February Newsletter South View Upper Elementary





Principal Letter Reminder from the principal: Please have your student bring their Chromebook, charger, and ID to school every day.

PBQS

After a GLOW-ing party in January, students will have the opportunity to earn a celebration of a grade wide movie party. We are trying to reduce the number of fights and physical altercations happening during the day. Please talk with your students about how to avoid physical altercations by telling adults when problems occur, using calming techniques, and keeping hands to themselves.



A Note from Your School Nurse....

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS & GUARDIANS

All students entering the 6th grade must have a new physical and their 6th grade vaccines (Tdap, MCV, HepB vaccines).

Our school health-based clinic, SIHF, will be at South View the week of May 12, 2025. At that time SIHF will be completing the medical requirements for students to enter the 6th grade.

Later this month permission forms, and a health history form will be sent out for all 5th grade students;

these forms must be completed and returned to the school nurse for the student to be seen by SIHF.

Again, all students must have completed medical compliance in place before they can enter the 6th grade.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's medical compliance please contact Nurse Pascual, RN. at 217-444-1870.

Thank You, Mrs. Pascual, RN.









Life Skills

Our life skills classes will be busy this months we uncover our history unit called "We Need Change." Throughout the month, students will discover how cultures have changed over time and the people who have helped bring change. We are very excited to take a community outing to McDonald's to practice ordering a meal, and to Liberty Village Assisted Living Center to make valentine's with the residents.



5th Grade Math & Science

Math: Students have been working hard learning about fractions. We will continue to work with adding and subtracting while adding in learning to solve multi-step word problems. We are reviewing skills needed to prepare for the JAR test coming in March.

Science: Students will be challenged to use their understanding of the properties of molecules to explain why some solids dissolve and others do not. We will learn what happens when you mix a solid into a liquid and what happens to molecules of a solid and liquid when you mix them together.

ELA & Social Studies ELA: Students are continuing to examine poetry by identifying tone, theme, and point of view. Students are also working on using text evidence to support their opinions when writing and writing to inform.

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Students are studying explorers and reporting on their achievements. Students will also be studying the lives of various African American leaders throughout February for Black History Month.

5th Grade LA & Social Studies



6th Grade Math & Science

Math – has started learning about integers, rational numbers, magnitude and absolute value. Students are practicing setting up number lines and maneuvering with them to practice distance between numbers. We continue to practice multiplying decimals and long division.

Science – students are learning about Earth Science and choosing a National Park to research. They will be creating presentations to share with parents at conferences.

6th Grade ELA & Social Studies

ELA is working on writing and preparing for state testing.

AVQD

How Can You Support Your Child? We encourage you to support your child's participation in the AVD program by: Encouraging Organization: Sign your child's agenda at least once per week, help them maintain an organized workspace, and establish a routine for completing homework and studying. Setting Goals Together: Discuss and set achievable goals with your child and celebrate their progress. Promoting a Growth Mindset: Encourage perseverance and a positive attitude towards challenges and learning.