

DoDEA Mission

"To Provide an Exemplary Education that Inspires and Prepares All DoDEA Students for Success in a Dynamic, Global Environment."

Shughart Purpose

Shughart Middle School: A community that inspires, empowers, and challenges learners.

School Goals

Goal 1: By June 2015, all students will increase their ability to analyze text, which is drawing conclusions, inferring relationships, and identifying theme and story elements. Progress will be measured by the selected system-wide and local assessments.

Goal 2: By June 2015, all students will be able to increase math communication, which is modeling and describing ideas through verbal, written, and/or graphical representations. Progress will be measured by the selected system-wide and local assessments.

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BLACK HAWK BUZZ



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Principal's Perspective

Happy New Year to all of our stakeholders! We're off to a great start in 2013 . It's hard to believe first semester is drawing to a close in a couple of weeks. The end of 1st semester is Jan. 24. Teacher workday is Feb. 1 and report cards go home on Feb. 4. Please encourage your student to press all the way to the end of the first semester and do his/her best.

Please note the date and time for the School Dance is Feb. 8 from 4:30-6:30. If you are picking up your child, please be here at 6:30 to pick her/him up. Teachers have had to stay at least an hour late waiting for parents to pick up their children at every dance we've had. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Shughart MS and ES conducted a lockdown drill on Monday afternoon, Jan. 7. Another unannounced drill will be held in

the near future. This drill will be in conjunction with the base and will be monitored by both DoDEA and Ft. Bragg personnel. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

I would like to ask your support in volunteering for school through the PTA. We have a core group of 6 or 7 people who do most of the work. We appreciate everything the PTA is doing for the school. They will especially need help during the Book Fair in February. Please contact Shughartmspto@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or joining PTA.

The next basketball home game is January 16th. Come support our student athletes!

Have a great Black Hawk January!

CSI Information

Teachers are teaching CSI lessons every Monday during advisory time. This week's lesson focused on the SMS purpose statement and goals. We want to make sure all of our students are aware of our School Improvement process and what we stand for at SMS.

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If you are interested in serving on our CSI team,



Click the link to visit the AdvancED website.

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 BB @ East Lee MS	8	9	10 BB @ Overhills MS	11	12
13	14	15	16 BB Home vs. Harnett Central	17 PTA Jeans Day & 6th grade Sixthsonian 3:15-4:30	18 CSI Inservice Day	19
20	21 MLK Holiday No school	22	23	24 End of 1st semester BB @ SanLee	25	26
27	28 BB Home Dunn MS	29	30	31 BB Home Overhills		

Calendar of Events for February

- Feb. 1—Teacher Work Day—no school for students
- Feb. 5—Report cards go home
- Feb. 5—8th grade tours Overhills HS and Parent Night from 5:00-6:00 at SMS for parents of students attending OHS
- Feb. 8—School Dance—4:30-6:30
- Feb. 8—STUCO Jeans Day
- Feb. 11-15 Book Fair
- Feb. 14—NAEP testing for 8th grade
- Feb. 18—Presidents’ Day
- Feb. 22—PTA Jeans Day
- Feb. 27—3rd Q. progress reports

Counselors’ Corner

Fort Bragg’s CHOICE FAIR for rising 9th graders

Learn about high school options in your school district (representatives from Cumberland and Harnett counties will be present).

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Albritton Middle School Gymnasium

Fort Bragg, NC



6th Grade News

ELA Sparky Happenings!

Welcome back to another great semester in 6th grade! We are so excited for the learning ahead of us. Our students can expect the "climb" towards 7th grade as we continue to prepare them for excellence. There will be more novel readings from the favorite authors of "tweens" such as Mildred D. Taylor, S.E. Hinton, Louis Sachar, and more. your students can read ahead or keep up when they are absent.

7th Grade News

The 7th grade students have started out the New Year by burying their bad habits. The students spent some time discussing what habits make them successful and what habits are detrimental to success. The students will concentrate on making 2013 a very successful and positive year!

The 2nd nine weeks is quickly coming to a close. Ms. Wright will be holding a study hall on January 10th and January 17th after school from 3:10-4:00. This is a great opportunity for students that are missing any work in their classes to make it up!

Do you have freckles? Students are beginning to learn about heredity in

8th Grade News

Are you receiving your emails from your child's 8th grade team? The team sends an electronic copy of the newsletter each Friday. Please insure that your contact information is current. If you would like to schedule a parent conference with the team, we are

6th Grade /7th Grade Math

For the months of January and February, we will be covering the following topics:

Adding/Subtracting/
Multiplying/Dividing
Fractions and Mixed
Numbers
Ratios and Rates
Sequences and Expressions
Proportions and Equations
Prime Factorization
Simplifying Fractions
Rate of Change and Slope
Changing Customary Units
and Metric Units
Scale Drawings

Fractions, Decimals, and
Percents

6th Grade Science

The focus of the final half of the 2nd marking period will be vertebrate animals: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, & mammals.

6th Social Studies

We are finishing up an exciting unit of study on Egypt. As a culminating event, we will have an exhibition showing student works. The Sixthsonian will be open for viewing by parents, teachers, students, and other guests on January 17 from 3:15-

sciencePlease help your students learn their vocabulary for this unit by reviewing with them on a regular basis.

Students are finishing up South Africa in Mrs. Smith's World Geography and should be preparing for their unit test. In Mrs. Carrizales will be studying the geography and recent history in Northern Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia.

In Math 7 students are finishing up Chapter 3: Solving equations, Perimeter and Area, Functions and moving on to Chapter 4: Fractions, Decimals and Percents. Math 8 will be learning square roots and multi

step equations.

In Ms. Wright's Language Arts classes students are learning the literary elements and different genres. In Ms. Johnston's Language Arts classes students will be covering literary elements.

The students are very excited about their basketball tournaments coming up in PE.

Please remember that the 7th grade team has conference time available every Thursday from 12:30-1:15.



Nurse's Corner

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches and fatigue. You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you even know

you are sick. Certain people are at greater risk for serious complications if they get the flu. This includes older people, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease). The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated

each year. Go get your flu shots!!



STEAMing Along

For the next two weeks, all teachers will be receiving follow-up training in creating STEAM-focused lessons and best practices. This training will be conducted during the day using substitutes to cover classes. We continue to move forward in using the Engineering Design Process and increasing student engagement through the use of interdisciplinary units. Although STEAM week is designated the last week of

April, teachers are creating opportunities to integrate the EDP into lessons throughout the year.

Encore Corner

YEARBOOK:

Use YPPay at ybpay.lifetouch.com and pre-order your yearbook online now! Use yearbook ID code: 11104613. You can also pre-order and pay with cash at the Blackhawk basketball home game on Wednesday, 1/16/13. Yearbook representatives will be available. ONLY \$25 to see "All the Memories" of your year at Shughart Middle School put together in the 2012-2013 yearbook; designed by the first SMS yearbook class. Members of the Shughart Middle School community can upload images for consideration in the yearbook! Photos taken at

school, sporting, or club events taken by families and members of the community can be uploaded at community.lifetouch.com. Use the Community Image Upload Site Access Code: ZASDTD.

STUDENT COUNCIL: SEE HOT CHOCOLATE FLYER

FRENCH/ART

Bonne année à tous! As the first semester draws to a close all French classes are busy doing research projects. The 8th grade is studying French artists. They, along with the art classes, will be enhancing their

learning by taking a field trip to the Nasher Art Museum in Durham and visiting the Matisse exhibition. This will be a joint French/art experience! The seventh grade is exploring famous French people throughout history; and 6th grade students are discovering French speaking countries in the world and sharing their discoveries with their peers.