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**SMITH-HALE RECOGNIZING 150 FOR 'OFF FIELD' EXCELLENCE**

One hundred fifty Smith-Hale Middle School (8925 Longview Rd.) students will be recognized and honored for 'non athletic' achievements during ceremonies Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8:45 a.m. inside the school's gymnasium. School Principal Jan Davis and her administrative staff came up with the idea to honor students who participate in a variety of classroom and extracurricular activities.

"So often, we recognize our athletes and that's a good thing," said Vernice Jones, a counselor at Smith-Hale and the coordinator of the program. "But we thought classroom and extracurricular excellence should be honored too.

"We wanted to promote a feeling of togetherness throughout the school and recognize great student performance."

Several student groups will be recognized including members of the National Honor Society, Principal's Honor Roll, Yearbook Club, Math Achievers, Newspaper staff, Student Council and the Derrick Thomas/Neil Smith Third and Long Foundation, along with band, orchestra and choir members and students with 95 percent or higher attendance.

Kathie James, assistant principal at Ruskin High School, will be the guest speaker. "I want to congratulate the students and encourage them to continue to excel in the classroom and excel in their extracurricular activities," James said.

Parents are invited to attend.

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