

The SEJ Buzz



"Together we are better at SEJ!"

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Assistant Principal: Katie Nacrelli

School Counselor: Audrey Barrett

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Upcoming Dates:

- ★ Feb. 3-4th Basketball Championship at Scribner Middle School
- ★ Feb. 5th Progress Reports go home this week
- ★ Feb. 14th Valentine's Day
- ★ Feb. 19th Presidents' Day
- ★ Mar. 10th Daylight Saving Time Starts
- ★ Mar. 13th Spring Pictures-more info to come
- ★ Mar. 15th Report Cards Go Home
- ★ Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Day
- ★ Mar. 18th-22nd Intersession/Spring Break
- ★ Mar. 25th-29th Spring Break
- ★ Mar. 31th Easter

~ A message from Mrs. Meadors ~

It's Basketball Tournament Time! We want to congratulate our SEJ basketball teams on a great season. They have worked hard and really grown as basketball players. We wish all of our players the best of luck in the tournament games this weekend!

Congratulations to our SEJ students that made the All Star Team this year. Way to go!!

Da'Veon Carter
Tae'Shawn Mason
Skyler Delaney
Destineigh Lucas
Zelma Taylor



SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair Forms are due next week! Please encourage your child to participate in the Science Fair at SEJ this year. Complete the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to school early next week. Students that submit a project will be put into a drawing for some gift cards that we will give away on the night of the Science Fair in March. Thank you!



Dear SEJ Families,
 Our school has launched this year's Kids Heart Challenge! As part of the challenge, students will be learning to care for their own hearts while helping those with sick hearts! Visit www.heart.org/schools to get started. Donation letters and collection envelopes will come home on Monday. Donations are due February 16th. Thank you to our PE teacher, Mr. Thompson, for organizing this event for SEJ!

SCHOOL HOURS

Doors Open at 7:45 a.m.
 Tardy Bell at 8:00 a.m.
 Dismissal for K-4 at 2:25 p.m.



Go Hornets!!





SEJ Families ~

Our annual Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 6th. Our awards night will be Thursday, March 7th. If your child is interested in participating, please complete this short sign-up form by Friday, February 2nd and turn it in to your child's teacher. If you have more than one child, please fill out a separate form for each child. If you do not know the title of your project, you can leave that blank or just put undecided.

A packet with more information will be sent home once we receive this form. Thank you!!

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Teacher: _____

Topic or Project Idea that will be submitted:

Parent/Guardian email address:



The Finale ^{AT} SEJ

S. Ellen Jones Green Valley
HORNETS VS. WILDCATS

Tuesday
FEB
06
2024

SCHEDULE

5:15 p.m. | Gym opens
6 p.m. | Girls' game begins
7 p.m. | Boys' game begins

LOCATION

**S. ELLEN JONES
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
600 East 11th Street
New Albany, IN 47150
Enter via the Gym Entrance, Door 6

ADMISSION

Adults and seniors | \$3
Middle and high school students | \$1
Elementary students and younger | Free

*No concessions will be available.
No food or drink allowed inside the gymnasium.*

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Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

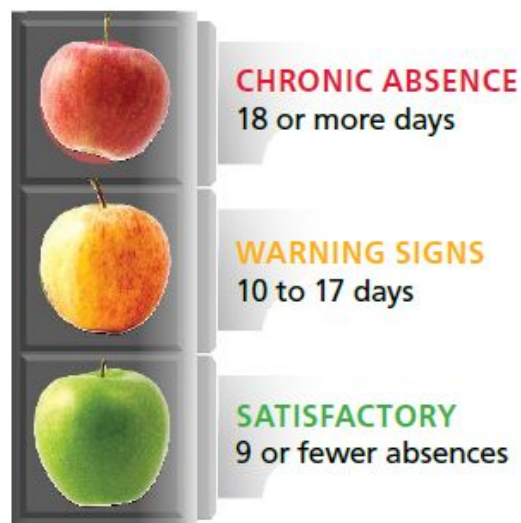
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Revised October 2021

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



PRE-KINDERGARTEN INTENT TO ENROLL

2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR

New Albany Floyd County Schools offers a Pre-K program at 9 elementary schools. Our Pre-K specialists foster a love of learning through developmentally appropriate practices based on:

- Building relationships between all children and adults, a safe and healthful environment, and a consistent curriculum that promotes learning and social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive development

Get kindergarten-ready with NAFCS' pre-K program!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Locations: Fairmont, Floyds Knobs, Georgetown, Grant Line, Green Valley, Greenville, Mt. Tabor, S. Ellen Jones, and Slate Run
- 180 days of instruction following the NAFCS calendar
- Student academic day: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Before and After School Care for working families (Space is limited): 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Transportation is not offered for this program. You must provide transportation.
- Your child must be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2024.

INTENT TO ENROLL REQUIREMENTS

(Space is limited. First come, first served basis)

- Floyds Knobs, Georgetown, Greenville, and Grant Line: NAFCS Intent to Enroll form (linked below) is required. (Limited grant scholarships available, based on income)
- Fairmont, Green Valley, Mt. Tabor, S. Ellen Jones, and Slate Run: The NAFCS Intent to Enroll form (QR code attached) AND the On My Way Pre-K Application are required (OMWPK applications open in March. You will be notified when it opens.). OMWPK provides FREE pre-K to those families who qualify. (Limited grant scholarships are available, based on income, for those who do not qualify.)

INTENT TO ENROLL FORMS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Choose ONE of the following methods to complete the Intent to Enroll form. If you need assistance, please call 812-542-2146.



(English)



(Spanish)

Intent to Enroll forms will open on Jan. 19th at 6 p.m.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:

- Fairmont 812-542-5501
- Floyds Knobs 812-542-5505
- Georgetown 812-542-5510
- Grant Line 812-542-5502
- Green Valley 812-542-5503
- Greenville 812-542-5504
- Mount Tabor 812-542-5507
- S. Ellen Jones 812-542-5508
- Slate Run 812-542-5509
- Spanish-speaking families:
Contact Stephanie Gregory
(Sgregory@nafcs.org)
812-542-3804

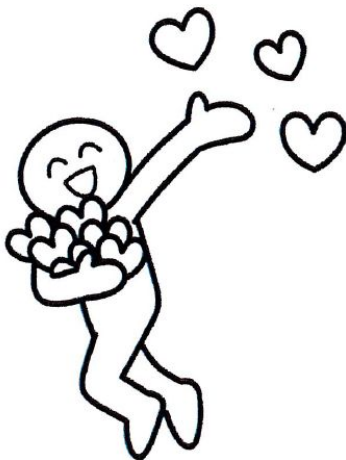


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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION



SEJ Chapstick Drive

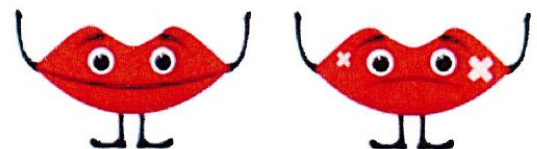
Winter weather can be hard on the lips! SEJ is hosting our first chapstick drive to help students develop their community service skills and to see that small acts of kindness can go a long way.



We are asking SEJ families to donate lip balms, so that each child at SEJ can be provided this resource to help get through the winter weather with healthy lips.

Our goal is to collect **500 items** so that each of SEJ's 250 students can take home two lip balms.

We will be accepting donations now until Wednesday, February 14th!



Small tubes of Vaseline and Aquaphor are excellent choices to provide students with allergies.

Prosser Health Careers
Medical Assisting Class of 2024 will be hosting a

Teddy Bear Clinic



February 15th 2024 11:30

For Kindergarten and 1st graders at S. Ellen Jones Elementary.

Teddy bears to be given to the students at the clinic to help ease their fears of medical professionals and procedures.

The following stations will be set up for the students to take their Teddy Bear to visit:

1. Student check in. Students will be given their teddy bear w/ID bracelet and Doctor's lab coat. Personal Protective Equipment to be explained.
2. Vision screening booth. Students will help assist their bear with a vision check. Plastic glasses will be available.
3. Nutrition-My students will do a short presentation on nutrition. Coloring sheets will be given to the students in their goody bag.
4. X-ray/CT scan. Students will set their teddy bear up in a "class built" x-ray/CT machine. Students will have the option to wrap a limb if the bear has a "fracture"
5. Operation Game-Students will get to remove bones and a heart on a large size "class built" operation game in the shape of a teddy bear. This will help them understand how surgery is done.
6. Vaccinations station. Students will learn how important it is to get vaccinations. They will receive a syringe only and get to give a pretend shot to their teddy bear.
7. Bullying Activity-Students will be shown a short age appropriate video about bullying along with a short activity.
8. Vital signs-Students will get to listen to their bear's heart and be shown how blood pressure is taken.
9. Photo Booth-Class photos will be taken of the students holding their teddy bears in front of a banner that will be thanking the NAFCS Education Foundation. (My class received a grant from them for this project).

You're invited!

**Big fun.
New friends.**

YOU'RE INVITED!

Looking to make new friends at a unicorn recruitment party? All Rising Kindergarten to Current 1st grade girls are welcome to join the party and see what Girl Scouts is all about!



**Thursday, February 15th
6-7pm**

**Saturday, February 17th
2-3pm**



Floyd County Library – New Albany Branch
180 W Spring Street, New Albany, IN

Scan the QR Code to RSVP or find more events like this near you!

Ready now? Text JOIN to 36068

girl scouts
of kentuckiana



TICKET!

ADMITS YOU + A FRIEND!

**Big fun.
New friends.**

**[DATE AND TIME CUSTOMIZABLE]
At [LOCATION CUSTOMIZABLE]**

TICKET!



Valentine's Day

Parent's Night Out

GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY PTO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

5PM-9PM

- NERF BATTLES!
- NERF GAMES!
- PIZZA!
- MOVIES!
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 GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Wildcats

SCAN
ME! >>>





Eco-Science Challenge: Solutions for the future

The Eco-Science Challenge encourages innovative Hoosier students to work towards finding solutions to current eco-science issues. Both small and big initiatives are welcome as we work together to positively impact our communities and beyond. This event will be at Indiana University Southeast (4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN 47150). This event is sponsored by the IUS School of Education and School of Natural Sciences, and Earth Charter Indiana.

February 17, 2024 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Subject areas could include topics such as: renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, eco-friendly products, environmental awareness, habitat protection, pollinators, water quality, soil conservation, native plants, wetlands, and food sustainability. Topics could also be social projects such as civic participation, actions to protect the environment, or other related areas with approval.

How to get involved: Elementary, middle and high school students, homeschool students, Boy and Girl Scouts, and 4H Clubs are invited to present projects.

- Age Categories are K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.
- Students have the option to submit their project either for the competition or to exhibit and share with fellow students.
- Visit our website for competition rules and to register:
<https://www.earthcharterindiana.org/ecosciencechallenge>
- Deadline to register is January 19, 2024
- For questions contact: Brian and Tamela Brewer at 502-403-7956 or email thebrewers@earthcharterindiana.org.

Celebration and award ceremony will follow the judging process. Participants will need a parent or sponsor to remain on site during the event. Parking will be provided. IUS Police will provide security on campus.



St. Marks United Church of Christ

222 East Spring Street
New Albany, In 47150
812-945-2569

*"No matter who you
are or where you
are on Life's
Journey, you are
Welcome Here"*

Neighborhood Health Fair



Saturday, February 24, 2024

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Doors open at 10:00 am)

Free Services for all

Free Vision testing (includes specialized tests for Children 2-6 yrs. old)

Free Eye glasses

Free Blood Pressure & Body Mass Index

Free Immunizations and Flu Shots

Free Haircuts

Free Dental Screening

Bilingual and ASL interpreters will be available

*Community Health Education including resources on; Mental Health, Smoking; HIV Prevention;
Substance Abuse; Abuse Reporting and Imagination Library sign up.*

Meal served from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Please visit our Free Clothes Closet

FREE SOCCER CLINIC



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JANUARY 10 – MARCH 13

**WEDNESDAYS
5 – 6 PM**

**GRADES
1 – 5**

Please wear shinguards
and cleats or tennis shoes.



Silver Street Park (Indoor Complex)

2043 Silver St | New Albany, IN



cityofnewalbany.com/parks

For more information, text or call:

Shane Stuber
Scott Blair

(502) 419 – 8505
(812) 697 – 0128

LITTLE SLUGGERS



**\$25
per child**
REGISTER BY:
MARCH 8

**THURSDAYS
APRIL 4 - APRIL 25
6PM-7PM**

**BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 3-5**

Learn the basic fundamentals of throwing,
batting, fielding and base running.
No equipment required



**SILVER STREET PARK
INDOOR TURF
2043 SILVER STREET
NEW ALBANY, IN 47150**

For more information & registration: 812-949-5448
www.cityofnewalbany.com/parks



SWIM LESSONS

Spring 2024

Riverside Swim School, an affiliate of Riverside Aquatic Club, is offering spring swim lessons at Highland Hills Middle School.

TO REGISTER:

Visit RiversideAquaticClub.com and click on the "Swim Lessons" tab.

Registration will open March 1 at 8:00am.

FOR INFORMATION:

Contact Anna Perkins
RiversideSwimSchool@gmail.com
(502) 833-8251

\$110

for 8 lessons

OUR PROGRAM

- 2-4 swimmers per instructor
- 4-week sessions in the evening
- Swimmers must be at least 3 years old and potty trained.

SPRING SESSION 1 - APRIL

Monday/Wednesday

Dates: April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Tuesday/Thursday

Dates: April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

SPRING SESSION 2 - MAY

Monday/Wednesday

Dates: April 29, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22

Tuesday/Thursday

Dates: April 30, May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

TIME SLOTS:

5:30 PM or 6:30 PM



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SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Floyds Knob Elementary
4484 Scottsville Road, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119

Date: June 17 - 21, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)

Camp Director: Erica Kimmel | ekimmel@nafcs.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.



Scan to secure your spot today!

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