



SCHWEINFURT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Moving Forward.....21st Century Skills



Learning Is A Lifelong Process

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MISSION STATEMENT
Schweinfurt Middle School will engage all students in meaningful experiences that develop 21st Century Skills, preparing them to be successful and responsible citizens in a technological, global society.



INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS = READING COMPREHENSION

Registration Reminder

Have you returned your registration packet? Registration packets for school year 2008-2009 were mailed earlier this month. Returning students must complete a registration packet every year. All students who will attend SMS next school year are required to register. Please return the registration packet to the office, **Monday-Friday between 0800 - 1200, April 21-25, 2008. Important Reminder: Registration for Bamberg High School here at SMS will be on Friday, April 25, 2008 from 1000 - 1700.**

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 21-25 - SMS Registration
8:00-12:00
- April 25 - Bamberg @ SMS for Registration
10:00-5:00
- May 03 - SMS PTSA Flea Market
10:00am-3:00pm
- May 03- SMS Prom 6:00-11:00
- May 09 -Pride Idol
- May 13-Spring Concert @6:00
- May 16-Asian Pacific @1:30
- May 26-Memorial Holiday No School



Student of the Month

**6th Grade Trevor Wright
Ambreauna Brown**

**7th Grade Kay Gregory
Lisa Stevens**

**8th Grade Lauren McClaflin
Jacob Martin**

March 2008



PRIDE IDOL



The annual PRIDE IDOL Talent Show will be held on May 9 in the school Gym. The participants have practiced hard to improve their talents and prepare a great show for their families as well as their peers. A small group of the top winners will take the show on the road to the elementary school several weeks after the show.

AVID NEWS

AVID (Advancement VIA Individual Determination)

Writing is an essential skill for college success and AVID places a major focus on the writing process. AVID 8th graders are completing “Character Analysis” essays based upon a currently read novel. AVID 7th graders are completing “Autobiographical Incident” essays based upon a significant event in their lives. AVID 6th graders are working on a “Report of Information” based upon research of fads since the 1960s.

We continue to practice the 21st Century Skills of Information, Media, and Technology Skills in creating multi-media student port-folios.

AVID 8th graders played a major collaborative roll in planning and executing the 8th Grade Café during our last Family Fun Night. These students and the entire 8th grade should be commended for doing a fabulous job. They earned over \$200 to apply toward the 8th grade entrance and pictures at the Spring Formal sponsored by the Middle School Zone May 3rd.

AVID 6th graders will be presenting their power points documenting their “Cookie Factory Project” and teaching Cornell Note taking to all the sixth graders. This form of notes includes taking active notes, writing questions for the notes, and summarizing the most important information.

Congratulations to these AVID students for their following achievements!!!

Jacob Martin – 8th grade Student of the month for March

Maria Shimkus – 7th grade Student of the month for February

Trevor Wright – 6th grade Student of the Month for March

The AVID Program is always looking for AVID Tutors. Qualifications include being hired as a Substitute Teacher and ability to tutor in mathematics through Algebra I. We are also in need of volunteer tutors during our end of the day tutorials to assist in Foreign Language (German and Spanish) tutoring. If interested, please call the school at 09721-804301 or email Troy.Purdin@eu.dodea.edu.



Office of the Director, DoDDS-Europe
Diana J. Ohman, Director

Parents,

I read an article recently entitled "Keeping Kids Lean." In the article a mother was inquiring about her overweight daughter's health. The article went on to give very good advice and made several suggestions at maintaining a healthier lifestyle for all family members. I will list these, but first what captured my attention was the staggering statistics that document how many children today are overweight.

Childhood [obesity](#) is considered by many to be an "[epidemic](#)" in Western countries, in particular, the [United States](#), [United Kingdom](#) and [Australia](#). Over 15% of American children are currently considered [obese](#), and the number is growing.

Without a change in diet or exercise patterns, childhood obesity can lead to life-threatening conditions including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, sleep problems, cancer, and other disorders. Overweight children are more likely to grow up to be overweight adults. Being overweight may lead to low self-esteem and depression.

That said, all is not lost. Children have youth on their side. Helping your children now with a healthy lifestyle will prevent problems in the future. Some quick tips include:

Eat smarter. Cut out junk food and eat more healthy foods. The easiest thing to cut out immediately is sweetened drinks. Always read packaging labels and note sugar content.

Play every day. Exercise is a key component of any weight loss program for both children and adults. The goal should be to participate in some sort of physical activity on most, if not all, days of the week.

Alternate intense and easy movements. Children tend to move with short, sporadic, intense bursts of energy, (think Tag, Kickball, Dodgeball, Red Rover). So, if you decide to go on family walks, incorporate a nature hike into the excursion, or stop for periods of play; integrate a few minutes of games of tag or sprint races every so often to keep it interesting.

Turn off the tube. The number of hours spent watching television, playing video games or using the computer has been linked to obesity in both children and adults. So, in addition to eating healthier and being more active, trying to reduce the amount of time spent at sedentary activities is also a good idea.

If you make it your mission to help your children become more active and less sedentary, you will provide them with the foundation for a healthy life.

Thank you for all that you do.

DIANA J. OHMAN
Director, DoDDS-Europe



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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31 March 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR Parents of Students at Schweinfurt Middle School

SUBJECT: Orthodontic Consultation

1. The process for receiving orthodontic treatment in Europe is often confusing. Many parents have expressed concerns about how to access orthodontic care for their children. This memorandum is in response to that concern.
2. Military orthodontic care is based on availability and need. We currently have orthodontists in Katterbach and Bamberg. These orthodontists are responsible mainly for their own communities but will see dependents from Schweinfurt as possible. For normal orthodontic treatment, the sponsor's DEROS date must be at least one year from the *date of* the examination. In addition, you may have to wait several months to be seen by either of these orthodontists once the referral is made.
3. Any parent or guardian can seek care on the economy at anytime. However, the financial responsibility of this care will be the parent or guardian's responsibility. To assess your insurance coverage for orthodontic coverage, the parent or guardian should contact their dental insurance company (i.e. Tricare Dental).
4. Regrettably, due to the extensive needs of this community, I am only able to see children 12 years of age and under. I am expanding this to include dependents 13 to 18 years old for orthodontic referrals only. The primary dental care for these children should be found on the economy with emergency care at the Schweinfurt Dental Clinic.
5. From 28 APR to 09 MAY, appointments have been designated for orthodontic referral appointments. Basic dental care should *be* taken care of prior to receiving an orthodontic referral. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 354-1720 during normal business hours.
6. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at 354-1720.

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CPT(P), DC
Pediatric
Dentist
Schweinfurt Dental Clinic

Flea Market

Schweinfurt Middle School PTSA

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2008

Times: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Schweinfurt Middle School GYM

Schweinfurt Middle School PTSA is hosting a fall **Flea Market**. This is a great opportunity to unload some unwanted treasures and to purchase needed ones. All military ID cardholders may participate. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase.

Table rental fee: \$10 for half a lunchroom table or \$20 for the entire lunchroom table. Benches are attached. If we run out of lunchroom tables, we will use classroom tables w/o benches.

Payment information: Please send **cash or checks** made out to **SMS PTSA along with this form to Schweinfurt Middle School, Information Center**. Please return the bottom of this form by April 28, 2008.

Set-up and breakdown times: You may start setting up at 9:00 am. Your area must be cleaned up by 3:30 pm.

Cancellation policy: There is no refund for cancellations.

Additional information: Please contact Diane Schmidt at 09721-966815.

RETURN this form to **SCHWEINFURT MIDDLE SCHOOL** to **Diane Schmidt** in the information center.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ APO AE _____

Number of table sections: _____ X \$10 = _____

Schweinfurt Middle School

Flea Market

Flea Market

Saturday, May 3, 2008
10 am until 3 pm



Come for food, fun and fantastic finds!!

POC: Diane Schmidt, 09721-966815, 354-6815

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The SMS PTSA spring flea market will be May 3rd from 10am to 3 pm in the school gym. Come by and check it out. You never know where you will find your next treasure and it is a good way to support your school!



Schweinfurt MS PTSA will be having a bake sale table at the flea market on May 3rd. If you would like to donate an item to be sold please bring it to the library/information center on Friday May 2nd or bring it to the table on Saturday. If you have any questions feel free to email Lynn Clark at mufer1@yahoo.com.



May 5-9th is teacher appreciation week. This is the time to show our staff how much we appreciate all they do for our kids! We will be doing something different each day. Below you will find a list of what we would like families to contribute. Please fill out and return with student or email Lynn Clark at mufer1@yahoo.com and let me know what you will donate. Please bring all donations to the library/information center on the day specified.

Thank you,

SMS PTSA

Student Name: _____

Parent email: _____

_____ Tuesday May 6th – bring a fruit

_____ Wednesday May 7th – bring flowers

_____ Thursday May 8th – bring a dessert