



THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

SES Principal's Newsletter/September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

Our school year is off to a great start! Classes are settling into routines, building community, and engaging in academics. Our teachers look forward to sharing more with you at Back to School Night next week.

TOWN MEETINGS

Each month, SES students and staff come together to take part in a whole school assembly called a "Town Meeting." This week we came together as a school to hear a read aloud of our whole school book, "When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left" and to celebrate summer reading. We also joined together for a special sing-along of "Singing in the Rain" and enjoyed a celebratory slideshow of our first few days of the school year. These meetings are such a joyful time for our community to come together as we celebrate what makes SES special.

DATES TO NOTE

- ✓ Sept. 11: K-2 Back to School Night
- ✓ Sept. 14: 3-5 Back to School Night
- ✓ Sept. 15: International Dot Day
- ✓ Sept. 19: School Picture Day
- ✓ Sept. 25: Yom Kippur- No School
- ✓ Oct. 11: Professional Development Day for Staff- Early Release for students at 1:00pm



Celebrating our summer reading by showcasing the book links students made over the summer; Mr. E. Lawrence and Mrs. Cooney model trying something new and it not going "just right."



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, September 11: Gr. K-2

- 7:00 – 7:10: Evening Overview in the Auditorium
- 7:10 – 7:45: Grade 2 parents meet with teachers in their classrooms. Grades K and 1 parents meet with Special Area/Support Teachers
- 7:50 – 8:25 Grades K and 1 parents meet with teachers in their classrooms. Grade 2 parents meet with Special Area/Support Teachers

Thursday, September 14: Gr. 3-5

- 6:30 – 6:50: Welcome and Overview of the SES Instrument & Chorus Program- For Parents of Grades 4 & 5 Students taking Instrument Lessons or participating in Chorus (Auditorium)
- 7:00 – 7:10: Evening Overview in the Auditorium
- 7:10 – 7:45: Grade 3 parents meet with teachers in their classrooms. Grades 4 and 5 parents meet with Special Area/Support Teachers

Back to School Night is an evening for parents and teachers only- we appreciate your assistance with this.

REMINDERS

- We have plenty of recess equipment, please do not bring in equipment from home
- If picking up at dismissal, have a sign with your child's name and press the FastLane button in SDM when you arrive
- Review your child's lunch balance frequently
- Review with your child what they can buy for lunch. A la cart items are available for purchase at lunchtime and this can add up quickly in accounts! For more information about pricing, check out the westportps.org website.
- Send a snack in everyday with your child, as well as a refillable water bottle. Thanks to our PTA we have two new water refill stations at SES!

SEAL PATROL KICKS-OFF!

All of our 5th graders have the opportunity to be part of Seal Patrol, a leadership opportunity where our oldest students assist at bus dismissal. This week we met with all of our 5th graders interested in the opportunity, and they got right to work assisting our staff and students with safe bus dismissal procedures. Kudos to these leaders!



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