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# SCIS November NEWSLETTER

2025-2026



## School Mission & Vision:

The mission of Sumter County Intermediate School is to challenge, nurture, and support students on their journey towards graduation.

The Vision of Sumter County Intermediate School is to graduate all students college and career ready who are productive citizens empowered to be competitive in a global society.

**IMPORTANT!**

**Reminder**



- ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Arrive on time everyday! Submit excuses as soon as a student returns. Good attendance leads to success!
- Students, take care of your Chromebook. You are responsible for the one that is assigned to you.
- Bring wired ear buds to school for lessons on the computer.
- Book bags should be clear or mesh.
- The Sumter County School-Based Health Center is located at 123 Learning Lane, Americus, Georgia. The number is 229-493-9670.
- Help a Child Smile dental program is joining schools to offer full-service dental care at school. Must sign up online: [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com)
- During the 2025 - 2026 school year, Sumter County Intermediate School has been approved to sell pictures, hospitality, book fair, doughnuts, grab bags, T-shirts, ice cream, car wash, dress-down days and school dances/activity day.

## Some November Funnies:

Q1: What did the turkey say to the computer?

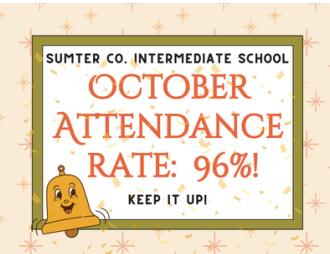
Q2: How are you supposed to talk in an apple library?

Q3: How do leaves travel?

Q4: What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Answers on the back

## Upcoming events:

- Nov. 3 - 7 - National Children's Book Week
- Nov. 7 - AR & Reflex Celebration
- Nov. 6 - Chehaw Park Field Trip, 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Nov. 10 - 14 - Scholastic Bookfair in the Media Center
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - Kindness Week & Anti Bullying Week
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Grade / School Spelling Bee
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Math Night Family Engagement
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - DRC Beacon Administration
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - PBIS Celebration
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Early Release / Curriculum Planning
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break



Picture Retake Day  
Monday, 11/10



## DID YOU KNOW?

**FACT**

- A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyanse."
- A jiffy is an actual unit of time (which is approximately 33.3564 picoseconds).
- Polar bears have black skin under their white fur.
- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
- Your heart is around the same size as a clenched fist.
- Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900 to 1920.



## Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Jarret Barnes,

### Computer Science Teacher

Mrs. Barnes began her teaching career in 1988 and taught for 16 years before taking a break to raise children. She returned to the classroom in 2018. She credits her passion for education to her 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Fourth saying, "Her ability to truly connect with me and my classmates left a lasting impression. From that moment on, I knew I wanted to become a teacher and my goal has always been to create a classroom where students feel seen, supported, and inspired—just as I did in hers."

She reports that her favorite part of her career choice is seeing a child "get it" or "catch on." Those moments are just as priceless as the personal connections with the students. Additionally, she reported that her "creative, hardworking, and imaginative" coworkers keep her growing, learning, and feeling young at heart.

As a Computer Science teacher, she expressed that coding is a particularly interesting part of her course. Coding challenges students to think critically and creatively at the same time. She explained, "I enjoy seeing students encounter a challenge that pushes them to dig deeper and problem-solve in new ways."

As the world becomes increasingly dependent on technology, her goal is to continue expanding her knowledge in that field. "Technology plays a vital role in my students' daily lives, and I want to ensure they build a strong foundation that empowers them to thrive in an ever-evolving digital world," she expressed.

A fun fact that might surprise people is that she absolutely loves watermelons! She's from Cordele, Georgia—known as the watermelon capital of the world. She added, "In my younger years, I spent my summers traveling across the country promoting watermelons, visiting about 40 states! I like to joke that I bleed red and green."

## Some November Funnies:

- A1: Google, google.
- A2: with your incider voice.
- A3: with autumn-mobiles.
- A4: Lucky!



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Family and Staff,

Thank you faculty and students for another great month of teaching and learning. Thank you parents and guardians for your continued support.

I would like to give a special PAW Shout Out to the students who received awards at our recent Honor's Day. Keep up the good work! We are so proud you!

Dr. Mohan Gugulothu (Dr. G)

Principal, Sumter County Intermediate School

## Top Readers

### 1st 9 wks:



#### 4th Grade:

Peyton Williams - 200,219 words Paris

Fish - 183,230 words

Vernika Mallineni - 180,690 words

#### 5th Grade:

Trevon Hall - 225,639 words

Rithvik Gugulothu - 209,487 words

#### 6th Grade:

Jamier Cross - 548,056 words

John McKinney - 368,400 words

Khoriana O'Neal - 214,070 words

**Keep Reading**

Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year.

**Read On**

#### Parent Resource Center:



Come visit the parent resource center to check out books and supplies to use at home with your child. Computers are also available for parents to explore Parent Portal and educational resources.

Hours of Operation: 11:30 - 3:30.



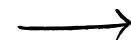
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