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The South Viewer

A publication of South View Middle School – Edina, Minnesota

EventsView

Mon., Dec. 14 – “A” Day
3 p.m., Site Council Mtg., Media Center

Tues., Dec. 15
7:30 a.m., Spirit of South View breakfast, Cafeteria
6 p.m., 6th grade band concert, Auditorium
7:30 p.m., 7th grade band concert, Auditorium

Wed., Dec. 16
2:45 p.m., Mandatory meeting for Variety Show participants

Thurs., Dec. 17
6 p.m., 8th grade band concert, Auditorium
7:30 p.m., 9th grade band concert, Auditorium

Mon., Dec. 21-Fri., Jan. 1
Winter Break

Mon., Jan. 4
School resumes

For the complete 2009-2010 Calendar, go to:
<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/southview/pdfs/SVCalendar200910.pdf>

Note from the Principal...

Sometimes I hear that a particular class isn't that rigorous because there isn't any homework. Homework is not an indication that a class is rigorous. What does determine whether a class is rigorous is the amount of thinking that students are doing. Are they problem-solving, creating, making sense of what they read, constructing, analyzing, synthesizing, etc? Talking in class is one way that makes thinking explicit and allows students to build upon ideas together. The richness and depth of conversations is what often determines rigor. “The process of making one's thinking explicit through talking is important for two reasons. It allows teachers some access into the student's thinking, so they can intervene to address misconceptions or to promote further learning... As well as helping the teacher, getting students to make their thinking explicit is also important for the learner because it actually causes learning.” Dylan and Black, "Assessment for Learning", 2003.

DID YOU GET YOUR SOUTH VIEW DIRECTORY YET? The Parent Council has worked hard to put them together and distribute them to Parent Council members. If you haven't gotten one and aren't a PC member, you can get yours one of two ways: 1) Join Parent Council for \$25 and support all of the important programs they plan for our students during the year: www.southviewparents.com; or 2) Pay \$20 for a directory only, available in the South View office. Questions? denise.elmquist@gmail.com

Have a wonderful winter break!

--Dr. Beth Russell, South View Principal

DID YOU ORDER SOUTH VIEW APPAREL?

IT'S IN!

**PICK UP BEGINNING MON., DEC. 14
SEE CARMINE LEVOIR IN THE SVMS OFFICE**

A Day of Giving Books – Friday, Dec. 18!

This Friday, the media center will be hosting “A Day of Giving” – a read and recycle initiative. If you are looking to clean out your book shelves, this is a great opportunity to bring in your gently-used books. “Green Books” is a non-profit organization that drops off the books to non-profits, assisted living homes and homeless shelters. They are looking for fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, and especially children's books. Stop by the media center for a cup of cocoa!

The South Viewer is published weekly by the South View Parent Council. If you have questions, feedback, or ideas for articles, please email patty5537@gmail.com

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South View Winterfest 2010 - Save the date!

Friday, February 19

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (*note time change*)

Parent volunteers are needed!

Watch upcoming newsletters for specifics.

Pick a snowflake, help a teacher!

Have you checked out teachers' wish lists on the bulletin board in the office? You will see "snowflakes" with items written on them that teachers would like for their classrooms. Parents are invited to come into the office, pick a snowflake off the board, purchase the item for the classroom, and then bring it to the office. Office staff will distribute to the appropriate teacher and will let the teacher know who generously granted their wish! Questions? Email lorharrison@edina.k12.mn.us

H1N1 Vaccination Clinic this week at WMS

Bloomington Public Health will be holding an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic on **Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Valley View Middle School.** There is a limited amount of vaccine available for this clinic. For this reason, we are offering vaccination to Edina residents in the following groups at this time:

- People ages 6 months through 24 years
- People ages 25 years through 64 years **with chronic health conditions**
- Pregnant women
- Caretakers or household contacts of babies under 6 months of age
- Health care providers and emergency medical services personnel

If you are going to the clinic, please remember to:

- Wear a short-sleeved shirt.
- Take an insurance card if you have one. Your health insurance will cover the cost of the vaccine. **If you do not have insurance, there will be no cost to you.**
- Come with your child. **Children under 18 years must have a parent or guardian present.**
- Two vaccinations are needed for children under 10 years. **There must be at least 21 days between vaccinations.**

In order to shorten waiting times at the clinic, please fill out the consent form in advance. There is a link to the consent form on the Bloomington Public Health website (www.ci.bloomington.mn.us). This form will also be available at the clinic. For more info about the H1N1 flu and/or the H1N1 flu vaccine, please visit www.flu.gov or www.mdhflu.com. We will notify you via your child's school of future clinics that will be open to more groups of people. For more information about these clinics, call 952-563-8787, extension 2435.

Still want the new calculator?

The newly recommended TI Nspire CAS calculator is no longer available for online purchase. If you would like to purchase the calculator, contact Scott Woelber, K-12 Mathematics Coordinator, at scwoelber@edina.k12.mn.us and ask for an offline purchase form.

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After-school pickups

If you're picking up a child from an after-school activity, please pick her or him up at Doors 6 or 7 on the west side of the building, near the theater. Waiting in front of the school for a child creates congestion when activity buses arrive to pick students up at about 4:45 p.m. The lane in front of the school also is a designated fire lane, so cars are prohibited from parking there. Thanks for your cooperation.

Edina Girls Athletic Association Winter Volleyball Clinic

4th – 7th Grade

Lead by Kari Peterson,
Former Head Volleyball Coach, University of North Dakota

Saturday January 9, 2010

Edina Community Center City Gym

9:00 – 11:30 am

\$ 20.00 if pre-registered

\$25.00 at the door

REGISTER TODAY at www.egaa.org

Check it out: Edina Ed Fund *Report to the Community* Now Available

The Edina Education Fund's 2008-2009 *Report to the Community* is available on the Ed Fund website. The report includes a summary of fundraising and funding activities. A few highlights:

- Funds raised grew by 15% with strong support from 725 donors, including 205 new donors.
- Over \$375,000 was directed to the Edina Public Schools through the Ed Fund for curriculum, technology and projects touching all levels of Edina's pre-K-12 education. Included in this was a *new Writing Center* at the high school, additional *Project Lead the Way* Science and Engineering curriculum, *Writing Cohort Training* for teachers, additional *counseling* support, *Financial Literacy* curriculum, and *technology* enhancements.
- In addition, *Innovation Grants* totaling \$56,000 were given to 19 staff members in the district for enhancements to teaching and learning.
- And, funding for 30 *scholarships* was provided to Edina High School seniors.

Please visit the Ed Fund website at http://www.edinaedfund.com/PDFs/RTC_2009.pdf to see a full copy of the report, to get more information on these and other initiatives, and to make a year-end donation.