

District Parent Announcements – April 1, 2013

5Essentials Survey

At this time, the student response rate is 88%. A school needs 50% in order to receive a report. The teacher response rate is 46%. A school needs 50% in order to receive a report. The parent response rate is 8%. A school needs 30% in order to receive a report. The ISBE has extended the survey window until April 12, 2013. To complete the survey, please click on the appropriate link:

Students = <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/survey/student/login/>

Teachers = <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/survey/teacher/login/>

Parents = <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/survey/parent/login/>

Relay for Life

Once again, the Bowen Bank of Advance is joining the Southeastern School District to help educate our students on Cancer Prevention. We will be hosting a Relay Recess on Friday, May 17, 2013 at Southeastern Elementary (Bowen) from 1:00-2:45pm. Our students will be learning about tobacco prevention, sun safety, nutrition, physical activity, and how each one plays a critical role in helping keep us from getting cancer.

Out to Lunch Program

The following students were selected for the Superintendent's Office "Out to Lunch" Program for the second quarter. The purpose of the program is to reward students for politeness, courtesy, overachieving, or doing something good when no one is watching. We went out to lunch at Applebee's on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Congratulations!

Bishop Roberts = Grade 5

Emily Biswell = Grade 8

Slade Kline = Grade 12

Lexi Cheney = Grade 11

Sierra Eldridge = Grade 11

International Science Fair

Congratulations to Alex Thompson (Sr.) and Kassie Henry (Jr.) for being selected to participate at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. They will be attending the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Arizona on May 12-17. Alex's project is titled "Microbial Fuel Cells: Electricity & Clean Water." Kassie's project is titled "Kastle Meyer Test: Crime Scene Cleanup." Congratulation to Alex, Kassie, and Science Club Sponsors, Sue Henry and Sara Ramsey!

Eighth Grade Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the 8th grade volleyball team. The 8th grade volleyball team won the IESA 2A State Volleyball Championship. This is Back to Back (Jack) State Championships for Coach Tim Kerr, Coach Stephanie Fox, and these ladies.

Last Day of School

At this time, the last day of school (report card day) will be Wednesday, May 29. Obviously, this has the potential to change. **This day will be an 8:45 student dismissal.** The new law (the first and last day of student attendance must contain at least five hours of school work) goes into effect next year.

High School Graduation

The 2013 Southeastern High School Graduation will be Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 p.m. The location will be Southeastern Junior/Senior High School in Augusta, Illinois.

School Finance Facts

- We are 67% into the fiscal year.
- We have received 79% of our budgeted revenue.
- We have spent 66% of our budgeted expenditures.
- Our fund balance for the fiscal year is \$355,541.
- Our total fund balance is \$4,095,401.
- Our total fund balance one year ago was \$4,315,185
- Our total fund balance two years ago was \$4,144,224.
- Our transportation fund for the fiscal year has a deficit of \$43,485 and a total fund balance of \$26,136.
- The state of Illinois owes us \$176,532.
- Since 2009, Illinois has cut education spending \$1 billion.

March Board Meeting Action Summary

- Approved the agenda items as presented.
- Approved the minutes from the February 25, 2013 regular meeting and closed session.
- Moved into closed session at 6:06 p.m. for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.
- At 7:04 p.m. the board returned to open session.
- Approved the adoption (2nd reading) of the following board policies: 2:125 Board Member Expenses, 2:140-E (exhibit) Guidance for Board Member Communications, including Email use, 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings, 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery, 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria.
- Approved to eliminate the dean of students' position at the elementary for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Approved to adopt a resolution to honorably dismiss teacher Brandon Harr for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Approved the employment of tenured certified teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Approved the tenure contracts to the following certified teaching staff: Anita Goughnour, Alison Myers.
- Approved the employment of the following probationary certified teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year: Cierra Hiland, Brandon Gooding, Allison Lee, Sarah Hanning, Autumn Schullian, Ashley Andrews, Holly Cox, Kayla Winters, Bryan Schullian, Brett Ufkes, Beckie Laye, Jordan Harris, Alex Rhea, Megan Guthrie, and Sarah Hilman.
- Approved the employment of Pam Moreno in the position of part-time physics/chemistry teacher for the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Elementary Field Trips

Grade level teachers will determine the number of parent chaperones needed on elementary field trips. The grade level teachers will clearly communicate this information to all parents. Parents wanting to chaperone will be able to submit their names. If there are more names submitted than needed, a drawing will be conducted. There may be certain situations where additional parents are invited to join the field trip later. The grade level teachers will inform parents of these situations. You can find the entire field trip policy in the elementary handbook on pages 29-30.

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