

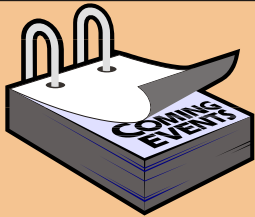


WILDCAT WATCH

Smokey Road Middle School

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May

- May 1 First ArtWorks 6:00 pm
- May 2 Algebra I EOCT
- May 2-4 Media Center Bookfair
- May 3-6 Band Trip to Disney World
- May 4-5 Honor Chorus, CVPA
- May 8 Chorus Concert, CVPA 7:00 pm
- May 10 Band Concert, Gym 7:00 pm
- May 11 8th Grade Dance 4-6:00 pm
- May 17 Honors Day in the Gym
 - 8th Grade 9:00 am
 - 7th Grade 11:00 am
 - 6th Grade 2:00 pm
- May 17 Strings Concert, Café 7:00 pm
- May 18 Yearbook Distribution

Final Exam Schedule

- May 22 Final Exams 8th Grade Only
1st, 2nd, 5th period
- May 23 Final Exams
3rd, 4th period - All Grades
5th period - 7th Graders Only
- May 24 Final Exams
6th, 7th period - All Grades
5th period - 6th Graders Only
- May 25 Final Exams 6th/7th Graders
1st, 2nd period

- May 25 8th Grade Picnic
- May 25 Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 12:45 pm
- May 31 Report Cards mailed or picked up

Athletics

- May 3 Track Meet 4:30 pm
@ Northgate High
- May 8 & 10 County Track Championships
@ Newnan High

Principally Speaking . . .

Dr. Laurie Barron, Principal

I am pleased to report that our CRCT testing week went very smoothly. Students, parents, teachers, and staff members all worked together to help ensure that students arrived to school on time every day and to promote a positive attitude toward testing. Increasing awareness and emphasis regarding the CRCT and focusing on the individual needs of students made a significant difference in our overall preparation for and attitudes toward the entire CRCT process. Throughout the testing week, I heard many positive comments from teachers and students alike regarding preparation for the tests.

We are truly **Striving to Reach and Motivate Students**, and we are working to ensure that each student is in a safe environment, feels valued as an individual, and then learns the appropriate curriculum for future success. By following our mission and vision first, I truly believe that we will be able to meet our school improvement goals for math, reading/language arts, and attendance and to see some of those results evidenced in our CRCT scores. Teachers have already documented numerous results of many students increasing achievement in math and in reading/language arts, and we're already seeing results of our attendance incentives. Student attendance has been very high this school year:

- 98% for CRCT Week
- 96.12% March (improved 0.21% from last year)
- 96.75% February (improved 3.05% from last year)
- 98.03% December/January (improved 1.38% from last year)
- 98.05% November (improved 2.57% from last year)
- 97.95% October (improved 1.7% from last year)
- 98.43% September (improved 1.44% from last year)
- 98.93% August (improved 1.37% from last year)

CRCT results should arrive in late May/early June, and we look forward to improved student achievement scores on these tests.

As we near the close of another school year, remaining focused on school work can be a very difficult task for students! Nonetheless, this is an extremely important time of year for academics. With research papers, special projects, and final exams approaching, students must stay focused on doing their very best in our final academic days this year.

Working together, we are truly achieving our mission, vision, and school improvement goals for students!

Parents make a difference at Smokey Road!

2007 - 08 Officers

Co-presidents: Kim Pecce & Tracy Skinner

Secretary: Suzanne Lybrand

Treasurer: Jennifer White

School Council Parent Members:

Debra Archer & Christy Head



Spring Book Fair

Anne Q. Powell, Librarian

The Smokey Road Spring Book Fair will be held in the Media Center on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Buy a book, get the second one (of equal or lesser value) FREE! A great way to start the summer break: a batch of books to wile away the lazy, hazy, June bug, firecracker days. Some titles to look for:

Sokoku: 120 Fun Number Puzzles

Hot Cars, Cool Rides

Aretemis Foul

3 Terrifying Tales from the Midnight Library

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: The Real Deal

Please look around - under the beds, between the mattresses, the kitchen cabinets, the closet floors - for books that might have strayed from here to there and have your child return any found SRMS Media Center books to us as we close out another year and prepare for the new.

"No frigate like a book to take us lands away."

Emily Dickinson

Academic Bowl

Judy Ethridge, Sponsor

The Smokey Road Academic Bowl Team sponsored the region championship at our school on March 19. About 200 students, coaches, parents, and interested friends attended. Fourteen teams from five counties came to compete in the final match of the year. The Academic Bowl Team would like to thank all of the SRMS faculty members who helped as Readers, Time Keepers, Score Keepers, and Spotters, as well as General Runners during the event. A special thank you to Mr. Greg Cook, BETA club sponsor, for gathering his club members to assist in several ways. Thanks also go to Mr. Matt Hauert and the SGA for helping us finance the refreshments for the event.

Relay for Life

Jason White, Coordinator

At Smokey Road Middle School, we are in the midst of our greatest Relay for Life fundraising efforts, and we look forward to your help in supporting the following events.

- **Paw Sales**- A grade level competition. Paws currently on sale until May 4th- sold in 25¢, \$5, and \$10 increments.
- **Relay Charity Dance**- Friday, April 27th (4 - 6pm) Come join us for some food, fun, & Music, oh, and dancing!! All proceeds go to Relay for Life. Admission \$5.
- **Hat Sticker Day**- Friday April 27th. Wear you favorite hat all day for just \$1 (school appropriate & correctly worn).

- **General Donations**- We are accepting tax deductible donations from parents and businesses. Checks payable to American Cancer Society; just drop off at the front office.

Why Smokey Road is in the fight against Cancer!!

Every dollar you raise makes a difference to people in our community whose lives are touched by cancer. The Society has contributed to almost every major discovery in cancer research. Millions of lives have been save as a result, including people you may know. For those people and countless others, the research the Society has funded is resulting in better ways to prevent, detect, and treat cancer.



In this country, more than 10 million people have battled cancer at some point in their lives and won. Thanks to better treatments, better ways to prevent recurrences, and the wider use of the screening tests, the number of cancer survivors is growing each year.

Attention Parents:

Melinda Walden, 8th Grade Teacher

School is not out until May 25th!!!! Many students are ready to pack it in and begin summer early because CRCT testing is over and the end is near, but the 8th grade teachers would like to remind parents and students that we will continue with rigorous academic content through exams and up until the last day of school. Attendance is imperative at this time because you don't want grades to drop in these last few weeks.

Now, with that said, we have had a fantastic year and with only a few more weeks to go, we are ready to celebrate our successes. The 8th grade dance will be on May 11. This is a Luau theme dance, and your student may dress in this theme all day on the 11th as long as dress code requirements are met.

The end of the year celebration for 8th graders will be on May 25. Parents are invited to join us for a cookout and games to mark the ending of your student's middle school career. Please help us with these events by donating individual serving drinks (cans or bottles), chips, and snacks. If you would be interested in helping with food preparation for the cookout on May 25th, please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Visit boxtops4education.com
for great ideas to earn cash for our school!
Send your SUMMER clippings when schools starts in August!

Summer Reading Ideas

Anne Q. Powell, Librarian

Consider the following titles for your summertime reading pleasures and thoughts:

6th grade:

Queenie Peavy by Robert Burch
Don't Look Behind You by Lois Duncan
William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet retold by Bruce Coville
The Year Mom Won the Pennant by Matt Christopher
The Story of Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad by Kate McMullan
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

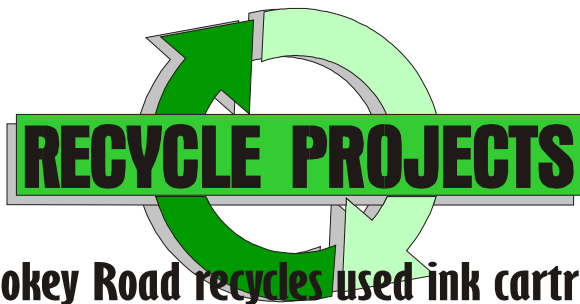
7th grade:

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Down a Dark Hall by Lois Duncan
William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream retold by Bruce Coville
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Waiting for Odysseus by Clemence McLaren
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

8th grade:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Godless by Pete Hautman
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Jacob have I loved by Katherine Patterson
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
Hiroshima by John Hersey

And everybody should read A Kid's Guide to America's Bill of Rights: Curfews, Censorship, and the 100-Pound Giant by Kathleen Krull!



**Smokey Road recycles used ink cartridges
& old cell phones!**

DON'T FORGET Year-end Checklist

Café

Starting in May, all lunch payment overages for the year will be sent home with students. All charges owed need to be paid immediately, and no charges will be allowed during the last week of school. Please make sure your child has adequate money to pay for meals.

Report Cards

Final grades will be available on May 31. Send in a stamped envelope to have yours mailed directly to you, or drop by the school to pick up your report card on that date.

Cell Phones, Etc. . .

There are many cell phones and other electronic equipment waiting to be claimed in the front office by the parent of its rightful owner!! We have unclaimed prescription eye glasses too!

Medicine

By law, all medicines - prescription or OTC - left in the nurse's office after the last day of school must be *thrown away!* Don't let your valuable dollars go to waste. Stop by the office and pick up your medicine before school lets out.

BoxTops

Please keep clipping during the summer and send them in when school starts next fall.

Summer School

Students will be notified, as soon as possible in late May, if they will need to attend Summer School or the CRCT Prep Program. Both will be held at Evans Middle School.

Summer school • June 4 - 29
8:00 am - 11:15 am daily

CRCT Prep Program • June 4 - 22
8:00 - 9:50 am **OR** 10:00 - 11:50 am daily

2007-08 Student Transfer Deadline is June 11th

All currently approved student transfers expire at the end of this school year on May 25, 2007. This includes any transfers granted under local policies JBCD or JBCDA as well as those granted under the No Child Left Behind law.

Applications for new and continuing 2007-2008 transfers must be received at the Board of Education Building at 237 Jackson Street by June 11, 2007. The forms must be notarized. Notaries are available at all schools and at the Board of Education Building. Beginning in mid-June, parents will be notified by letter whether the transfer was provisionally approved or denied.

Final approval must be received from the United States Department of Justice in Washington, DC. This is expected no later than August 1, 2007. If the transfer is not approved by the Justice Department, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Parents may obtain a copy of the transfer application form from their child's school, at the Coweta County Board of Education Building at 237 Jackson St. in Newnan, or by printing one from the school system website at www.cowetaschools.org.

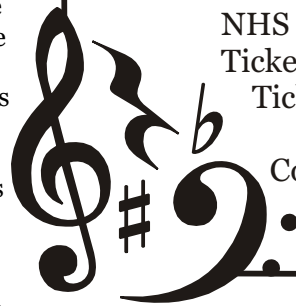
The transfer policies JBCD and JBCDA are available on the website for review. In addition, a review copy of each policy will be available in each school's office and at the Board of Education Building at 237 Jackson Street.

NHS Class of 2007 Presents

The Music Man

Sat. April 28	7:30 pm
Sun. April 29	2:30 pm
Mon. April 30	7:30 pm
Tue. May 1	7:30 pm

NHS Auditorium
 Tickets \$8 - Sr. Citizens free
 Tickets available at the door



Congratulations to the cast which includes students from Smokey Road. Great job!

From the Nurse



All medicines NOT picked up by the last day of school must be thrown away. Don't forget to claim your child's meds!



TIP Line 24/7

770-253-2324
 1-800-SAY-STOP

School Safety Mission: To provide a safe and secure school environment conducive to learning with the cooperation of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and the community.

If you have a suspicion of drugs, weapons, or violence at Smokey Road Middle School, we urge you to speak with an administrator, school counselor, or school resource officer or to anonymously call the phone numbers above.

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2007 - 08 School Calendar

July 31
 Parent Orientation for 6th Graders
 SRMS Café 6:30 pm

Aug 6	1st day of school
Sep 3	Labor Day Holiday
Oct 8	Teacher Work Day
Nov 19 - 23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 18	Last Day before Christmas Break
Dec 19 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Return to school
Jan 21	MLK Jr. Holiday
Feb 18 - 22	Mid-Winter Break
Mar 14	Teacher Work Day
Apr 7 - 11	Spring Break
May 23	Last Day of School

