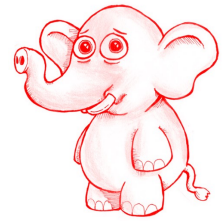


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Spirit Week and Pep Rally Wrap-Up



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The date of the one and only pep rally.

The 7th and 8th graders gather into the gym filling each seat with spirit filled kids. Mr. Arnett announces the student council to speak. The chorus then sings the national anthem, and off goes the DJ's music. Around 7 students from each grade are called out to join in the competition. The first one was a heavy backpack challenge.

The teachers, 7th graders, and 8th graders line up. The first person is putting on the backpack, nervous yet excited. GO! They sprint through the hula hoops, crawled through the mats and around the end cone. Every time a person climbs on their knees, the backpack overtakes their body making them face plop on the ground. At last, the round is over

and 8th grade won.

The next round was the frisbee throw. Each competing person had to roll on a small gym scooter all the way to the end cone, and throw the frisbee to touch the plastic basket. Once you miss 3

times, it's the next person's turn. The teachers weren't the fastest on the scooters, but they had better aim than the kids. Back and forth the competitors went until the final winners, I believe were the teachers!!!! BOOOO!!!!

Next was the basketball chair challenge. Teachers, and students all got picked out and lined up in curvy line. The first person sat on a rolling chair and held a basketball. On the words go, the competitors rolled to the 3 pointer line and chucked the ball hoping to make it in. After going back and forth, the 8th graders won!

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**Set your clocks
back one hour
this weekend!
Daylight
Savings
Time
ends 2 a.m.
Sunday!**



**Also,
CHECK AND
REPLACE
YOUR SMOKE
DETECTOR
BATTERIES!**



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Jordan Sonnenblick Entertains 7th and 8th Graders



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Today, Somers Middle School had the pleasure of meeting Jordan Sonnenblick.

In this, his third annual visit to SMS, he gave an assembly, and included the audience many times.

He told us about his inspiration for his first book—a girl in the ELA class he was teaching who was dealing with her younger brother's cancer. That experience inspired him to write, Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie.

He also told us about his childhood, like how his evil kindergarten teacher taped his mouth shut, and then a few minutes later, ripped it off his mouth, and

he started screaming from the pain.

He gave me an interview, and told me that his grandfather gave him the inspiration to

become an author. He told us that if he did not become an author, he would still be a teacher. On his free time he would like to play baseball and tennis with his son, biking with his daughter, and talking long walks with his wife. He gets his ideas from events, such as Emily's younger brother's cancer. One person who did like to pick on him was his older sister because she did not think he could become an author, but he proved her wrong.

In addition to the assembly, Jordan hosted a pizza lunch and a writer's workshop for students who were selected after they wrote letters explaining why they wanted to participate in these events.

We are really glad that Jordan Sonnenblick came to visit Somers Middle School's 7th and 8th graders.



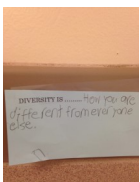
Diversity and Tolerance Give Focus to Advisory



**By Allison Zattola and Skyler Reyes
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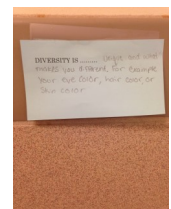
Last Wednesday's advisory class featured discussions about diversity. Diversity is the state or fact of being different and unique.

In class we were all provided with a colored sheet that had a started sentence on it. It said "Diversity is....." And we all had to finish the sentence in our own words.



Advisory teachers showed us a video about diversity and what it really means. In addition, students talked about National Mix It Up Day, a day where you make a pledge to sit with someone you don't normally associate with.

The colored Diversity papers have been put up all around the cafeteria to remind us of how important it is.



Keep Halloween Spirit Going With Witch Hat Cookies

**By Caitlyn Stellwagen
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A fun and easy way to spook up your Halloween with a tasty treat!

All you have to do is follow these simple steps!

Ingredients

- Keebler Fudge Striped cookies
- Hershey Kisses
- Frosting (Color of your choice)
- That's it!

Steps

Flip the Keebler fudge striped cookies over so that all the chocolate side is facing up.

Put some frosting on the flat side of the Hershey Kiss

Place the Hershey Kiss in the center of the cookie so that the frosting makes the Hershey Kiss stay on top of the cookie

Voila! You have a wonderful mini witch hat!

I hope you had fun doing this because I know I did.



Pep Rally

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The games were over and raffles were taking place.

One kid from 8th grade and two kids from 7th grade received 10\$ gift cards.

Everyone ran out of the gym and around the hall ready to tell their families about this awesome pep rally.



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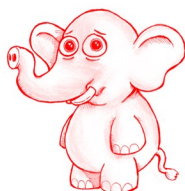
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Sports Update



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Box Score

The curse has finally been broken!! The Cubs won the World Series 8-7 in extra innings. It's the first championship since the Cubs won it 108 years ago. Now their curse is broken. The Cleveland Indians, on the other hand, now have the longest non-championship curse in the major leagues, going on 68 years.



There has been another tie in the NFL. The Bengals and Redskins played each other in London Sunday and were the first two teams that ever went into overtime in London and the first teams that had a tie in London, playing at Wembley Stadium. This is also the 2nd time there has been a tie back to back. The Seattle Seahawks and Arizona Cardinals tied at 6-6 the previous week. The NFL hasn't had back to back ties in 19 years.



Tiger Woods is back. Tiger announced that he is going to play in the Hero World challenge in December. Tiger is coming off of two injuries—a sprain of the MCL in his left knee and a strain to the left Achilles' tendon. It will be interesting to see how long this comeback lasts.