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THE SALISBURY ADVENTIST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Salisbury Adventist School is a holistic, Jesus-centered school serving students in grades 1-8

A NOTE FROM DR. STEIN

What a wonderful week it has been! This week was our last full week of regular-scheduled course work! We have had a great year, and have grown a lot in the last 9 months. Our Math skills have shown great improvement. For those of you who may not be familiar with our Math curriculum, it is the 'Go Math' series for 1-6 and the 'Big Ideas' series for 7-8. This conference-selected Math curriculum caused quite a stir for many schools across the nation. One of the biggest issues other schools have is the use of the word 'Common Core' in one the description comments on the corner of the math pages. 'Common Core' was a US initiative put in place to bring up academic scores in both language and math in our schools. The biggest issue with the Common Core Standards was the inclusion of non-traditional methods or approaches to learning (including Anti-Biblical themes in the writing standards). I wanted to make something clear: We do NOT teach anything at SAS (or support it as an SDA conference) that does not align with the Bible. The Bible is our primary textbook, and we would never (NEVER) teach a standard that conflicted with the Bible. Our first priority is to be more like Jesus, to teach the students to spread the gospel, and to prepare them for a life of service. So, while our Math has some non-traditional approaches to learning, we still learn the traditional methods. We know how to process a Math problem in the 'old fashioned' way, but we also are familiar with newer, cutting-edge approaches to problems. These newer methods allow for faster brain processing. Just the other day I was pleasantly surprised that a third grader could add 87 and 56 in her head, with ease! She can find the answer in 3 seconds. Can you do this? The method is tricky, but part of the newer approach. We, at SAS, keep all the best parts of the newer methods, and use them to our advantages!

This week was also our final art 'push' in preparation for our Art Fair! Our Fair is Sunday, May 20, at 2PM. Please come and walk through our art displays! We will also have some poetry to share! It will be celebration of our work all year long.

I also want to send a personal invitation for everyone to attend graduation night. This will be Tuesday, May 22, at 6PM. Each student will be receiving their behavior awards and recognition for a successful school year. We can also celebrate Blake and Jesse's entrance into High School, as well as Jayden's successful completion of his preparatory year and his entrance into primary school! We will have small gift tables set up on graduation night, if you'd like to honor these three with a small gift! We will see you there!



Two of our students admiring their work on display at the RPL Headquarters!

SAVE THE DATE

May 18

Outreach Field
Trip

May 20

Art Fair

May 22

Mint Museum Field Trip

Home and School

May 20 at 2:00PM is our Art Fair! Come out and see what the kids have been working on throughout the year. We have quite the little artists on our hands here at SAS. I have had the privilege of being able to teach different art styles and techniques to the students this year and I am always amazed at what these kids can do. So, come and check it out.

Speaking of art, our students have some art work on display at the Rowan County Public Library in downtown Salisbury. If you happen to be in the area, stop in and check it out!

May 22 at 6pm is our school's 8th grade graduation/awards night. Please come out to show your support for our students.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2



Beautiful 'Pop Art'



All the students with their art work!

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