Congratulations to our October Students of the Month! These students were recognized for outstanding work in the classroom during the month of October. They were treated to lunch on Monday!

7th grade Math – Austin McKibben
8th grade Science – Shayla Welch
7th grade Social Studies – Hannah Neuenschwander
6th grade Social Studies – Savannah Alberson
8th grade Project Lead the Way – Kirstien Herman
7th grade Business – Emilie Hammell
6th grade World Language – Allison Loshe
8th grade Language Arts – Dominique Quiroz

6th grade Science – Lauren McKean
8th grade Band – Kylee Bixler
6th grade Choir – Gabi Bailey
8th grade Art – Isabella Bailey
6th grade Music – Marissa Yoder
7th grade AG – Maggie Evans
6th grade PE – Brett Schwartz

Thanksgiving Vacation
No school on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.
Techfit Club for Middle School Students

Professor Brad Harriger, director of the school of Technology Manufacturing Center at Purdue University, visited our Middle School Techfit program last week. He observed a daily schedule, participated in the daily activities, and gave helpful suggestions for the exergame which will be presented at Purdue on December 11. The Techfit group will present their exergame to students, parents, community, and school board the week of December 8.

Techfit (Teaching Engineering Concepts to Harness Future Innovators and Technologists) is the result of a collaboration between four college professors. All four were originally at Purdue and now two are at Charlotte. They received a grant that is covering the costs, and the materials are donated by companies. Middle school students could fill out an application if they were interested in joining Techfit. All applicants were accepted if they completed the application. We have 23 students in this club. Four middle school teachers (Pauline Borders, Cindy Sprunger, Margie Dobler, and Rebecca Dailey) attended a one week training session and a one day inservice to prepare to teach the materials. Four schools in Indiana and four schools in Charlotte are offering Techfit. This is the first year the program has been offered to schools to be used in a research study.
Dots in Blue Water Collection Drive is Coming Soon!
During the first two weeks in December, the Dots in Blue Water team will be collecting items for “Haitian Family Hygiene Kits” in the high school. These kits will include towels, bars of soap, bars of laundry detergent, and other hygiene items. These items will be transported to Haiti and distributed during the water purification/hygiene trainings in June.

During the week of December 1, the elementary and middle school students and staff can help by donating toothbrushes and toothpaste. These items will be placed in the blue barrel at the end of your child’s hallway. We are asking that the toothbrushes and toothpaste be in their original packaging.

During the week of December 8, the students and staff may donate nail clippers, wide tooth combs, and Band-Aids. These items will also be placed in the blue barrels and should be donated in their original packaging. Each of these items can be purchased at one of the local dollar stores for $1.

We appreciate any donations made for the people in Haiti. Together we are making a World of Difference!

Swissity Volleyball Club for Girls in Grades 5, 6, and 7
Sign up December 1st and 3rd from 5:30-6:30 in the HS Commons.
Price: $130 (if 2 girls in a family join, the cost is $230).
Cost includes tournament t-shirt, socks, spandex, kneepads, and ALL tournament fees.
Coaches: Jaime Beitler (7), Paul Yoder (5, 6).
Teams will be divided by ages/talent. Practice one time per week Dec. through March/April with 1-3 tournaments per team.

Notes from the School Nurse, Gina Dunnuck.
As the flu season approaches, we want to remind everyone of a few things to help keep us healthy. The best way to prevent the spread of germs is to encourage frequent hand washing, even when kids feel well. Kids should wash their hands before eating, after coughing or sneezing, and after going to the bathroom. Please encourage your child and family to cover their coughs with the bend of their arm/elbow.

We are always working closely with the Health Department to monitor any outbreaks or conditions that need immediate attention to help prevent the spread of these illnesses. It is very important to South Adams to help keep our students healthy and our school clean!

For more information, please visit our website at www.southadams.k12.in.us. Click on the Health Services tab on the left. Click on Medical Information. Click on the related file, Everyday Actions to Help Fight Germs.