



THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

SES Principal's Newsletter/March 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

Family Groups are back at SES! In February 2020, Saugatuck launched family groups of K-5 students, and staff members from across the school. The purpose of these family groups was to offer additional opportunities to grow connections across our grade levels and staff. Unfortunately, we only met once due to COVID, and family groups were put on hold....

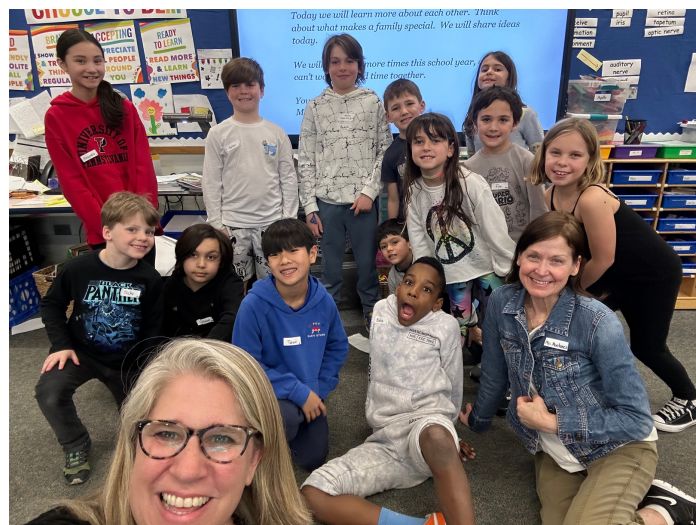
This past summer, SES staff members met to analyze results from the WPS Climate Survey. One of the action steps identified by these SES staff members was to bring back our family groups as a way of continuing to promote a sense of belonging for all SES students and staff members.

This week we had our first Family Group meeting! Every SES student is assigned to a K-5 family group with approximately 12-15 students in each "family". Each family group also includes 2-3 staff members which enables our students and staff to get to know others outside of our homeroom and grade level. This week's meeting included activities designed to help our "families" get to know each other better.

Our family groups will meet two more times this school year and we look forward to seeing these community connections grow across our school.

DATES TO NOTE

- ✓ March 7: PTA's Bingo Night & Fill Your Basket Raffle 6-7:30pm SES Auditorium
- ✓ March 11: Progress Reports available on Home Access Center @ 4:00pm and SES Night at the Westport Library: A One Book, Two Schools (OBTS) Celebration 6-7pm
- ✓ March 13-15: Parent-Teacher Conferences / Early Release Day for students at 1pm
- ✓ March 14: OBTS Spirit Day: Kindness Day! Wear words of kindness and perform random acts of kindness
- ✓ March 20: Staff Development Day/Early Release for Students @ 1pm
- ✓ March 26: K-2 Math Night 6:30-7:30pm in the SES cafeteria
- ✓ March 29: Good Friday/No School
- ✓ April 5 & 6: Saugatuck Theater Club's performance of The Wizard of Oz



Ms. Kain and Mrs. Montanez's Family Group

REMINDERS

- Per our Westport district policy, students in elementary school may not display or use communication devices such as cell phones and smart watches at school. These devices must be turned off during this period and stored in their backpacks. The school bus ride is an extension of the school day and any school rules should be complied with while the students are on board the bus, thus no smartwatches or cell phones can be used on the school bus.
- If your child is being dismissed early, please pick them up from the main office by 2:45pm.
- Students should refrain from bringing toys to school. Thank you for keeping these at home.

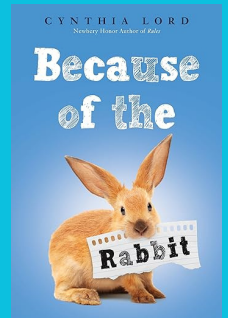


SES MATH NIGHT

Students in Grades K-2 are invited to family math night on March 26 from 6:30-7:30pm. Come have fun playing math games as a family. Please note this is not a drop off event.

ONE BOOK, TWO SCHOOLS

We hope you are enjoying this year's selection "Because of the Rabbit" by Cynthia Lord.

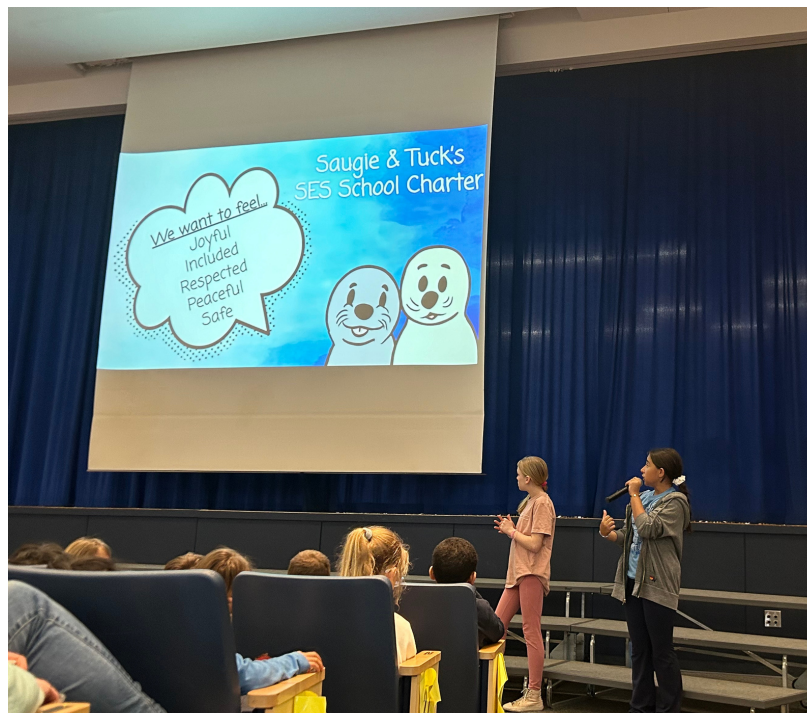


We are entering the final week of OBTS and are excited for our Monday evening "Night at the Library" event.

SCHOOL CHARTER

At last week's whole school Town Meeting, our SES Student Leadership Council shared our revised whole school charter. Our school charter communicates how our school community wants to feel at school:

- Joyful
- Included
- Respected
- Peaceful
- Safe



RAMADAN

Ramadan will begin on Sunday, March 10. Students who are fasting may go to the library during their lunchtime if they wish to avoid the cafeteria. Please reach out to your child's teacher if your child may be fasting. Teachers will ensure there is adequate supervision and a designated space for students interested in this option during Ramadan.