

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

May 2, 2014

Superintendent Report

Metal Panels:

I have been in touch with Tnemec and they will be providing information regarding painting the metal panels. The discussion with them will be regarding the following issues:

1. Type and length of warranty if painted
2. Painting panels before they are put up or after they are put up
3. Cost

It is important to note if the cost is over \$25,000 the work will need to go through Lobar and the renovation project or we would have to go through the bidding process in accordance with State law and regulations. If it is under \$25,000 then we will be able to deal directly with Tnemec.

An additional thought I discussed with the Architect is if we are going to have the panels painted and they can be painted once they are up. I would suggest we have the panels put in place and then make a final decision on painting. Presently I am trying to insure I have all information and cost by the board meeting on May 20, 2014, which would make this option #5 for the board to make a decision on.

Gym Floor

In approximately 3 to 4 weeks the Maple Hardwood Association will be on site to review and make recommendations regarding the gym floor. Presently I want to make sure all work is done in the gym prior to them arriving so we are able to access any and all needs.

Elementary Report

Federal Programs

According to information that I received at the Federal Programs conference, Southern Fulton is slated to receive \$150,740 in 2014-2015 Title I funds. This is an increase of \$32, 103 from our 2013-2014 Title I allocation of \$ 118, 637. Title II allocations are not available yet.

Information concerning updated guidelines regarding food expenditures in Federal Programs was also shared. This updated guideline does not affect Southern Fulton as we do not fund any food purchases through these grants.

Additional information gleaned from the conference include: updated guidelines for Federal Programs that reflect the ESEA Waiver, PA School Performance Profile, PVAAS Teacher Specific Data, and updated food expenditure information.

Information regarding changes in education in regard to Common Core standards and rigor and relevancy were also shared. This information will be shared with staff at subsequent trainings.

Upcoming Dates:

May

2	Grade 2 Field Trip (Pittsburgh)
4-10	Staff Appreciation Week
8	7:00 PM Elementary Band and Chorus Concert

13	Grade 5 Field Trip to Washington D.C.
14	24 Game Competition Grades 3 and 4
15	24 Game Competition Grades 5 and 6
16	Kindergarten Field Trip to Tristate Zoological Park (Cumberland MD)
20	Grade 6 Field Trip to Washington D.C.
21	Grade 4 Field Trip to Gettysburg
22	Scholastic Competition/Ice Cream Day
23	Field Day
26	No School-Memorial Day
27	7:00 PM Grade 6 Graduation (elementary)
28	Citizenship Day
29	Citizenship Day Make-up

June

2	School in Session
3	School in Session
	Kindergarten Registration Make-up
4	School in Session
5	School in Session
6	School in Session
	Grade 6 Sports Physicals (High School)
9	School in Session
	7:30 AM Principal's Reception (tentative)
10	Teacher in Service (No School for Students)
11	Student Last Day of School
	8:45 AM Kindergarten Graduation

High School

Voice of Democracy Speech Competition

18 seniors participated in this year's Voice of Democracy speech competition, hosted by the VFW. This year's theme was, "Is There Hope for America's Future?" Noah Hykes was the winner of the Southern Fulton participants and was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the McConnellsburg chapter of the VFW.

US News & World Report

The Southern Fulton High School is PROUD to announce that, for the 3rd consecutive year, we have received a US News & World Report Bronze Medal!!! This is a huge accomplishment for a small, rural school to be named in such a prestigious magazine. This award is based on several factors including academic achievement in the areas of math and reading. For more details, please follow the link below:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/pennsylvania/districts/southern-fulton-school-district/southern-fulton-junior-senior-high-school-17347>

Field Trip Request

The Junior High teachers have requested a fieldtrip for all 7th & 8th graders to attend the Hagerstown Suns Game on May 13, 2014. This fieldtrip will occur at no cost to the district as students are receiving discounted tickets to the baseball game and will cover the cost of their own ticket, as well as pay a small fee to cover the cost of the bus transportation. It is a great opportunity to reward ALL of the junior high

students, some of which had to take 5 standardized tests this year (PSSA: Reading, Writing, Math, Science; Keystone – Algebra I).

Envirothon

The Southern Fulton Envirothon teams competed at the local envirothon on Tuesday, April 28th. Although it was a wet, cold day, our teams did extremely well. Our team of Jacob Pryor, Connor Litton, Austin Mellott, Dristin Mellott, and Robbie McCusker finished first and they will represent Fulton County at the Pennsylvania State Envirothon at Susquehanna University and Montour Preserve on May 20-21. Our team of Nathan Leedy, Logan Beatty, Devin Spade, Nick Mason, and Nathan Mellott finished 2nd and they received patches from the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the high score in Wildlife. Our team of Matt Swadley, Cheyenne Eader, Brandon Eader, and Macoy Hess finished 3rd.

Our students not only competed well, but they were well behaved and represented Southern Fulton in an honorable manner. Most schools at the envirothon are having trouble getting students to participate due to the fact it is extra work outside of the classroom. We have kids that enjoy attending and studying for the envirothon. There were 16 teams from Franklin and Fulton Counties and Southern Fulton had 8 or 50% of the teams. We had to turn students away from attending due to room on the bus.

I would also like to thank the F&M bank for supporting the envirothon by giving the winning team an award for winning. The students appreciate the community support and recognition for their hard work. I would also like to thank the Southern Fulton School Board and Administration for the constant support for this program. The advisers for the envirothon are Van Duncan and Joe Hollenshead.

PSSA Science

The 8th graders are participating in the PSSA Science assessment online for the first time ever. At this time, PDE has given school districts the option of using a paper/pencil version or online version of the assessment. In an effort to prepare students for the Keystone Exams, which are taken online, Mr. Duncan has volunteered to begin the first online PSSA assessment at Southern Fulton High School. This test is the lead-up for the Keystone Biology Exam. Students have been working hard and practicing using the Classroom Diagnostic Tools and Study Island to prepare for the online version of the PSSA Science assessment. They have been using online tutorials to prepare themselves with the tools needed for this assessment. The PSSA Science assessment was given to all 8th graders on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1. The intent is to informally survey the students for feedback regarding the difference between the different modes of assessment to determine if additional PSSAs can/should be given online versus paper/pencil.

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 2- 4 – Scholastic Scrimmage National Competition
- May 3 – SATs at SFHS
- May 4 – NHS Basket Bingo; McConnellsburg Fire Hall
- May 8 – AP Eng Lit Exam
- May 8 – Prom Promise Assembly (pm)
- May 10 – Prom
- May 12 – Spring Hazardous Weather Drill
- May 14 – AP European History Exam
- May 17 – 7:30 p.m. Spring Band Concert
- May 12-23 Spring Keystone Exams
- May 19 – Literature Keystone Exam (am) Module 1
- May 20 – Literature Keystone Exam (am) Module 2

- May 22 – ALL Algebra I Keystone Exam (am) Module 1
- May 23 – ALL Algebra I Keystone Exam (am) Module 2
- May 23 – Elementary Field Day
- May 23 – Olweus Class Meeting; 7th period
- May 26 – No School
- May 28 – Biology Keystone Exam (am) Module 1
- May 29 – Biology Keystone Exam (am) Module 2
- May 29 – FFA Banquet
- May 31 – 7:30 p.m. Spring Chorus Concert
- June 2 – Art Institute Field Trip
- June 3 – Semper Fi Trip
- June 3 – STARS Jr High Hershey Trip
- June 4 – Senior Project Presentations with Mellott Co
- June 5 – NHS Fieldtrip
- June 6 – Graduation Practice Day 1
- June 9 – STARS Jr High Hershey Trip – Rain Date
- June 9 – Graduation Practice Day 2
- June 9 – 6th Grade Orientation – (pm)
- June 9 – Baccalaureate
- June 10 – Graduation Practice Day 3
- June 10 – Teacher In-Service
- June 10 – Graduation
- June 11 – Spanish Club Trip to Kings Dominion
- June 11 – Last Day of School

Technology Specialist

On April 30 myself and the 19 teachers participating in the Wilson College Technology Integration into the Classroom course participated in a webinar called Grant Writing 101 – Grant Writing for Beginners. This webinar focused on writing grants for technology in education. There were some good resources for finding grants and good tips on properly writing the request to meet the grant's requirements.