



## It's Elementary

November 2012

Smackover Elementary School

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### **Drug Abuse**

One person dies from drug abuse every 19 minutes in the United States. Studies show that children who have parents who talk to their children about the risks of drug use are less at risk. The most common abuse of drugs in elementary children are inhalants and prescription or over the counter drugs. There are pamphlets with information that parents should know about these in the front hallway. Parents need to be very careful about how and where the store these items. Also, there is now a permanent disposal box, for prescription drugs that are no longer, needed located at the Smackover Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Department, and the El Dorado Police Department.

### **Veteran's Day Program**

Our Veteran's Day Program will be held Friday, November 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Hobgood Auditorium. The SES Student Council and Mrs. Wood's Fifth and Sixth Grade music students will be presenting the program.

All area veterans are invited to come to be honored by SES students. A special area at the front of the auditorium will be marked off for veteran's and their families. Please join us.

Also, we would like to put pictures of veterans who are parents, grandparents or other family members, on the front bulletin board. If you have a family member who is in the service or who is a veteran, please send a photo or copy of a photo to school.

### **PTO Meeting**

On Monday, November 12, we will have a PTO business meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:50 p.m. in the SES Library. Please come and find out how you can help the PTO and the school.

### **Reading Tips for Parents**

#### **Finding a "Just Right" Book**

Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." How do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your reader feel successful.

### **Daylight Savings Time**

It is time to set the clocks back. The official time to reset your clock is 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 4, So be sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed on this Saturday.

### **Winter Wonderland Family Night**

SES has scheduled a family night on Tuesday, December 4. We hope that you will be able to come. We will have the Hamburger Fundraiser and classroom activities. More information will come later this month.

## Coats

This is the time of year that children begin wearing coats to school. It is helpful if you are able to put your child's name on their coat. That way if your child puts the coat down somewhere, we may be able to return it to them.

## Thanksgiving Holidays

We will dismiss for Thanksgiving on November 21-23. We, at SES, hope you have lots of fun with family and friends.



## Box Tops

The class collecting the most box tops for October was Mrs. Stringer's class with 580 box tops. SES collected \$138.00 worth of box tops in October. Keep up the good work. Ask your friends and family to help you collect box tops.

## Caramel Brownies

### Ingredients:

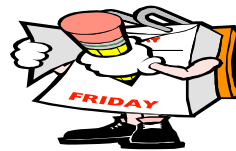
- 1 box (1 lb 2.4 oz) Betty Crocker Original Supreme Brownie Mix
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 25 caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tablespoons milk

### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 (325 for dark or nonstick pans) Grease bottom only of 13x9-inch pan. In medium bowl, stir
2. brownie mix, pouch of chocolate syrup, oil, water and eggs until well blended. Spread in pan. In a small bowl, combine

nuts and chocolate chips: sprinkle half of mixture over batter in pan. Set aside remaining nut mixture.

3. Bake 30 minutes. Meanwhile, place caramels and milk in small microwavable bowl, microwave uncovered on HIGH 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes, stirring every minute until caramels are melted.
4. After removing pan from oven, immediately spoon caramel mixture over brownie to within 1/2 inch of sides; sprinkle with remaining nut mixture. Return to oven and bake an additional 10 minutes until toothpick inserted into brownie 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours. For brownies, cut into 8 rows by 5 rows. Store covered at room temperature



## Important Dates

Nov.4—Daylight Savings Time  
Nov. 9—Veteran's Day Program  
Nov. 12—PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Nov. 12—School Board Meeting  
Nov. 20—Kindergarten/First Grade Thanksgiving Feast—9:00 a.m.  
Nov. 20—Progress Reports  
Nov. 21-23—Thanksgiving Holidays  
Dec. 4—Winter Wonderland Family Night  
Dec. 7—Christmas Parade in Smackover  
Dec. 24-Jan. 4—Christmas/New Year Holidays  
April 2-4—IOWA Tests Grades One and Two  
April 8-12—Benchmark Tests Grades 3-6

