



Falcon Feathers

November 11 - 17, 2017



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are a third of the way through the school year! I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication to our community and look forward to what's in store for the remainder of the year! Over last weekend, our Chess Club competed at the Dry Creek Chess Tournament. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts:

Alexis Minas, Mei Popa, Ryler Wijesinghe, Ethan Pham, Josef Popa, Asa Chester, and Ivan Pokrovsky. I am so proud of all of you! Have a great week!



Lost and Found Cold Weather is Here!

Our lost and found clothing racks are FULL!! Please stop by the MPR and pick up your child's missing clothing. All leftover items will be donated to HOPE Sanger on Friday, November 17th.

What's Going On? 8th Grade

8th Grade English classes have started a new unit called "The Thrill of Horror!" We are trying to understand why the horror genre both terrifies and fascinates us. We started with reading Edgar Allan Poe's The Tell Tale Heart. Students then got creative by recreating a significant scene from the short story, recording it through their iPads, and sharing them as a class. In U.S. History, students created their own 'My Declaration of Independences' in an attempt to understand the perspective of the founders of our country. Students are also learning about Civic Duty We have a small group attending a Civic Leadership field trip to Scout Island to develop a better understanding of Civic Duty and create team building skills that they will then share with the rest of the 8th grade class. In mathematics, we are wrapping up a unit on congruence, similarity, and transformations. The next unit will address graphing and writing equations for linear relationships. In science, students are finishing up their science fair experiments this week. Next, students will be working on data analysis, graphs, and conclusions.

Better Together This Week

November 13-17 Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release @1:20 every day
November 13 PTO Meeting @5:30
November 17 Free Dress Day & FCA
Trimester 1 Ultimate Recess
Early Release @1:20

Upcoming Events

November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break
November 27 Drama Tryouts @3:00-5:00
November 28 Drama Tryouts @3:00-5:00
November 29 Early Release @1:20
November 30 Trimester 1 Awards
6th-8th 8:20-9:00; 3rd-5th 9:05-9:45
1st & 2nd 10:05-10:45; Kinder 10:50-11:15
December 1 FCA
Drama Callbacks @3:00-4:00
December 2 Toyland Parade- time TBD
December 4 QL Science Fair @6:00
December 5 Elementary Spelling Bee @1:30
Drama parent/cast meeting @3:00
December 7 Jr. High Spelling Bee @1:30
December 8 FCA & 25% AR Due
7th-8th grade dance @3:30-5:00
December 11 Winter Program - SHS @6
December 15 Free Dress Day & FCA
Early Release @1:20
December 18-January 5 Winter Recess

Literacy Tip

Reading Pictures IS Real Reading

Don't cover up the pictures when reading with your child. The pictures ARE the story. Beginning books have very little text, and much of the meaning comes from the pictures. When you cover the pictures, the inadvertent message is that comprehension doesn't matter - only word accuracy has value. For our beginning readers, teaching them that they see a bunny but the word starts with "r" IS the lesson. It helps children develop comprehension, story-telling, and a love of books. We want them to match meaning with text, and covering up the picture takes that away. Read *Chalk* by Bill Thomson, a wordless picture book that will make you a believer.

PTO Corner

Our next PTO Meeting is November 13th @ 5:30pm in the MPR.

Please Give Feedback LCAP District Survey

Your input in guiding Sanger Unified in the services we provide to students is invaluable. Please use this link to complete the parent LCAP survey. Thank you for taking the time - we appreciate your participation!

https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_06PI390XxDPhob3?Group=Parent

Go Green Tip of the Week

Make your own cleaning supplies

The big secret: you can make very effective, non-toxic cleaning products whenever you need them. All you need are a few simple ingredients like baking soda, vinegar, lemon, and soap. Making your own cleaning products saves money, time, and packaging-not to mention your indoor air quality.

Shred-it!

Compostable Lunch Trays



We caught Mrs. Labosky and Mrs. Bridger in action last week! The shredded lunch trays are used to balance food waste in our compost bin. The compostable trays also provide a protective layer against flying pests.

Athletics Update

Girls' Basketball

Girls' Basketball started this week with tryouts. Final team lists will be posted on Monday, November 13th. Regular practices will begin the week we return from Thanksgiving Break from 3:00-4:15. Our first game is scheduled for December 1st. Coach Riddle is looking forward to a great season!