

THE RAM'S HORN



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South Eastern School District

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January Calendar

- 2 **NO SCHOOL** - Holiday Break
- 3 Delta PTA Mtg. 4:00 pm
- 4 Friends of Fawn PTO Mtg. 4:30 pm
- 5 Committee of the Whole Mtg. 6:30 pm
- 9 Coffee with Kaufmann at the Administration Building 9:00 am
- 10 Stew PTA Mtg. 6:00 pm
- 11 Sports Boosters Mtg. 5:30 pm
KD Nat'l Honor Society Induction 7:00-9:00 pm
- 13 **END OF MARKING PERIOD**
Early Dismissal - Students Only
Elem: 11:45 SEMS: 10:45
SEIS: 11:45 KD: 10:56
- 13-14 PMEA District 7 Chorus Festival
- 16 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development
- 17 SEIS PTO Mtg. in Library 6:30 pm
Music Boosters Mtg. 7:00 pm
- 18 KD Nat'l Honor Society Induction (Inclement Weather Make-up) 7 pm
- 19 School Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
- 20-27 SEIS PTO Book Fair
- 20 PMEA District 7 Jazz Auditions
- 23-27 Stew PTA Book Fair
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences (PM)
- 27 **NO SCHOOL**
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27-28 PMEA District 7 Orchestra Festival
- 28 SAT Testing (off campus)

School Board Meetings

Administration Community Rm.

January 19, 2017
7:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

As we reflect on 2016 and set goals for 2017 for our school district, including our work on the Comprehensive Plan, I believe it is important to share with you our thoughts on social-emotional learning. Social-emotional learning (SEL) includes the knowledge of and skills necessary to manage our emotions, set goals, express empathy, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. We believe we must be intentional about SEL with our students, and both infuse and explicitly instruct our students in these areas. Our schools incorporate SEL in various ways using everything from small group discussions on personal space and self-regulation to support groups, mindfulness, and lunch bunch conversations on bully prevention strategies. Sharing random acts of kindness has been an initiative in several of our schools. In addition, character traits are highlighted and student demonstration of these traits is often rewarded through school incentive programs. For some of our younger learners, play therapy practices can encourage even the most reluctant students to better express themselves and role play scenarios.

We are focused on the development of the whole child here at South Eastern. Building healthy, responsible contributors to the society at large is as important to us as academic achievement. You will see evidence of SEL initiatives in this issue as well as other issues of the Ram's Horn.

Thank you for supporting social-emotional learning in our schools.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kaufmann

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Through out the year, and even more prominently during the holiday season, SEDS students and staff organize numerous clothing and food drives to benefit those in need. Thank you to the volunteers and those who donated for your overwhelming generosity.



COFFEE WITH KAUFMANN

*You are invited
to join Dr. Kaufmann
on the following dates:*

Monday, Jan. 9th - 9:00 am
Administration Building

Tuesday, Feb. 7th - 5:30 pm
South Eastern Intermediate School

Tuesday, Mar. 21st - 6:00 pm
Kennard-Dale Library

*Looking forward to
seeing you there.*



YORK JUNIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On November 20th, SEMS musicians, Liesl Miller (Violin), Natalie Webb (Violin), Hailey Clayton (Cello), Molly Holz (Flute), Ian McPherson (Baritone/Euphonium), Kate Traeger (Flute), and Abigail Shaw (Violin) performed with the York Junior Symphony Orchestra at Dallastown Area Intermediate School.



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AEVIDUM - "YOU ARE GOOD ENOUGH"

On November 18th, Aavidum hosted their third annual fall assembly. During Aavidum meetings, members brainstorm together, then divide into smaller groups to discuss individual ideas for each assembly. They use social media, friends, and experiences from other places to create the acts in the assembly. This year's assembly, "You Are Good Enough," began with a color guard light show. With the lights out and the stage completely dark, the color guard members wore black clothing adorned with glow sticks and danced to the music. Following the show, there was a blog reading. Students sat on stage and read aloud scripted messages in a poetic style. During part of the assembly, Aavidum members spread throughout the auditorium and read quotes about different situations such as athletes who never felt like they pleased their parents or a student who was never invited to parties. The situations were normal things most people go through, but don't really say out loud. English teacher, Mr. Smith, shared some of his own personal trials with the audience. Mr. Smith spoke about his difficulties in high school, his loss of direction in life, and later, his desire to attend college. Students were moved by his candid sharing of personal difficulties. English teacher, Ms. Buttiens, created a video featuring an original poem and teachers sharing their personal experiences. Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Wenckus, also presented a video she created where teachers shared how students with a smile and a positive attitude can impact and "make their day." Ms. Vojcsik, Ms. Adams, and the entire Aavidum team are very appreciative of the administration at South Eastern for supporting the importance of Aavidum and for providing opportunities to host assemblies and events that promote the value of mental health and of the whole person.



THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS:

Aavidum Member, Garrett Kilgore: Aavidum got the word out very well that people matter to them and matter to everyone. Whether people want to admit it or not, they want to feel wanted and that they matter.

Aavidum Member, Bailee Wenckus: Ms. Vojcsik comes up with crazy ideas and we make them happen. Mrs. Adams is the behind the scenes person who keeps everything in order.

Aavidum Member, Olivia Porrovcchio: I think it went really well, because in other years we did the same thing and this year we did it really differently. Usually we do suicide prevention, and instead we did 'You Are Good Enough' and this is why you belong in the school and that you can get help if you ever feel like you're not your happiest.

Teacher (Grade 2), Ms. Wenckus: The assembly brought awareness to everyday problems that most people may not be aware of.

English Teacher, Ms. Buttiens: I wanted students to understand that while we don't know their hardships, we are people who have experienced pain and difficulty before. Hopefully, this might open up doors of communication for some students who might feel alone.

Aavidum Co-Advisor, Ms. Adams: We wanted to stress the importance of self-love/self-importance.

School Social Worker and Aavidum Advisor, Ms. Vojcsik: The overall goal of Aavidum is to create a culture at school where everyone feels like they matter, are appreciated, and acknowledged. I feel (and hope) that the assembly sparked something in others. I hope that there was something in the assembly that everyone could relate to, that helps others recognize that they are not alone, and that we all have our stuff.

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