



# THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

*SES Principal's Newsletter/March 2023*

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

It's hard to believe that we are now in March! This month brings parent-teacher conferences, our SES Art Show, One Book, Two Schools, and the Saugatuck Theater Club's (STC) performances of Little Mermaid, Jr.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize the cast and crew of STC, as well as the parents and staff members who dedicate their time and energy to this program for grade 3-5 students.

If you have the opportunity to attend a performance, you will not be disappointed! STC will publicly debut its rendition of Little Mermaid, Jr. on March 31, as well as two showings on April 1.

## RULER FEELING WORDS

You may be very familiar with the Mood Meter, a tool utilized in our RULER Social-Emotional curriculum, but have you heard your child mention Feelings Words? Feelings Words are grade level vocabulary words dedicated to helping students better understand how to name their emotions in each of the four mood meter quadrants. For example, elated, energetic, confident, etc. At SES, each class is posting the feeling word their class is learning outside of their classroom as we work to utilize the word as part of our regular conversation.

## DATES TO NOTE

- ☒ March 6: Online booking begins for parent-teacher conferences
- ☒ March 6-24: SES Annual Art Show
- ☒ March 7: One Book, Two Schools launches
- ☒ March 7-8: OLSAT testing in Grade 2
- ☒ March 15-17: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ☒ March 22: Early Release Day/Staff PD- 1:00pm student dismissal
- ☒ March 31-April 1: STC's Little Mermaid Jr.
- ☒ April 4: General PTA meeting at 9:15am
- ☒ April 7: Good Friday/No School
- ☒ April 10-14: Spring Recess/No School

## UPCOMING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 15-17 are elementary parent-teacher conferences.

More information about conferences, progress reports, and how to book conference times will be sent to families next week.

## REMINDERS

- Please don't hold doors for others as you enter the main entrance. While it is a thoughtful gesture, we require each visitor to ring the buzzer and speak to one of our office staff members before entering the building.
- With the onset of snow outside, students who wish to play in the snow must wear snow gear at recess.
- Please ensure that SDM is accurate for your child's dismissal by 1:45pm everyday, and 11:15am on early release days. SDM can be programed in advance.

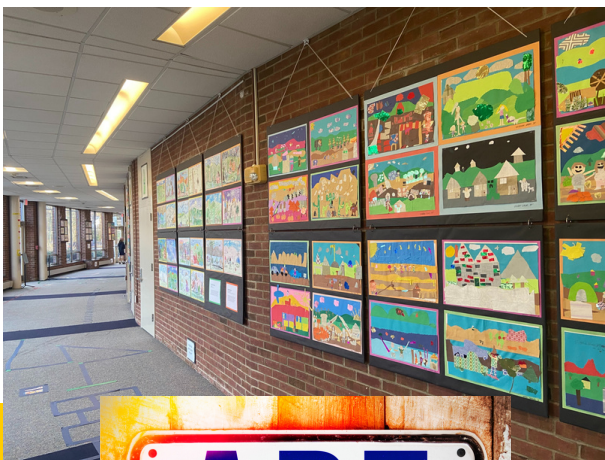


## SPOTLIGHT ON SEAL PATROL

Did you know that 5th graders riding the bus have the opportunity to be leaders as part of our Seal Patrol program? Seal Patrol members work with the adult on bus duty to help ensure the safety of all bus riders. Seal Patrol members take great pride in their roles, and they have developed special bonds with our youngest bus riders as they help to ensure they board the bus safely and confidently. We are very proud of these 5th grade leaders!

## READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Thursday March 2 was Read Across America Day- a national day of celebrating reading! At SES, classes had special guest readers read aloud a favorite picture book in their classroom. Check out some of our special guest readers above and below.



**MARCH 6-24**  
**AUDITORIUM HALLWAY**

