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Somerset Independent Schools

Spring/Summer 2013

Last Day of School For Students; May 21, 2013

Somerset High School Graduation: May 24, 2013, 7:00 PM

Students Prepare for State Accountability

Teachers and students in the Somerset Independent School System utilized proficiency measures throughout the 2012-13 school year. These measures were indicators of the level of mastery for individual students on specific content. The Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS) provided insight for teachers as students progressed toward College and Career Readiness.



Ms. Cindy Ham, Assessment Coordinator, worked to ensure that everyone is comfortable with using CIITS as an assessment tool and interpreting the results for targeted re-teaching.

Superintendent Boyd Randolph and the District Leadership Team have diligently monitored classroom activities via a walkthrough program and analyzed data reflected in these walkthroughs. This team effort helps ensure that

Teachers throughout the district use Discovery Education (ThinkLink) and CIITS (Proficiency Checks) to monitor student progress and guide instruction.

students are participants in the most effective activities geared towards achieving proficiency.

CIITS allows teachers to provide parents with more detailed information concerning student progress. Teachers and parents can readily recognize areas of concern through the

“Proficiency Checks” administered in a specific class/course. With this partnership for learning, students can experience success as they tackle the End of Course Assessments, KOSSA, COMPASS, ACT, and a variety of other assessments.

Somerset Independent continues to be dedicated to the success of ALL students!

The Mission of Somerset Independent Schools is to provide our students with the highest educational learning experience by creating innovative opportunities, effective communication, and leaders who inspire Everyday, Every way, No Exceptions!

Bring Your Own Device...

Somerset Independent is in the process of completing a wireless upgrade that will allow students/staff to "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD). This system allows for personal devices to become active on the district network via wi-fi connectivity.

This initiative is another tool that will support instructional activities in the classroom. Teachers, students, and administrators will have the capability to truly be online anytime/anyplace throughout our district with any device that has "joined" our network.

Allowing students access while providing a safe and secure connection is always our goal and intent. According to Jason Ruble, a member of the District IT Team, "The internet connectivity students receive on a personal device is filtered and monitored like any school owned device once the personal device joins our network. This is safer than the traditional 3G/4G connectivity that students usually access with cellular devices."

Students and teachers can now work seamlessly between school and home. This encourages everyone to work without the worry relative to "transporting" the work from school to home or from home to school.

BYOD is just another example of Somerset Independent striving to expand opportunities for students and staff which support our learning goals and the ultimate goal of having all students College and Career Ready!

District Technology Plan

The Somerset Independent Schools Technology Committee has completed the District Technology Plan for 2013-14. This plan is revised every year and reflects the technology related needs of the school district. The process involves reviewing the previous plan and aligning our goals with the State Master Plan.

The draft plan has been forwarded to KDE for approval and is available to the public at :

<http://www.somerset.kyschools.us/administrativeDepartment2.aspx?aid=6>

Please contact Ms. Yvonneda Gosser, Coordinator of Tech & Info, with questions regarding the plan.

BYOD....It's Coming.....

21st Century Program

The Somerset Independent Schools 21st Century Program is completing its 4th year of operation. This past year students participated in a variety of activities (ie art, theater, etching, and drawing), as well as received homework assistance in the areas of math, science, and the humanities.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities have also been a portion of the 21st Century Program. Some of the STEM activities include: building and flying scale model WWI fighter planes, flying model helicopters, building robots, building model magnetic levitating trains, designing and building toy race cars, video production, microbiology labs and numerous other learning experiences.

Students in the program have participated in field trips to state parks, governmental agencies, businesses and other points of interest. The 21st Century Program is designed to expand opportunities for students.

According to Mr. Cloyd Bumgardner, the 21st Century will continue to offer programs over the summer. The program will run concurrent with the summer school session, June 3-June 28, 2013. Lunch and transportation will be provided for students.

Field trips, activities and credit recovery will continue to be the focus of the summer program.



Students use many resources as part of the 21st Century Program.

Summer School Opportunity

According to Cloyd Bumgardner, Somerset High School and Meece Middle School will both offer opportunities for students during the summer. The summer session will be a 4 week session that begins on June 3 and ends June 28, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with 30 minutes for lunch.

English/Language Arts and Math will be offered for SHS and MMS. Transportation to and from the summer program will be provided by the school district. Lunch will be provided for students in the SHS cafeteria.

SHS students who are failing English or math need to register in the guidance office for summer school. All students must complete 4 years of English and math to meet the graduation requirements.

MMS students who need to attend summer school will be notified by the school administration.

Hopkins Elementary-Renovation Continues

Hopkins Elementary School has been undergoing numerous improvements to their facility. Teachers and students have patiently tolerated the construction because they know that the end result will be worth it.

The first phase of construction includes the renovation of classrooms with Interactive Boards, Microphone Systems, Surround Sound, Wireless Connectivity, and updated heating/air. The classrooms and hallways will be bright and welcoming due to new surfaces on walls and floors.

Plans for Phase II include the re-building of the 1971 wing. This will result in

state of the art instructional areas which include all the items listed in Phase I. plus more flexibility for areas such as art, music, and lab instruction.

According to Mr. Mike Reynolds, principal, "We are all excited about the new opportunities that will be available to students and staff once the renovation is complete. Hopkins Elementary has always been an environment that values the students and families that we serve and the completed project will simply enrich and enhance what we do for our community."

Hopkins Elementary serves approximately 640

students in grades K-4. The 2013-14 school year is sure to offer bright beginnings for those attending Hopkins Elementary!



Hopkins Elementary works with our community throughout the year. "Thank you," to our Community Readers.

Go Jumpers!

DATES

May

2nd, 7 p.m.-Choir Concert @ SHS
 7th-Honors Night @ SHS
 10th-11th, 7 p.m.-Grease Play @ SHS
 19th, 7 p.m.-Baccalaureate
 21st-Last Day for Students Awards (HES)/(1st-4th/MMS)
 24th, 7 p.m.-Graduation

June/July

June 3rd-28th- Summer School
 July 22-Kindergarten Registration @ HES

August

7th-First Day for Students

Holidays/No School

Sept. 2; Sept. 18
 Oct. 7-11; Oct. 28
 Nov. 27-29
 Dec. 20, 2013-Jan. 1, 2014
 Feb. 17
 Mar. 14
 April 7-11

Somerset After-School Child Care Program

Somerset Independent proudly serves families by offering child care services for school age children. This program is located at 305 College Street, Board Office, and Ms. Vicky Jones is the director.

Ms. Vicky and the staff are busy making plans for the summer program. This program begins on June 3 and ends on July 31, 2013. The hours of operation are 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The students will have an opportunity to participate in daily supervised activities for a cost of \$16 per day. This fee includes lunch.

Some of the planned activities are swimming,

fields trips, and daily "play." This camp type atmosphere allows students to have fun while being supervised during the summer.

Openings are limited so parents need to contact Ms. Vicky to make arrangements for their

child/children to attend the Somerset After-School Child Care Program Summer Care. Ms. Vicky can be contacted via phone at 606.678.6103. Please leave a message indicating your name, your child's name, and a number for a return call. A response will be

made as soon as possible.

Make arrangements now and come join the fun this summer at the Full Day Summer Program. This is another example of Somerset Independent putting the needs of families first.

Go Jumpers!



Students enjoy a variety of activities while attending our After-School Child Care Program.

Summer Food Service

Meals in the Summer Food Service Program are free to all children who have not had their 19th birthday. The dates of the program are June 3-July 26, 2013, excluding July 4-5. Locations are SHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Colonial Village, Noon-12:40 p.m.; Hope Way Housing, 1 p.m.-1:40 p.m. For more information contact: Ms. Vicki Stanley at 606.679.4451. www.fns.usda.gov/fns/non-discrimination.htm

Tips for Testing.....
-Be at school every day of testing. This is VERY important.
-Be on time to school during testing. Don't be tardy.
-Get a good night's rest before each testing day.
-Eat something for breakfast to give your brain fuel to think.
-Try your hardest on each and every question on the test.

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On April 16, 1888 the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky approved legislation creating a system of public graded schools in the City of Somerset, Kentucky. A petition to create an Independent School System had been approved by Somerset voters and introduced in the legislature by Senator G.W. Shadoan. Five trustees were elected on the first Saturday in June, 1888.

KPREP....Ready or Not?

The state required testing is coming soon for all three Somerset Schools. The tests for 3rd-8th grades are required to be given in a 5 day window within the last 14 days of the school year. The assessments at the high school are required to be given in an 10 day window near the end of the course year. See the chart below for specific testing days and times by grade:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 22nd 8:05am-11:00 am SHS English II End-of-Course Exam	April 23rd 8:05am-11:00am SHS Algebra II End-of-Course Exam	April 24th 8:05am-11:00am SHS US History End-of-Course Exam	April 25th 8:05am-11:00am SHS Biology End-of-Course Exam	April 26th
April 29th	April 30th	May 1st	May 2nd Approximately 8:05am-11:00am Meece Middle 5 th , 6 th , 7 th & 8 th grades Reading Parts A & B	May 3rd Approximately 8:05am-11:11am Meece Middle 5 th , 6 th , 7 th & 8 th grades Reading Part C Math Part A
May 6th Hopkins 8:15-9:45 a.m. K, 1st, 2nd Stanford 10, Reading Approximately 8:05am-noon 3 rd and 4 th grades Reading Parts A & B	May 7th Hopkins 8:15-9:45 a.m. K, 1st, 2nd Stanford 10, Reading Approximately 8:05am-noon 3 rd grade Reading Part C 4 th grade Reading Part C Math Part A	May 8th Hopkins 8:15-9:45 a.m. K, 1st, 2nd Stanford 10, Math Approximately 8:05am-11:30am 3 rd grade Math Parts A & B 4 th grade Math Parts B & C	May 9th Hopkins 8:15-9:45 a.m. K, 1st, 2nd Stanford 10, Language & Spelling Approximately 8:30am-11:00am 3 rd grade Math Part C 4 th grade Science Parts A & B	May 10th Hopkins 8:15-9:45 a.m. K, 1st, 2nd Stanford 10, Listening & Environment Approximately 8:30am-11:00am 4 th grade Science Part C & Language Mechanics
Meece Middle 5 th , 6 th , 7 th & 8 th grades Math Parts B & C	Meece Middle 5 th & 8 th grades Social Studies Parts A, B & C 6 th grade- Writing Parts A, B & C 7 th grade- Science Parts A, B & C SHS -On Demand Writing 11th grade Parts A & B	Meece Middle 5 th & 8 th grades On Demand Writing Parts A & B SHS-On Demand Writing 10th grade Parts A & B		

Since we are required to have scores for every **Briar Jumper**, please talk to your student about doing their bestGo Jumpers!