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HOMECOMING 2017: A WEEK TO REMEMBER

By Emma Brown and Key'Arah Gillyard

Suwannee Middle School celebrated an amazing homecoming week with show-stopping spirit days and a dynamic pep rally, filled with lots of pomp, circumstance, and pies!

On Friday, September 12, 2017, students, faculty, staff, and administrators gathered in the gym for a celebration like no other, emceed by Salt Life Chuck Burnett. Kicking off the event was a special performance by the SHS Majorettes, featuring Camdyn Hurst, Georgia Lee, and Caroline Simpson.

"It was an amazing experience to be there. My favorite part was when everybody was dancing to the music playing," said Bridget Daniels, a 7th grade student.

Coaches introduced football players, volleyball players, and cheerleaders, and the band gave its first on-campus

performance for the school year.

One of the many highlights of the event was the recognition of the Homecoming attendants, Doshia White (6th grade), Logan Lloyd (7th grade), and Tyra Kalandyk (8th grade).

According to a 6th grade SMS student, "The occasion was really breathtaking. We have never been to an event that got this crazy."

Seventh grade teachers put on a special skit, dressing in various animal costumes and dancing to the latest hits. The Bullpup mascot was out on the court as well, cheering on the 'Pups!

Natalie Smith, an 8th grade student, said her favorite part of the pep rally was "when the teachers came out in the middle of the gym and danced."

Ask anyone on campus and they will tell you the most exciting aspect

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LAWANNA ZIMMERMANN
AND LEE WILLIS GET
PIED IN THE FACE
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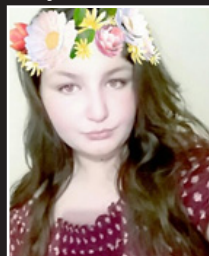


SMS TEACHERS AS THE ANIMAL BOBBLEHEADS DANCE CREW
PHOTO CREDIT AMANDA RAMIREZ

What are you most thankful for in your life?



"I'm thankful for my family and my health."
Manuel Aguilar-Rosado



"I am most thankful for my amazing, healthy family and my cat."
CarryAnne Reid



"The fact I can go to school every day and get a proper education is just amazing."
Terrance Williams



"I'm grateful for food and individuality."
V'Kaylynn Ward

BULLPUPS LASSED BY COWBOYS

By Daisy De La Cruz Vazquez & Allison Johnson

Cheered on by over two-hundred supporters in the stands, the SMS Bullpups played against the Madison Cowboys for their Homecoming game on October 12, 2017, at Langford Stadium.

"I thought it was pretty cool to see all the supporters," explained Zy Alexander, a 7th grade SMS football player.

During halftime, the Homecoming Attendants and their escorts dressed to impress as they walked across the field to be recognized and to represent their grade levels. The SMS Homecoming Attendants were 6th grade attendant Doshia White, escorted by Jy'Darian Parker; 7th grade attendant Logan Lloyd, escorted by Hayden King; and 8th grade attendant Tyra Kalandyk, escorted by Kadin Allen.

"My advice for running for (SMS) homecoming is to get your name out to people and go represent your school," stated Logan Lloyd, 7th grade homecoming attendant winner.

When the game resumed, people were on the edge of their seats. The Bullpups were in the lead until the last quarter of the game. Madison tied the game, making the score 12-12. With

only fifty seconds remaining on the clock, the Cowboys took the lead with a punt return, determining the final score of 12-16.

Coach BJ Cohen described the team's effort: "I believe that the players gave 100% during the game. We were excited to see all the supporters that came out to the game including the students, parents, and teachers."

Even though the Bullpups lost, they showed tremendous effort and sportsmanship.

"We are determined and confident. My expectations are to do better at what we do, represent Suwannee and to win," Cohen stated.

The Bullpups ended their season playing the Marianna Bullpups leaving them in the dust. Even after giving it their all, the Bullpups took a loss for the game with a final score of 30-12.

Coach Brad Scarborough shared why he thinks the Bullpups were 5-3: "We lost eight starters from the beginning of the year on defense and the schedule got harder closer to the end."

Recruiting for new SMS football players will begin in May 2018.

NO ONE WAS BOOING AT THE BASH

By Keri Marshall

From the first dance to the last, the Bootacular Bash Dance was a blast.

"'Juju on the Beat' was my favorite song they played! I danced the whole song," exclaimed Riley Carr, a 7th grade student.

The SMS fall dance took place on October 27, 2017, from 3-5 p.m. During the dance, students enjoyed the free

photo booth. Concessions and ticket sales served as a school fundraiser for the SMS Beta Club.

"The Bootacular Bash was lots of fun! Me and my friends spent the afternoon dancing 'til we dropped," said Emma Brown, an 8th grader.

Students will have to wait in suspense until the winter dance is scheduled.



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LOCAL NEWS

Giving Back to Our Community

By Jennifer Campbell and Mel Rodriguez

On Thanksgiving Day, Pizza Hut in Live Oak is opening its doors to the community. Instead of their normal offerings of delicious deep dish and thin crust pizzas, they will be serving a complete Thanksgiving buffet for all members of the community.

"This is open to anyone who wants to have a great time, giving thanks and eating a great meal. Whether you are in need, all alone, or just want to come in and enjoy with your family," stated Miranda Spinks, General Manager of Pizza Hut and organizer of the holiday dinner.

Spinks is working with Pizza Hut and Love, Inc. to provide an enjoyable time to appreciate a day of giving thanks. She invites everyone in the community to share in this scrump-

tious Thanksgiving feast, featuring turkey and ham, along with many sides and desserts. Spinks asks everyone who can to contribute and bring some treats to share as well.

"I'm glad we have people who actually care for the less fortunate," said Albert Cornavaca, an 8th grade SMS student.

The free Thanksgiving meal will be served at Pizza Hut on November 23, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Individuals interested in volunteering can call Spinks at (386) 364-1123, Tuesday-Sunday between the hours of 9-7, for more information.

"I just felt it was time to give back to our community and what better way than to get it through food and great company," said Spinks.



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of the pep rally was when these individuals were pried in the face: Jimmy Wilkerson, Principal; Lee Willis, School Resource Officer; Alan Bonds, Dean; and teachers, Lawanna Zimmermann, Glen Green, and Brad Scarborough. Seeing their

faces covered in whipped cream was the perfect grand finale!

SMS Homecoming Week also featured the following Spirit Days: Movie Mania Monday, Time Travel Tuesday, Wacky Tacky Wednesday and Bullpup Spirit Thursday.



SMS STUDENTS ENJOY THE SMS HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

PHOTO CREDIT JENNIFER CAMPBELL

SMS Students Are ACTING OUT

By Emily Gamble & Keri Marshall

Drama students are enthusiastic at SMS about "Acting Out".

The SMS Drama Department, Acting Out, directed by Heather Dean, SMS Science Teacher, produces an online comedy web series, *Needmore Unicorns*, a 10-minute comedy show about the life of middle school students in the fictitious town of Needmore.

The SMS Film Production Team was formed in 2014. In 2015, the club put on two plays on campus. Last year, the idea of having a YouTube series was born

during a brainstorming session.

The team's motto is "We do the everything, we do the all!"

This year, students can learn how the filming and editing process works. While the extras on set are waiting for their turn in the spotlight, they are learning about the entire film production process.

Needmore Unicorns Season 2 will definitely be more astounding than the last. The SMS Film Production Team has the lights and the camera, so now they are getting into action!

OPINION

Why We Should Be Thankful

By Julie Romulo-Vasquez

Many people ask the question, why should I be thankful? I do not have the best car to drive, the nicest house, or the most luxurious food. Whether or not we have the finer things in life, we all have something for which to be thankful.

In particular, we should be thankful for the gift of life. The fact we woke up this morning is a blessing in and of itself.

We should be thankful for the blessing of families and friends who care about us. What a joy it is to know that another person loves and supports us.

We should be grateful for

food. Food is a gift from God. We should be thankful for every single morsel, and if blessed to have an abundance of food, we should be willing to share with others in need.

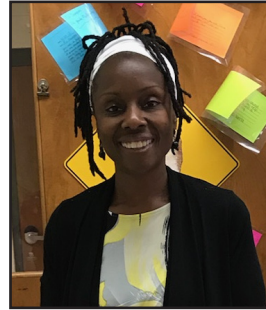
We should give thanks for having a place to live. Whether we rent or own a house or apartment, we need to realize that some people have never had a place to call home.

We should thank God for freedom. In America, we have freedom to go to school, attend the church of our choice, and so much more.

We should be most thankful for God. God

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By Bridget Daniels



STEPHANIE SAMPSON
PHOTO CREDIT VICTORIA COMBS

Stephanie Sampson is a seventh grade SMS mathematics teacher. Her students hope she continues teaching for years to come.

“She is a beautiful, sweet, and energetic woman who never gives up,” said Cheyenne Morgan, a 7th grade SMS student.

Sampson started teaching 24 years ago because she loves kids,

math and “spiritual fulfillment.” She has been teaching for the state of Florida her entire teaching career, having taught college and high school students as well. She prefers teaching seventh grade because it is unique and challenging.

Sampson stated, “If you truly care about the student, then you will help them with all their classes and their grades.”

She loves experiencing different cultures of food including Italian, Greek, Mexican, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, and American. Sampson also likes to exercise to improve her health and get into shape.

will always be by our side. People may disappoint us, but God never will. He loves us unconditionally.

Giving thanks should be something we do every day, not just on

Thanksgiving. Let us not only show gratitude for the big things in life, but the little things as well. Take a close look around you. What do you have to be thankful for this holiday season?

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