



THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

SES Principal's Newsletter/October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

As the leaves change, and fall sets in, we reflect on a very successful first six weeks of school. Routines are in place, and students are hard at work learning important academic and social skills.

We have a very special community at SES, and I would like to personally take a moment to thank our students and families for all of their birthday well wishes last week. The students and staff took me by complete surprise, and it was great fun to celebrate together at our monthly Town Meeting and 80s spirit day.

SECOND STEP PROGRAM

This fall, our elementary schools have added the Second Step program to our social-emotional learning toolbox. The addition of this program came out of a need expressed by teachers to have access to lessons that directly teach students skills in growth mindset, empathy, kindness, and problem-solving. This program not only complements Responsive Classroom and RULER, but adds a direct teaching approach that teachers and students alike have found to be very useful and engaging. Be on the lookout for Second Step unit home-links sent from your child's teacher.

Student Leadership Council members create friendship bracelets to welcome Author Stacy McAnulty

DATES TO NOTE

- ✓ Oct. 17: Family Math Night at SES for Grades 3-5 (SES Cafeteria)
- ✓ Oct. 23: Presentation for WPS Families by Mathematics expert Dr. Yeap Ban Har 6:30-7:30pm (SES Auditorium)
- ✓ Oct. 25: Stacy McAnulty Author Visit at SES (this is a student only event)
- ✓ Oct. 27: SES Movie Night at 6:30pm (SES Auditorium)
- ✓ Oct. 31: K-5 Halloween Parade @ 9:15am around the track. General PTA Meeting right after.
- ✓ Nov. 7: Professional Development/ Election Day- No School for Students
- ✓ Nov. 10: Veteran's Day at SES- wear red, white & blue
- ✓ Nov. 13-17: SES Bookfair
- ✓ Nov. 13: Progress Reports open in PowerSchool HAC at 4pm
- ✓ Nov. 14: Picture Re-Take Day
- ✓ Nov. 15, 16, and 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences (early release for students at 1pm)



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Online conference sign ups will be sent in early November. Parent-Teacher Conferences are:

- Wednesday, Nov. 15
- Thursday, Nov. 16
- Friday, Nov. 17

Students will dismiss at 1pm on each of these days.

4th Grade artists creating mosaics in Ms. Lasto's Art Room



STAFF RETIREMENT NEWS!

Nurse Jane Sandri and our Head Custodian Al Orozco will be retiring at the end of December!

These two individuals have contributed so much to SES and will be greatly missed. We have been fortunate to work alongside them, and wish Nurse Jane and Mr. Al a glorious retirement. It is well deserved!

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our SES Halloween Parade includes all classes. Lead by our Kindergarteners, K-5 classes and staff will parade around our track on October 31 at 9:15am. Families are welcome to come and watch the parade.

All students may come to school in a Halloween costume. Costumes should be appropriate for an elementary school setting: no masks, weapons, blood, scary outfits, etc. will be allowed at school. Please keep that in mind when choosing a costume with your child.

BUYING LUNCH AT SES

School lunch is \$2.45. There are also ala carte items that can be purchased from the kitchen. While this list is subject to change (it can be found on the Nutrislice website [here](#)), it gives you a sense of how quickly balances can add up when multiple ala carte items are purchased with lunch:

- Fruit / Vegetable ala carte \$0.75
- Fresh Baked Bagel / Muffin \$1.00
- Reduced Sugar Cereal \$1.00
- 8 oz, Bottled Water \$0.75
- 100% Juice Cup \$0.75
- 16 oz Bottled Water \$1.25
- Organic or Soy Milk ala carte \$1.50
- 8 oz. seltzer \$1.00
- Lowfat String Cheese \$0.75
- Lowfat 4 oz. Yogurt \$0.75

Please discuss lunch options with your child and check lunch balances frequently at MySchoolBucks.com.



Welcome Officer Rachel Hall! Officer Hall is the SRO for KHS & SES. She has been getting to know SES staff and students and we appreciate her eight years of service to WPD. Officer Hall is married and lives in Milford. In her free time, she likes to ride motorcycles and knit! She loves dogs and has two- a mutt and a Great Dane.