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## NaNoWriMo is Almost Here!



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Hi everyone! It's almost November so you know what that means? It's almost time for NaNoWriMo! So, what exactly is NaNoWriMo? Well, NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month and it's a global writing event! Writers, teachers, students, and many more participate in this event and try to write *an entire novel* in just the



**National  
Novel  
Writing  
Month**

month of November! That's right! Anyone who participates in NaNoWriMo tries to write an entire book in only one month. That's crazy!

Also, did you know that Somers is participating in NaNoWriMo? In ELA class, eighth graders are going to be writing novels for the entire month of November! How exciting! You can participate, too! All you have to do is go to [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org) and follow the steps on their website.

Then, just wait until November, and you can start your novel! I know I'm planning to participate, so how about you?

## 'Orange' You Glad We Had Unity Day?



By Eve Clark  
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Unity Day, the day everyone wears orange to school. But what is Unity Day? Unity Day is an event that takes place in October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month. It promotes joining together to create better communities.



It all started in the PACERS National Bullying Prevention Center, but is now celebrated around the world.

Why do we wear orange? We wear orange to show that we are together against bullying and united through kindness and acceptance.

What can you do to be united and stand up against bullying? You can be an upstander, not a bystander. Show kindness to everyone of any race, ethnicity or gender. If you see bullying say something—tell a teacher, parent or guardian.

Now, let's join together and stand up against bullying!



## Squid Games Is Scary Entertainment!



By Evelyn Aronoff  
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If you are interested in live action shows, that are thrilling and have a bunch of twists, and if you have run out of shows to watch, I recommend the Squid Games. You can watch it on Netflix.

The show is about a bunch of children's games that **fictional people** play in order to win a lot of money. All of the people are risking their lives for money because all the people there are in bad debt. If you lose a game, you are killed.

You might have already heard of this show from YouTube, Tik Tok or other places.

This show is currently the number one



show being watched. It is popular. The show has a lot of death and gore, so if you do not like blood or stuff like that, then you should not watch it.

But overall, the show is good, and I really recommend watching it because it is interesting and is fun to watch and realistic. You and your

friend can watch it and make bets on who is going to win or who is going to die and whether they will survive the challenges.

I do not want to make too many spoilers so just check out the show if you have the time.

## 7th/8th Social was 'Low Key Fun'



**By Akosua Adobea-Wiredu  
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Hey yall! It's Akosua again, coming in with how the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social went. It was lowkey fun.



Also, it was very much chaotic. I thought I lost my hearing when I went inside the auditorium. It was literally like so loud!!!

Then, you know, the principal gave instructions and all that. Then we went outside, group by group, and we got

our goodies.

My friends and I went to our usual corner, you know, then afterwards, we used a camera to take pictures of people.

(Turns out some of us could really be models, lol). They had dif-



ferent activities such as the beanie toss into the corn hole, and more! And they played some very much cringy 2018 music lol, but the 7<sup>th</sup> graders were dancing like crazy.



We went around, talked to some of our friends, laughed around, you know overall had a great time socializing with others.

Never have I seen two hours go by that fast!! It felt like two minutes, lol. Also, I'm really concerned with some of y'all's dance moves (lololol). But I could tell all y'all had a great time, so I just wanted to let y'all remember.

Have a great remaining Friday. (I know I will cuz it's my birthday, teehee.)  
Bye !



## Avon and Rumpelstiltskin (50% Credit To Dad) PART ONE



**By Nova Laubis  
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To my dad, who would tell me stories of this girl named Avon, who I would eventually learn was part of my name spelled backwards.

He would call them The Adventures of Avon, and I recently remember when I was younger, he told me a story of her in a well-known story as you will soon see...but with a twist. That is how I came to this idea a few years later, please enjoy as I did/do.

There once lived a girl named Avon. This girl was so miserable living as a maid to her stepdad and stepsisters. One day, as Avon was scrubbing the floor, she overheard her stepfamily talking about a ball. She knew her stepdad would never let her go. Right away she started planning. Sure enough, a few hours later, Avon saw her stepsisters and stepdad walking down the staircase. Stepdad in his fancy suit, and stepsisters in fancy dresses.

As usual, they did not say where they were going and just said what better be done when they get back, and when they would be back. As soon as they left the driveway, Avon ran to the only person who could help her.... **RUMPELSTILTSKIN**.

Once she got to the woods, she whispered



his name 3 times. Then, POOF! He was there. Rumpelstiltskin already knew what Avon wanted and magically floated the dress onto her body. Rumpelstiltskin told Avon that "if you want to keep the dress for as long as you live, then in two hours, you must tell me the name of the fashion-designer, or your dress will disappear".

Avon was so happy, she ran home, did makeup, and ran straight to the ball. Avon was having so much fun, she even met the prince.

Before she knew it, it had been more than two hours and Avon forgot all about Rumpelstiltskin.

Just then, all-of-a-sudden.....POOF! Her dress vanished in thin air. All that was on her was a T-shirt and old threadbare shorts. Luckily, only one stranger saw her as she ran home.

Once Avon was home, she put on better clothing and ran to Rumpelstiltskin. Avon was so upset and said, "Why would you do such a thing?"

"Well dear, you broke our little deal," Rumpelstiltskin said.

Avon stood there shocked that she forgot and pleaded to have one more chance to guess the fashion designer. Rumpelstiltskin finally agreed. After a minute Avon asked, "is the name of the fashion-designer.....Zhydjghdgh Yjgdhjrut?"

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## My COVID Experience (Part 1)



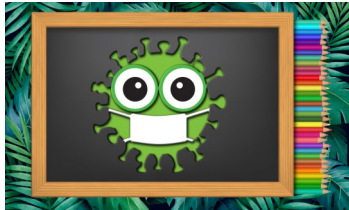
By Nova Laubis  
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Loud-speaker: "Okay, everyone have a wonderful blah blah blah."

Yup that's right, that part of the story isn't important (therefore the blah blah blah). But what IS important is what my teacher said right after that, for after that dismissal announcement, what my teacher was about to say, the homework, that day, and everything else was never going to be the same, in the history of time itself.

The teacher at the time (Mr. Badini): "Okay kids, now some of you already know that there is a chance we may not come back to school for a little bit. For all of you who asked, I'm estimating about a week. Also, for those of you who have no idea what is going on, there may be a virus going around and we all need to make sure we are all safe. Please don't be scared and feel free to ask me or your parents any questions, blah blah blah."

That's right, that part of him talking doesn't matter, either. But little did he know there was one part of that sentence or speech that he got EXTREMELY wrong. For we would remain not a week, but the rest of the school year out of school, and all the fifth graders including me would never be back, for we would go to middle school, but not even that, would be the same.



## Avon and Rumpelstiltskin

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Rumpelstiltskin stood there amazed and very upset that she got the correct answer and asked, "How did you know?"

Avon responded with, "I read the tag."

Avon, with her new dress on, ran back to the ball and she started getting a boat load of good luck (because of the dress).

Or so she thought because she soon realized that all the house chores had to be done before her stepfamily made it home, and as soon as she thought this, back at her house, her stepfamily had just arrived.



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## Spirit Week at SMS Next Week!

**Monday: USA Day**

**Tuesday: Hawaiian Shirt Day**

**Wednesday: Color Wars**

- 6th—White
- 7th—Black
- 8th—Red

**Thursday: Pajama Day**

**Friday: Costume Day (follow school guidelines)**

## Guitar Lessons Offered During WIN



By Emely Cordero  
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Have you ever thought about playing guitar? Well, now it's your chance to learn, during 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch/recess.

You can go to the chorus room for the guitar classes, in the morning and see Mrs. Williams, the chorus teacher, to get a pass to go.

Classes will be on B, E, G, J, and M days during WIN, and on C, E, J, L, M days during lunch/recess.

Please ask Mrs. Williams if you can get the lessons because there is a waiting list.

