

The Eagle Eye

October, 2009



A NOTE FROM MR. AILSHIE

I am happy to report we are off to a great start this school year here at Surgoinsville Middle. Just in the past week, we have made significant upgrades in technology with the addition of eight new Promethean Boards in all of our Language Arts and Math classes. The Promethean Board is an interactive teaching tool that enables educators to integrate the internet while teaching to the entire classroom. It also incorporates the benefits of a white board, an overhead projector and an audio/visual system. We also have plans to equip the Social Studies and Science classrooms with Promethean Boards over the next year.

Additionally, we have the benefits of a rolling computer lab with 20 laptops, two computer labs and we are working on establishing a Distance Learning Center here at Surgoinsville Middle School.

The Distance Learning Center will enable students to receive varied instruction from a teacher located at another site through interactive video conferencing.

Another addition here at Surgoinsville Middle is the new security/ intercom system at the front door. From the hours of 8:15-2:45pm, visitors must identify who they are and their intended purpose before being allowed entry into the school building. Funding for this security project came from individual donations and from the local business community.

We have also refinished our gym floor since the beginning of the school year. Many thanks to local artist Jim Caswell for a job well done for painting the Eagle at center court and to all of those that worked on completing this project.

There is a very good chance that we will receive fund-

ing for a new roof and windows for Surgoinsville Middle school. This project is scheduled to start in less than 100 days if everything goes through. I would like to thank Charlotte Britton and the Central Office staff, Perry Dykes, other members of the school board and the county commission for their involvement and oversight in this project.

Lastly, many thanks to all of the parents that are involved in volunteer work for our school. The money that is raised through talent shows, concession stands, ballgames and dances goes directly back to the school to benefit our students. Once again I appreciate your support.



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7th grade

MATH: Mrs. Bolton is teaching for Mrs. Dolen while she is on medical leave until mid-October.

SCIENCE: Study of the cell and cell processes

SOCIAL STUDIES: Focus on various economic concepts

LANGUAGE ARTS: Mrs. Jennings is proud of Cole Wilt and Dylan Wood for having their writing published in the Kingsport Times News. Mrs. Churchwell will begin co-teaching in 1st period with Mrs. Jennings.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1:	Football—Home game against Rogersville Middle at 6:30 8th grade night at game Dance immediately after ballgame Volleyball game @ Sullivan Middle School @ 5:30 Cross Country @ Warriors Path at 4:30
OCTOBER 5:	Volleyball game—home against Mary Hughes & Blountville at 4:30
OCTOBER 6:	No School for students—Parent/Teacher conferences 1:00-6:15
OCTOBER 8:	Football game @ Bulls Gap at 6:30 Cross-country @ Sullivan North at 4:30 Jr. Beta Induction 2:00 in Little Theatre
OCTOBER 9:	Grade-level ACES party
OCTOBER 10:	Volleyball game @ Sullivan East High School at 9:30
OCTOBER 12-16:	FALL BREAK!
OCTOBER 17:	Cross-country @ Daniel Boone High School at 3:45
OCTOBER 19:	Custodian Appreciation Day
OCTOBER 20:	Progress Reports go home
OCTOBER 30:	Fall make-up pictures
OCTOBER 31:	Happy Halloween! Be Safe!

It's Finally Fall
by Alexandria Harp

Summer's over,
fall is here
and it's my favorite
time of year!

The leaves have changed
from vivid green
to red and brown
then, fall unseen.

A little chilly
but not too hot
this perfect weather
just hits the spot

It's time for change
'cause fall is here
time for my favorite
time of year!



MUSIC & 6th GRADE BAND NEWS

The first chorus class will begin in October. The 6th grade band is the largest in SMS history with 30 students! I'm looking forward to our Christmas concert!

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5th Grade Field Trip to the Knoxville Zoo

WHEN: October 23rd

\$10.00 due to Mrs. Glass by October 19