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South Davidson Middle School

## Principal's Corner

SDMS Parents/ Guardians,

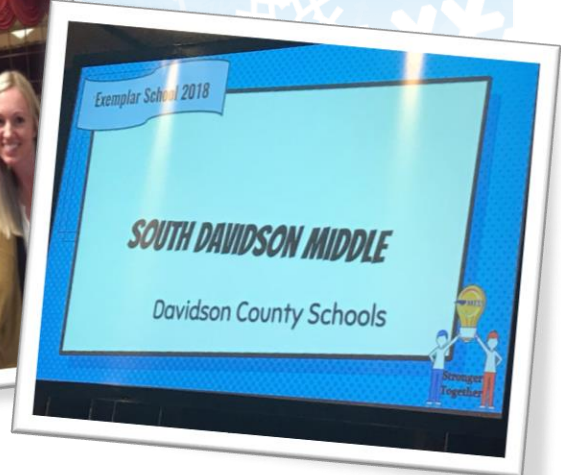
It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the 2018-2019 school year.

As we move into the second semester, I encourage you to stay connected with your student's teachers. Class Dojo, Parent Portal, and email are just a few of the tools available to help you maintain an open line of communication. You can also request a conference with your child's teachers if you need additional information. Remember, a strong partnership between parents and teachers is key to student success!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Phone: 336-242-5705

Sincerely,  
Crystal Sexton



## SDMS Receives State Recognition!

South Davidson Middle School has recently been recognized by North Carolina's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mark Johnson, as an **Exemplar School** due to its successful implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program. This is the highest recognition awarded by the Department of Public Instruction. We are excited to share this award with our students and parents and look forward to many more achievements in the future!

### Save the Date!

#### World's Finest Chocolate Sale

Feb. 25, 2019

Help us raise money for supplies! SDMS's annual chocolate sale begins 2/25.

#### Book Fair Starts February 25, 2019

Looking for a new book to read? Check out the Book Fair 2/25- 3/1!

#### Parent Night February 26, 2019

Learn from local law enforcement officers about how to keep your child safe online.





## What's New @ SDMS?

### SDMS Adds NEW Chromebooks

South Davidson Middle School is proud to announce the addition of a new Google Chromebook Lab! A chromebook is a laptop device with most applications and documents stored in the cloud. In addition to the new Google Chromebook Lab, SDMS has five other chromebook labs and four traditional computer labs. This added technology will allow for ALL students to have increased engagement and collaboration in the classroom.

## Reading + Science = FUN!

At South Davidson Middle School we're pairing reading and science together in a new way! This year for our One Book One School Program, SDMS will be reading Tesla's Attic by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman. Last week our students enjoyed a "Mad Scientist" performance and received their own copy of the book. We have lots of fun activities in store and are excited for ALL students to be able to read along with us! Below is a list of our upcoming Tesla Tuesday events:

- 2/12- New Kid @ School- RAK Day
- 2/19- Tesla Trivia Challenge
- 2/26- Get to Know You Day



## Helpful Resources for MATH Homework

Math homework can be a challenge for any family, but SDMS math teachers are here to help! Below is a list of resources from our teachers to help your family with math homework:

- **Look At Notes From Class First!** Notes can be found in a student's Google Classroom, foldables, notebooks, ClassDojo, etc.
- **Khan Academy** has GREAT videos to explain almost every math topic. Website: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org).
- **MathVids** also has lots of instructional videos to help with a variety of math concepts. Website: [www.mathvids.com](http://www.mathvids.com).
- **iReady** is an additional way for students to practice their math skills at home. The lessons assigned are specially designed for each student based on his or her learning needs!

