

April 1, 2015
Middle School Principal's Report

1. Our student council attended their state meeting the weekend of March 20th and had a very successful outcome. Riley Schneider was named the "Outstanding Student Council Member of the Year" and won full scholarship fees to attend summer Stuco camp. Ms. Reedy was named the "Missouri State Stuco Leader of the Year". Last year she was named the Outstanding Northwest Leader which made her eligible for this year's state award, and she will now be in the running for the National award. Also, our student council received the Honor Council Award. This honor is based on an application submitted by the SMS student council. SMS met the criteria as established by the Honor Council committee and the MASC Advisory Board. The criteria are established to honor those councils that have a comprehensive program in promoting student activities and student leadership. Activities include school service, spirit, community service, student and teacher recognition, and leadership training activities. As you can tell, we have a very dedicated sponsor and a great bunch of kids leading the way and creating a positive atmosphere for our student body at SMS.
2. Track practices are in full-swing and our first meet will be hosted at the middle school on April 7th. We have about 100 kids out for track this year, and we are looking for a successful season for all teams. April is a busy month with both home and away meets for the kids. One can check out our website for up-to-date records of all track events. Many records have been broken from previous years; however, the oldest record is held by Jamie Damgar in 1991 in the boy's 800m run.
3. MAP testing will begin on April 27th. Everything will take place online, so cross your fingers that all goes well as we begin this new process. Our plan is to have all testing completed by May 8th.
4. Our students will be doing can-struction this week. Communities will once again compete with one another by building structures out of canned goods, which will be donated to the Andrew County Food Pantry. Watch for pictures to be posted of this annual event on our website. We have some pretty creative peeps around here!
5. I have shared our 3rd qt. data with you to look at, if you are interested. As one can see, there is not a notable negative nor positive change in the academic performance for 3rd qt. Disappointedly, we did decline in attendance which does tend to be a pattern in 3rd quarter. Honestly, this may attribute to the small decline I saw in discipline occurrences this qt.
6. The Northwest Special Olympics will hold their annual track meet on our campus again on Saturday, April 18th. This is an all-day affair and draws quite a crowd. They were very pleased with our campus/facilities last year, and I am sure this will be an annual event for SMS. Our student council has always been very supportive of Special Olympics. This year they raised \$1300 to take part in the Polar Bear Plunge. Stuco members will also volunteer the day of the meet, helping out in various ways. Stuco, along with the cheer squads, are planning a pep assembly the day before this track meet to honor our SO athletes.