

Parent Announcements
March 2018
D. Todd Fox, Superintendent
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District Mission Statement. The mission of the Southeastern School District is to provide a quality education within a safe, orderly, and disciplined environment where every student will develop the academic and life skills to be independent, productive citizens.

Last day of School. The last day of student attendance will be Thursday, May 31, 2018, with the last day for teachers being Friday, June 1, 2018.

High School Graduation. On a motion by Member Bruenger and a second by Member O'Neal, the Board of Education approved the 2018 high school graduation date for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Southeastern Junior/Senior High School at 2:00 p.m.

Hancock County Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Joey Weese for winning the 2017-2018 Hancock County Spelling Bee. Eli Leasman, another Southeastern 8th grader, finished second in the county.

WCAZ AM 990. As the 2017-2018 basketball season starts to wind down, I want to take this opportunity to thank, recognize, and honor an "institution" that has been a part of my Southeastern life for the past 27 years. As you know, on December 31, 2017, WCAZ AM 990 closed its doors and went off the air. And even though we thought we knew, as the old saying goes, "You don't know what you have until it's gone." WCAZ AM 990 was many things to many people, but for me and Southeastern, it was all about promoting young people. And nobody promoted young people and all the positive things they do like WCAZ AM 990 did. I remember all the state tournaments, the Saturday morning interviews, the group interviews with Coach Fray and myself, but what I will remember the most is a small radio station with a big heart for young people. On behalf of the Southeastern School District, I want to thank Rob Dunham, Don Thurman, Greg Phelps, Keith Yex, and the entire WCAZ AM 990 team.

Ball Game Etiquette. For the past two years, we have asked parents, students, and others to remain in their seats until timeouts or between games. People walking up and down the sideline during play is very dangerous and is a huge safety and liability issue. Athletes and officials should not have to worry or be concerned with kids and adults being on the court of play. This was never so evident than at our February 13, 2018 boys basketball game vs Rushville. Therefore, the school district will be implementing a new three-point strategy as we start the 2018-2019 sports season (we are finished this year). It will involve education, communication, and accountability. We have to clean this up for so many reasons and we will. I will provide more details as we get closer to the 2018-2019 sports season.

Bowen Re-Roof Project. On a motion by Member Bruenger and a second by Member O'Neal, the Board of Education accepted the low base bid of Goerlich Roofing in the amount of \$237,000 including Alternate Bids 1 and 2 for the Bowen building re-roof project. 1. This is for the entire roof at the Bowen building with the exception of the 3-story building (that was completed last summer). 2. This project is on our 10-year life safety survey...which means it can be paid for out of life safety funds. 3. This project will start during the middle of May and there will be substantial completion by July 31, 2018.

School Calendar for 2018-2019. Attached you will find the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

Employment Opportunities for 2018-2019. Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337 has the following certified and non-certified openings for the 2018-2019 school year:

- High School Mathematics (Grades 9-12)
- High School Social Studies (Grades 9-12)
- High School Family and Consumer Science (Grades 9-12)
- Elementary Teacher (Grades K-6)
- High School Health (9-12) PART TIME
- Route Bus Driver
- Junior High Head Girls Basketball Coach

If interested, please email the following information to Carrie Shaffer at districtoffice@southeastern337.com:

1. Completed Job Application (www.southeastern337.com).
2. Resume (Including References).
3. Copy of certification, licensure, etc

The positions will be open until filled. The Southeastern School District is an equal opportunity employer.

School Safety Thoughts. 1. The safety of our students is and always will be our number one priority. There is nothing we do more important than that. 2. It is critical that we continue to evolve as a school district in regards to the safety and security of our students. Therefore, we continue to review and enforce the implementation of the provisions of the School Safety Drill Act. This includes: 1) The regular and consistent training of our students and staff members, 2) Annual meeting with local law enforcement to review our emergency and crisis response plans, and 3) Conduct 2-3 full-scale safety exercises per year. 3. The process of reviewing and re-evaluating our safety procedures and policies is essential and is already built into our game plan. However, recent national events have definitely put a spotlight on school safety for everyone in our country. 4. I met with our student council after the tragedy in Florida. We talked for over an hour about measures already in place, the importance of continuing to evolve our safety game plan, and the importance of communication of all stakeholders. 5. It is our mission to maintain a safe learning environment for our students and to continuously evolve our procedures and policies. This will include conducting a monthly safety drill day effective immediately and make sure all minimum required safety drills are completed on the very first day of student attendance

Talent Show. On Friday, March 2, 2018, we had our Second Annual Southeastern's Got Talent Show. This is a serious talent show that showcases the amazing musical and fine arts talent of our high school students. It is quickly becoming one of my favorite traditions. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students who participated (outstanding job by all of you). We have so many good things going on at Southeastern and that is because of our student body. So proud of you!

First Place = Abi Kerr.

Second Place = Isaac Weese.

Third Place = Isaac Weese & Clara Taylor.

Fourth Place = Bond Drabek.