SOUTH ADAMS ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NEW MS Students of the Month



Business - Lucy Schwartz, PE - Branson Rigby, Health - Lucas McGill, Guidance -
Hadley Sprunger, Social Studies - Josh Mickem, Computer Science - Ervin Hilty
(not pictured), Innovation - Evan Jones (not pictured), Choir - James Lehman,
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## Library News

On Read Across America Day, nine elementary classes heard local guest, Nicole Dynes, read the book "Nicky and Bea." Nicole illustrated the pictures and Becca Amstutz wrote the story which is based on their friendship of over 10 years. Their book can be checked out in the S.A. Elementary library or purchased through Amazon.


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## Kindergarten for 2024-2025

We are already planning for the next kindergarten class. If you have a child who will be five (5) on or before August 1, 2024, and plan to send him/her to kindergarten, please email Sue Shoaf at sshoaf@southadams.k12.in.us with the following information:
Child's Full Name, Date of Birth, Parent(s), Address, Phone, Email. If your child is brand new to South Adams (did NOT attend S.A. for speech or S.A. Preschool) please go ahead and complete the online registration now at https:// registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx? action $=38563 \&$ culture $=e n$. Roundup will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 4-6:30 p.m., but we want to get an idea before then of how many students to plan for. Thanks for your help! We're excited to meet the Class of 2037.


Tuesday, March 19
Jen King's class goes to Swiss Village Jazz Concert at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20
Kindergarten to A.C. for AG Day (Iv. at 8:15/ret. at 10 a.m.
Jazz Band performance for
elementary students from 2:10-2:40 p.m. in the auditorium.

Spring Sports pictures after school.

## Thursday, March 21

4th grade Pizza Planet program-I:30
MS Escape to Crazy Pins (lv at 9:40 a.m./ret. at 2:45 p.m.)

March 22-March 29
Spring Vacation
Saturday, March 23
Envive Easter Egg Hunt at I p.m. for kids ages I-IO.
Thursday, April 4
Student Cyber Safety Training in the auditorium
Ist Grade Bicycle Safety program.
MS Track vs. Bluffton/AC at Bluffton 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 5
Kindergarten Dads come for donuts.
Last day for Rotation 5 for 6th/7th grade students.
Monday, April 8
Staff PD Day / No school for students / Eclipse Day
Tuesday, April 9
Kindergarten Roundup from 4-6:30 p.m.

First day for Rotation 6 for 6th/7th grade students.
MS Band \& Choir Concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

## Wednesday, April 10

Rising Freshman walk-through the high school

## Thursday, April II

MS Track vs. Fort Recovery (home) 5:30 p.m.

Art Room Needs Your Empty Styrofoam Egg Cartons Styrofoam egg cartons make great painting trays. We would love your empty egg cartons for the art room. Thank you!

South Adams Elementary Yearbooks on Sale Now Yearbooks Cost: \$25 (order your yearbook by March 21, 2024)
Make checks payable to: South Adams Schools
Student's Name: $\qquad$

Grade: $\qquad$ Parent/Guardian
Phone $\qquad$ Teacher's Name $\qquad$
Number of yearbooks $\qquad$ Total Payment $\qquad$
If you prefer, you can order online until May 1, 2024 at www.schoolannual.com. Click on "Buy My Student's Yearbook" and enter South Adams Elementary School.

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To order a Middle School/High School yearbook, order online. Just scan the code (right):
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## The Innovation Class needs your empty cereal boxes.

## 2024 PBS Kids Writers Contest

Kindergarten through 5th Grade Students can enter a Young Writer's Contest through April.

1. Story Requirements

- Kindergarten and First grade - 50-200 words
- Second and Third grade - 100-350 words
- Fourth and Fifth grade - 150-400 words

2. The story can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.
3. Story text and pictures on one side of paper with the page number on the back of each page (use only one side of the paper for the story/back side has only page number on it).
4. Stories must have a minimum of 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations. Art work can include drawings, photos, collages, and author-created 3D. Photos must be taken by the student author.
5. Story text can be printed, written legibly or typed.
6. Children who cannot write may dictate their story to an adult.
7. Invented spelling is accepted.

Each story needs to have the following parts to be complete:

- Official signed entry form page

- Story

A committee will select stories from each classroom to send to PBS39. If you have questions, please ask your child's homeroom teacher.


Student Cyber Safety Training on April 4 in the Auditorium A guest speaker from the Indiana Center for Prevention will provide a NetSmartz digital safety program for K-12 as a community education partner of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This program was created by the National Center for Mission and Exploited Children which runs the cyber Tipline.
Grades K-2 - This will cover 4 simple rules: 1)Tell an adult if you see anything that makes you feel sad, scared, or confused; 2) Don't share private information; 3) No meeting in-person; 4) Good netiquette. Grades 3-5 - This convo will focus on inappropriate content; sharing private information; meeting offline; cyberbullying.
Grade 6-8 - The MS convo will focus on consequences of posting inappropriate content; sharing personal information; online solicitation/grooming; cyberbullying; sexting; extortion; how to report to the Cyber Tipline.

## MS Innovation and Design Club

The 2023-2024 Season of MS Robotics/STEM finished March 2nd, with the TSA competition at Purdue University. Participants for MS were: Jamison Patterson, James Lehman, Landry Moser Colby Meyer, Jacob Heflin, Jeremiah McGill, Kayden Prince, Ricky Wang, Aria Lewis, Makayla Meckstroth, Dean Selimovic, Audrey Orr, Charlee Bollenbacher, Christiana Lehman and Addy Smith.

Jacob Heflin (Dragster), Jeremiah McGill (Essays in Technology \& Video Game Design Team), Jamison Patterson (Structural Design Team), Dean Selimovic (Structural Design team), Kayden Prince (Video Game Design Team) and Ricky Wang (Video Game Design Team) all came in 1st place!

SA hosted its second annual VEX IQ Robotics Winter Invitational on January 6, 2024. Out of 32 teams, we had three place in the top ten, with Team 9055D led by Jacob Liechty and James Lehman coming in at number eight in their first ever competition. Award winners were:

Teamwork Champion Award (VIQRC)
Robo-Raiders, RIVERVIEW SCHOOL,Huntington, Indiana Teamwork Champion Award (VIQRC)


Techno Knights - White, East Noble Middle School, Kendallville, Indiana Robot Skills Champion (VIQRC)

Glow Botz, NEW PALESTINE JR HIGH SCHOOL, New Palestine, Indiana We want to thank our sponsors and volunteers for making this event, TSA and other programming possible. Our sponsors include: Berne Ready Mix, First Bank of Berne, Smith Brothers, Micromatics, and Key Fasteners.

In other Robotics news, middle school VexIQ teams finished the season in good standing from a very competitive season. For our Jay County League and Tournaments, SA finished with a 9th, 11th, 20th and 21st place finish. Weather prevented us from participating in the finals.

For our Madison-Grant tournament, we ended the season with a 13th, 14th, 16th, and 19th place finish in our skills matches out of 22 teams. Team 9055B, led by Ricky Wang, Ferguson Jangada and Spencer Tinkham finished 5th overall! Our 2023-24 robotics students had the highest middle school participation ever with five teams and included: Colby Meyer, Dean Selimovic, James Lehman, Landry Moser, Ricky Wang, Spencer Tinkham, Ferguson Jangada, Kayden Prince, Douglas Plas, Jacob Heflin, Jamison Patterson, Jodie Neuenschwander, Audrey Orr, Aria Lewis, Makayla Meckstroth, Sophia Heare and Jacob Liechty. What a way to represent South Adams and our StarBots!!!

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