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# SCIS **OCTOBER** NEWSLETTER



2026 - 2027

## 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.



**Reminder**



- **ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Arrive on time everyday! Submit excuses as soon as a student returns. Good attendance leads to success!
- Students, take care of the Chromebooks. You are responsible for whichever Chromebook you use in class.
- 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.

## Upcoming events:

- Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 - Oct. 15
- October is National Principals Month
- October is National Book Month
- Oct. 1: End of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 wks
- Oct. 2: National Custodian Day
- Oct. 2: W.I.N. Learning Day/Curriculum Planning (Teacher work day)
- Oct. 6 - 10 - Hispanic Heritage Celebration Week
- Oct. 6: Instructional Coaches Day
- Oct. 14: Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day
- Oct. 12 - 16: National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 16: National Boss's Day
- Oct. 19- 23: National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 21: Report Cards
- Oct. 23 - 31: Red Ribbon Week/Drug-Free America
- Oct. 26 - 30: Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 27: Honor's Day

**AWESOME!**

Attendance Rates:

August - 96.09%

September - 96.61%



## Some October Funnies:

Q1: What subject is a witch good at in school?

Q2: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

Q3: How do you mend a broken pumpkin?

Q4: What is the cutest of all seasons?



Answers on the back

## DID YOU KNOW? FUN FACT

- A banana is technically a berry—but a strawberry isn't!
- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins.
- The word "dinosaur" means "terrible lizard."
- The moon is slowly drifting away from Earth at a rate of 1.5 inches per year.
- Music can make your brain release dopamine - a chemical that produces good feelings.



## Staff Spotlight: Ms. Michelle Davis, ESOL Teacher

Ms. Davis is from Washington State. She loves hiking and nature walks - especially if there's a waterfall at the end. She also loves education. She has been in education for over ten years. She is currently teaching English to our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students. She also supports students in their math studies as a part time EIP (Early Intervention Program) teacher.

Ms. Davis expressed that she loves getting to know the students and their diverse cultures and backgrounds. She wants people to know that ESOL students sometimes tend to be shy, but they have a plethora of wisdom and knowledge to share with the world.

### For National Book Month, can you match the book to the emoji clues?

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| 1. 🕷️ 🐱 🕸️ 🌻 🐏 ❤️ | a. <i>Cat in the Hat</i>              |
| 2. ⚡️ 🦄 🌊 🏛️ 🦩 🧒  | b. <i>Magic Tree House</i>            |
| 3. 🐶 🚔 ✂️ 🦋 😊     | c. <i>Charlotte's Web</i>             |
| 4. 📱 🧒 🏠 😊 📷 🖋️   | d. <i>Bad Guys</i>                    |
| 5. 🐱 🎩 📖 🌕 🐟      | e. <i>Percy Jackson</i>               |
| 6. ⚡️ 🧙 🪄 🦉 🏰     | f. <i>Captain Underpants</i>          |
| 7. 🐛 🍎 🍌 🍓 🦋      | g. <i>Dog Man</i>                     |
| 8. 🦋 🩵 📖 😊        | h. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>        |
| 9. 🐱 🦋 🐛 🦊 😎      | i. <i>Harry Potter</i>                |
| 10. 🌳 🏠 📖 🦎 ⌚     | j. <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> |

Answers: 1. c, 2. e, 3. g, 4. h, 5. a, 6. i, 7. j, 8. f, 9. d, and 10. b

## Hispanic Heritage Month Facts

- It was established in 1988 as a month long celebration (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15)
- September 15 is an important date because Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate their independence on that day. Mexico celebrates its Independence Day on September 16, while Chile celebrates on September 18.
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates people with roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.



### 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.



## Some October Funnies:

- A1: spelling.  
A2: it was feeling crummy.  
A3: with a pumpkin patch!  
A4: Awww-tumn.



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## 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 everyone for our 96% attendance rate for the month of September.

Dr. Mohan Gugulothu (Dr. G)

Principal, Sumter County Intermediate School

• Get Parent Portal for Infinite Campus: email [campus@sumterschools.org](mailto:campus@sumterschools.org) for information