



# SAGEVILLE

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Sageville Elementary Newsletter

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## From the desk of Miss Mac:

We had a wonderful surprise for Mrs. Ann Johnson last Friday. We had an assembly at the end of the day for an official send-off to the White House. She is receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math. Her family and math colleagues were here to support her as well as our superintendent, Stan Rheingans and board members Mike Donahue and Tammy Ryan. Mrs. Johnson's mother received this same honor in 2002. Thanks to all the students and staff for making this a special event! We look forward to hearing about her week in Washington, D.C.

As you may know, the PPEL vote is this coming Tuesday. This is the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy which provides 3.8 million additional funds for our schools. At Sageville, the following projects are just a few that we have benefitted from: Boiler replacement; \$242,299.54; Parking Lot Expansion; \$160,821.46; and Restroom Renovation; \$3,780.00. This will not increase property taxes. For your convenience, Sageville is a voting station.

Next week our students in K-5 will be screened in reading. Kindergarteners will take FAST and students in Grades 1-5 will take DIBELS. These assessments are used to measure the acquisition of literacy skills. This is just one measure which assist teachers in their instruction. You will receive these results at October conferences.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Research show that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

I will be in touch with parents before a student is considered chronically absent if I have not been made aware any special circumstances. Please also be aware that a vacation may not be an approved absence if a child has been chronically absent from school.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Don't forget to send your picture envelope to school next Tuesday!



### Calendar of Events

#### Tomorrow:

9:45 Late Arrival  
Scrip & Sageville Apparel orders are due

#### Monday-September 12

Cub Scout Night

#### Tuesday-September 13

Voting available at Sageville School Picture Day

#### Friday-September 16

9:45 Late Arrival  
Orchestra & Band lessons start for Grade 5

## Friday Focus:

- This Friday staff will attend a session on "Mindfulness" and learn the research behind it and how they can incorporate it into their classroom.

# FUN RUN

## September 17th, 10:00 AM

### DALZELL FIELD (by Senior High School)

Come out and enjoy a morning of recreation by jogging or walking at Dalzell field. The purpose of the event is to promote lifelong wellness in our community. Participants may register and join in on the fun, or they may cheer on their favorite runner/walker. An adult must accompany children to the event. This event is FREE for all participants.



## Counselor Corner

During the week of September 6th – 9th I have been in kindergarten thru second grade focusing on skills for learning. In kindergarten they learned about the word effort and shared a time where they put effort towards something. In first grade we reviewed the meaning of effort and watched the video The Little Engine That Could. All Student's then drew a picture of something they've put effort towards and how they felt once they met their goal. In second grade we reviewed the meaning of the word effort and a time where they've used effort. Second grade students then made a plan for this school year of a goal they would like to achieve. Next week I will be in grades 3-5 with the focus continuing to be on skills for learning.

Tips for Parent's: Children ages six to 13 need 9-11 hours of sleep. At the same time, there is an increasing demand on their time from school (e.g., homework), sports and other extracurricular and social activities. In addition, school-aged children become more interested in TV, computers, the media and Internet as well as caffeine products – all of which can lead to difficulty falling asleep, nightmares and disruptions to their sleep. In particular, watching TV close to bedtime has been associated with bedtime resistance, difficulty falling asleep, anxiety around sleep and sleeping fewer hours. Sleep problems and disorders are prevalent at this age. Poor or inadequate sleep can lead to mood swings, behavioral problems such as ADHD and cognitive problems that impact on their ability to learn in school.

-SleepFoundation.org

## After-School Questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your student's day:

\*What was the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?

\*Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?

\*What made you laugh today?

\*What was the most creative thing you did?

\*How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful



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Save the date for our OPEN HOUSE on THURSDAY.

SEPTEMBER 22,

6:00 PM.—7:30PM

You'll get a chance to play SASSY GO with your smart phone.