Annie VanZant: 8th Grade Art

Gracie Mann, Matthew Hooker: 6th Grade Band

Chelbie Chaney, Nicholas Wright: 7th Grade Band

Mikaela Crotchett, Kendall Hyatte: 8th Grade Band

January Fine Arts Students of the Month:

Claire Owen: 6th Grade Orchestra

Kelsey Kroutch: 7th Grade Orchestra

Shelby Krout: 8th Grade Orchestra

Hayley Smola, Tanner Gerstberger: 6th Grade Choir

Korbinn Nelson, Samantha Masters: 7th/ 8th Grade Choir

Dalton Gretencord: 6th Grade Art

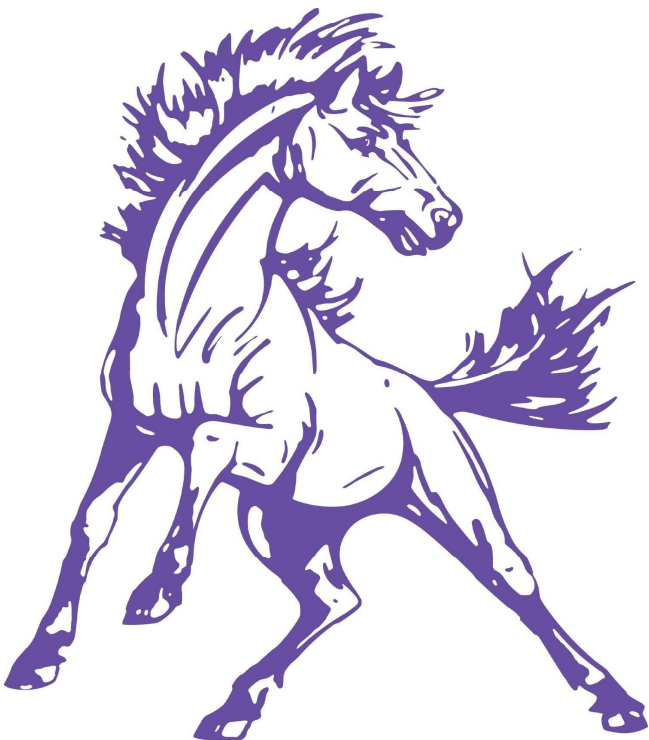
Sean Chancellor: 7th Grade Art

Krystianna Henwood: 8th Grade Art

Kathryn Lockard, Stephen Lundy: 6th Grade Band

Ally Tyler, Nathan Kimler: 7th Grade Band

Cordy Wesonig, Ethan Martin: 8th Grade Band



SHMS Spelling Bee

Each grade level participated in a spelling bee in preparation for the Johnson County Spelling Bee.

SHMS finalists competed on January 6, and 9 in an all-school spelling bee sponsored by Mrs. Stacy Floyd. Sixth grade finalists were: **Elizabeth Sloan, Elizabeth Hays, Justin Weber, Keegan Crotchett, Cameron Alexander, and Tayler Grinnell.** Our finalists in 7th grade were: **Dakota Crookston, Katie Orton, Jake Hansen, Addi Weakley, Fletcher Hubbard, and Kelsey Spaulding.** The 8th grade finalists were: **Telisea Louthan, Theodore Jones, Jazmyn**

Gregg, Carver Gerstberger, Emily Simmons, and Brandon Voth. The competition between all Johnson County school finalists was held on Saturday, January 29th. Congratulations to **Addi Weakley**, our finalist, and our alternate, **Elizabeth Hays.**



Life...run with it!

There's a fun new way for girls to boost their self-esteem, develop friendships and participate in a lifelong sport.

It's called Girls on the Run® — a national nonprofit organization that is returning to Spring Hill Middle School this spring! Our division is called "Girls on Track" and is geared for middle school girls. This coach-led program combines training for a 5K race/walk with life lessons in self-respect and healthy living. This year, Girls on Track is open to **6th grade girls.** We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for 10 weeks beginning March 6th, 2012 to run, laugh, learn, and look at the "girl box" issues girls face every day. Then, in May, the girls will get to run, walk or skip to the finish line of a 5K race together. Registration is available on line through Feb 25th at www.girlsontherunkc.com Call Helen Kuttles at 913-592-7228 if you have questions.



AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

This past November over 170,000 students across the nation participated in the AMC 8 Math Contest. SHMS had 166 students in grades 6-8 that qualified to participate in the American Mathematics Competition sponsored by the University of Nebraska. Of the 166 SHMS students who took the test, 25 have been recognized by AMC for their scores above the national average.

Honorable Mention: **Sydnee Mounce, Carver Gerstburger, Matthew Smith, Haven Koch, Robert Sherman, Telisea Louthan, Ben Dyhouse, Trey Heinrich, Mitch Crooks, Melanie Long, Katherine Lundy, Ivan Hughes, Ellisa Bragaw, Cole Schwartz, Kelsey Campbell, Gavin Rush, Conner LeBeau, Regan Smith, Addison Weakley, and Kai Widman.**

1st Place : **Makayla Kosberg**
(National Honor Roll Award)

2nd Place: **Parker Yust**

3rd Place (tie): **Elizabeth Hays**
(Certificate of Achievement Award),
Alyssa Hannon, Ethan Martin

All of the above students had scores in the top 10% on the AMC 8 Test.



Way to go, Mavericks!!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The SHMS PTO and Scholastic Book Fair will be holding their annual spring book fair from Monday, February 13th to Thursday, February 16th in the SHMS Library. The book fair will take place during school hours and during the afternoons and evenings of parent/teacher conferences. Students and staff may preview the fair in the library on Thursday and Friday, February 9th and 10th. Family members, staff from other buildings, guardians and members of the community are invited to the fair during school hours, but please, check in at the office first. The fair will also be open during conference hours. You may also shop online at: <http://www.usd230.org/shms/academics/mediacenter/>

This year's theme is "Book Fair Luau!" The library will be decorated to reflect this theme, and several book fair activities will be centered on the theme. For example, there will be a jar full of tropical fruit candy in the library, and students will be encouraged to guess how many pieces of candy are in the jar. Students with the closest guess will win a free book.

Usually, sixty percent of the book fair proceeds go directly back to SHMS in the form of library books for all students to enjoy. Please, support reading and the library by purchasing from the fair! Cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted.

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Cheerleading Clinic</i> 3:30	2 <i>Cheerleading Tryouts</i> 3:30	3 <i>Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest @</i>
4	5	6 <i>6th SS KSA</i> <i>Frontier League Band</i> <i>Festival W/MS</i> <i>PTO Sonic Nite</i>	7 <i>6th SS KSA</i>	8 <i>END OF 3RD Q</i>	9 <i>NO CLASSES</i> <i>2 HRS Grading</i> <i>6 HRS Teacher Dev.</i>	10
11	12 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	13 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	14 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	15 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	16 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	17
18	19 <i>CLASSES RE-SUME</i>	20 <i>6th RDG KSA</i>	21 <i>6th RDG KSA</i>	22 <i>6th RDG KSA</i>	23 <i>Grade Cards Home</i> <i>7th RDG KSA</i>	24
25	26 <i>7th RDG KSA</i>	27 <i>7th RDG KSA</i>	28 <i>8th RDG KSA</i>	29 <i>8th RDG KSA</i>	30 <i>8th RDG KSA</i> <i>SOM Assembly 2:45</i>	31

APRIL 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 <i>6th Math KSA</i>	3 <i>6th Math KSA</i> <i>Track @ Paola 3:30</i>	4 <i>6th Math KSA</i>	5 <i>7th Math KSA</i>	6 <i>7th Math KSA</i>	7
8 <i>EASTER</i>	9 <i>7th Math KSA</i>	10 <i>Track @ MS 3:30</i> <i>PTO Sonic Nite</i>	11 <i>8th Math KSA</i> <i>2 hours early release</i> <i>@ 1:20</i>	12 <i>8th Math KSA</i>	13 <i>8th Math KSA</i> <i>SAC Dance 7-9 PM</i>	14
15	16 <i>Frontier League Math</i> <i>Relays @ Louisburg</i>	17 <i>Track @ MS 3:30</i>	18 <i>Progress Reviews</i> <i>Home</i>	19	20	21
22	23 <i>SAC Officer Elections</i> <i>PTO Meeting 6 PM</i> <i>BOE Town Hall</i>	24 <i>Track @ Endora 3:30</i>	25 <i>8th grade play dress</i> <i>rehearsal 3:30 PM</i>	26 <i>8th grade play for</i> <i>students only 1:15</i> <i>Wellsville Relays 3:30</i>	27 <i>SOM Assembly 2:45</i> <i>PM</i> <i>8th grade play for</i>	28
29	30					

Check out the e-Backpack section on the web for other information that may be of interest to you or your student: <http://www.usd230.org/shms/studentsparents/ebackpack/>



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, February 15, 4-8 PM
Thursday, February 16, 1-4 & 5-8 PM

EARLY RELEASE

Wednesday, February 15, 1:20 PM

NO CLASSES

Thursday, February 16th
Friday, February 17th
Monday, February 20th
