

*Dear Silex R-I Parents, Students, and Staff:*

*I hope you all are having a Happy New Year! I certainly enjoyed yesterday's beautiful weather. It was a great day for a drive with the top down in my husband's old mustang. Unfortunately, while I am ready for spring, there is a lot of winter still left. While the winter months may pass slowly, your students have busy at all levels, and there is much to share in this Guidance Newsletter. I am a little late in getting this edition out. My apologies, and here goes...*

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## SECONDARY NEWS...

**Pay special attention to: #10, #11, #17, #18, #19, #20, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31!**

Seniors, there are many scholarships available, and students **WILL** receive money for college. However, if you do not apply, there is no way you'll be the recipient of those funds. This is the time to get moving. Deadlines are approaching fast. See Mrs. Wells for applications, or refer to the links below for those available online. Don't make the mistake of thinking there will be many applicants, and your chances are not good. Sometimes, the odds for receiving a particular scholarship are far better than you might expect. The more you apply, the easier the process will become, too.

**Here's the Latest Listing (6 New Ones Added):**

#	Name of Scholarship	Due Date	\$ Amount
6	Culver-Stockton Pillars for Excellence	October - January	Full Tuition
8	Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest	January 31, 2018	Up to \$1,500
16	Conservation Foun. of MO Scholarships (Bell/Stenger)	January 31, 2018	\$1,000
20	MO State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture	February 1, 2018	Up to \$5,000
21	James L. and Nellie M. Westlake Scholarship Program	February 1, 2018	Varies
22	"We the Students" Essay Contest	February 5, 2018	Up to \$5,000
27	Farm Kids for College Scholarship	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 (3)
28	National Defense Transportation Assoc. Scholarship	March 1, 2018	\$1,500 - \$4,000
29	Missouri Association Mutual Insurance Companies	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 (8)
9	2018 Project 21 Scholarship (MO Gaming Assoc.)	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 - \$1,500
23	SCC Foundation and Trustee Scholarship(s) - <b>MANY</b>	March 1, 2018	Varies
10	Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Scholarship	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
11	Donald E. Thompson Family Charitable Foundation	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
30	East Central Administrators' Association Scholarship	March 30, 2018	Varies
31	Missouri Insurance Education Foundation (MEIF)	March 31, 2018	\$1,500 (4)
18	Clarence C. "Kac" Hinds Scholarship Trust		

	(This is 0% Interest Loan Until After Grad., Any Major)	March 31, 2018	Varies
19	Clarence C. "Kac" Hinds Nursing Fund (Scholarship)	March 31, 2018	Varies
17	Lincoln County Moose Lodge 2599	April 1, 2018	\$500
24	Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$500
25	The Edgar I. Lanvermeier Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$250
26	The Lucille Heitman 4-H Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$300
12	Injury Lawyers Scholarship	May 31, 2018	\$1,500
13	Groth & Associates	July 31, 2018	\$1,000
32	Pottroff and Karlin Law Firm Scholarship	August 1, 2018	\$1,000

- #5 <http://www.rovepestcontrol.com/rove-pest-control-scholarship/>  
 #7 <https://www.vcu.com/qfe>  
 #8 <http://library.missouri.edu/giving/stuckey-essay-contest/>  
 #16 <http://www.moswcs.org/scholarship/>  
 #21 <https://www.scholarsapply.org/westlake>  
 #22 See Mrs. Wells for an Email w/ the Link Included.  
 #23 <https://www.stchas.edu/admissions/financial-aid/types-aid/scholarships>  
 #12 <https://www.bestinjurylawyer.com/injury-scholarship/>  
 #13 <http://www.grothlaw.com/scholarship/>  
 #29 <https://www.pottroff.com/scholarship/>

For those students in FFA, Mr. O'Brien provides a list of scholarships associated with that field. The link to that list at the Silex R-I Website is: <http://www.silex.k12.mo.us/o/silex-r-i/browse/2318>

And, one more:

<https://www.studentscholarships.org/2017scholarships.php#sthash.p7KfZDpK.OktuHtUL.dpbs>

*I am excited that 13 seniors signed-up and attended the Pizza Pie and Apply Lunch earlier this month. I hope that this event helped get students started or moving faster on applications while providing a little fun along the way. Thanks to those students who gave came and worked!*

## Important Dates for Multiple Grade Levels:

- 🌐 **Silex Parent Scheduling Meeting:** Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room.
  - \* 6:00-7:00 for 2018-2019 Freshmen and Parents
  - \* 7:00-8:00 for 2018-2019 Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Parents
- 🌐 **Student Schedule Request Forms Due in Guidance:** Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>
- 🌐 **Student PLTC Applications Due in Guidance:** Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 🌐 **Student Ambassador Training and Lunch:** Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> During 5<sup>th</sup> Hour
- 🌐 **Silex R-I Career Fair:** Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>
- 🌐 **Crider Lessons with Pre-K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>:** Wed., February 21<sup>st</sup> (More Info. To Come).
- 🌐 **Online ACT w/ Writing for All Juniors:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- 🌐 **FAFSA Frenzy Dates at SCC:** Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 7:00)
  - \* RSVP at [financialail@stchas.edu](mailto:financialail@stchas.edu) or by calling 636-922-8601, Admin. Bldg. #3103
- 🌐 **SCC A+ Info. Nights for Seniors:** March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00 – 7:30) SSB Bldg.
- 🌐 **SCC Be Ready Visits:** Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 17<sup>th</sup> (Field Trip to SCCC)
- 🌐 **PLTC Prospective Student Night:** February 27<sup>th</sup>

## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

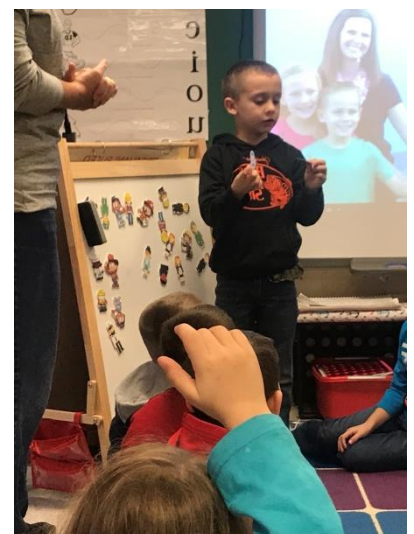
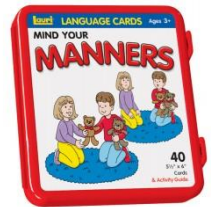
*Some items listed below have appeared for a few months, and I am still seeking interested parties. Please check them out, and note that there have been a few really fun opportunities added. Our community wants to showcase the talents of our young people. So, Silex students, show them what you have!*

- **Missouri Boys State** is accepting applications for the 79<sup>th</sup> session to be held June 16-23 on the campus of the UCM in Warrensburg. If you are junior male and would like to be considered for this opportunity, please see Mrs. Wells. This is free to accepted students. Students applying should demonstrate high standards of leadership, character, scholarship and citizenship. Applications are due to Mrs. Wells by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, due to the program by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Missouri Girls State** is accepting applications for their 2018 session, which will run from June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2018; however, applications must be submitted to Mrs. Wells no later than February 16, 2018. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. This is a paid opportunity for our delegate(s).
- **Missouri Leadership Seminar** is a 3-day program for exceptional sophomores from across Missouri. Students are given the opportunity to explore and expand their leadership potential during the Seminar taking place June 7-10, 2018. Silex may nominate one student. The nomination deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>, so if you are interested in being considered for this experience (provided free of charge), see Mrs. Wells at your earliest convenience.
- **Take it From a Teen Challenge** is a local contest for students ages 13-19. Students are to make a 60-second video about driving safety. The videos will be judged in February, and the winner will receive \$100. Videos are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. For complete details, see Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Miller, or Mrs. Carnahan.
- **National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest** is a contest open to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. The poster should demonstrate the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home," and students, parents, and teachers could win a trip to Washington, D.C. Posters are due by February 15<sup>th</sup> to Connie Berhorst, Juvenile Justice Program Manager MO-DPS, 1101 North Riverside Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101.
- **Bill of Rights Institute Essay Contest** is asking students in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades the following question: "To what extent in the U.S. does the government – federal, state, and local – have the duty to monitor internet content?" This is to be a 500-800 word essay, and it is due before February 5, 2018. There are \$20,000 in scholarships and prizes up for grabs. See Mrs. Wells for further details.
- **Cuivre River Electric Youth Tour** is looking for six high school junior to send to the 2018 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. This all-expenses paid trip is June 8-14. Runners-up will receive \$500 scholarships. Applications are due Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Wells for more information.



## *In the Classroom* .....

- Last week, Representatives from **Thrive** presented the **Best Choice Program** to our Students in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Three different levels of lessons were provided (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>). The curriculum is usually done over four days, but presenters were able to complete the program in three following our snow day. Students participated in classes generally well, and several teachers and administrators observed the lessons that were being taught. The goal of the program is to encourage abstinence as the best choice regarding sexual activity at this age, but other topics were addressed (cyber safety, healthy relationships, sexually transmitted illnesses, and more), depending on the audience.
- This week, I will be visiting students in middle and high school to discuss scheduling for next year. For students entering high school, we will talk about 4-Year Plans, Career Pathways, Diploma Options, and more. I get very excited about the opportunities that students have through college classes, PLTC, and the classes here on campus. Watch for the scheduling paperwork to come home in upcoming days.
- Sophomores visited PLTC today for a quick tour and overview of programs. These students have the opportunity to apply for PLTC for next year. Ask your student about their visit.
- I had a great time with 1<sup>st</sup>-Grade Students earlier this month. Mrs. Lafave's and Mrs. Mehler's students enjoyed a reading of Eric Carle's "The Grouchy Ladybug," and they did a great job of demonstrating how gratefulness impacts how we interact and behave in lots of ways. We used "Mind Your Manners" cards in this lesson.
- And, Kindergarten students at Silex have lots of goals. During a recent lesson with them, they expressed career goals like: rock star, police officer, construction worker, and President. They are an ambitious group. They heard a Weird Al Yankovic song ("Tacky"), and read his book, "When I Grow Up." Here are a few photos from their classes. Photo creds. to Isabelle Sgroi!





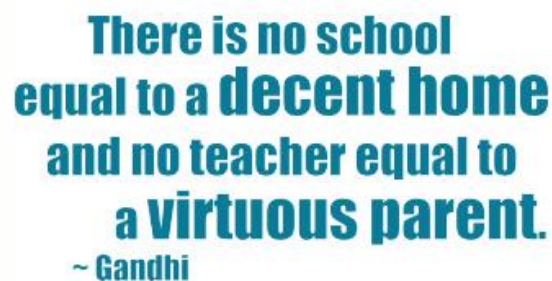
## Community Resources -

The Pike County Health Department Home Health & Hospice Newsletter (January 2018) includes information about several classes that may be of interest to our parents:

- 🌐 Baby Basics – This class is offered for expectant and new parents, foster parents, and grandparents. This class will provide tips on feeding, safe sleep, coping with stressors of being a new parent, and more. It is offered free of charge. Contact PCHD at 573-324-2111 for more information. Also, check it out at [www.pikecountyhealth.org](http://www.pikecountyhealth.org)
- 🌐 Safe Sitter – This may be a great class for your 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Grade student who is hoping to do some babysitting. The class is 6.5 hours in length (or 1 day with CPR), and the cost is \$35. Consult the website above for more details.

The Lincoln County Resource Board has the following upcoming events:

- 🌐 Midwest Justice for Children Workshop – The Child Center will host a workshop entitled “Responding to Children with Problematic Sexual Behaviors” on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This is for educators, mental and medical health professionals, law enforcement and children’s services agencies, and caregivers/parents/foster parents. The cost is \$100. Contact [lbuschman@cacnemo.org](mailto:lbuschman@cacnemo.org) for more information.
- 🌐 “Not Our Children” Campaign – A taskforce is being formed to prevent childhood sexual abuse, and the taskforce is seeking opportunities to present the prevention program to parent groups. If you are part of a group that might be interested in hosting a presentation, contact the LCRB for more information at [director@lincolncountykids.org](mailto:director@lincolncountykids.org).



**There is no school  
equal to a decent home  
and no teacher equal to  
a virtuous parent.  
~ Gandhi**

