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*No, you're not seeing triple. It's just Mr. Pappas, Mr. Mullaney, and Mr. Wilbert showing their talent at coordinating their **blue Autism Acceptance** colors.*



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A Bit of Background on Cinco de Mayo



**By Ava Schmidberger
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Cinco de Mayo was on May 5th. In fact, Cinco de Mayo means May 5th!

Just as we celebrate our independence on July 4th in America, Mexico celebrates on May 5th! However, it is **not their INDEPENDENCE DAY**. It is the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

Mexicans all over celebrate this day. Even people who aren't Mexican observe/celebrate it! Believe it or not, Cinco de Mayo is not a Mexican federal holiday! They celebrate with big and small parades. Food and Mexican folk dance are also ways to celebrate, as well as reenacting battles.

The colors of this Mexican holiday are the same as the Mexican flag, red, white, and green. The green represents hope and independence, the white represents unity and purity, and the red represents religion and the blood of national heroes. People wear sombreros, and fun, bright, casual, and easy to play in clothing.



Mole Poblano is the official dish of the holiday.

Did You Miss It? Teacher Appreciation Week Was This Week!



**By Ava Schmidberger
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What is this week all about?

Teacher Appreciation Week is a week for you to show gratefulness toward your teachers for all they do.

You can make them cards, or even get them gifts. Here are some things to do to show your teachers you are grateful for them:

- JUST SAY THANK YOU!
- Make them a thoughtful card



- Behave even better than normal
- Ask them if they need any help
- Small notes
- Gift cards
- Classroom Decorations
- Candy or Chocolate
- Baked Goods
- Write a mini poem for them

Teachers do a lot for us and we need to show them we are thankful for it. They teach us and sometimes, we teach them! They help us when we need it. They lift our moods, fill our days. If you didn't get a chance, show the teachers your love!

How 'STAR' Will You Go?



STAR: Michael Monahan

STAR: Justin Williams-Conroy



STAR: Marissa Petrini

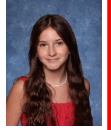


*Faculty/Staff:
If you nominate a student for STAR, please cc Dean Pappas at DPappas@somersschools.org so I may feature them in the Tusker Tribune.*



STAR: Zoe MacSweeney

STAR: Roula Bachas



STAR: Michael Leser



Sixth Grade Social

6th graders had an opportunity to relax and play games during Tuesday's after-school 6th Grade Social. Photos by Ava Schmidberger.



Modified Track Wrapup



By Akosua Adobebe-Wiredu
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Currently at the track meet at North Salem and I'm arguing with Julia about whose writing about this on the track. After the 200 meter: It was just Somers that ran for the girl's team (Me, Alexa, and Julia) and the boys team (Lu and the other guy from the other team ~don't know his name-). They were so fast!!



For the mile, it was Fiona and two other girls from the other school and they all slayed! (yea Fiona, "slayed"). Literally everyone did the long jumps and they all did so well. They looked like they were flying. (lol) *Hours later* I just got home after finishing off with the relay race and all the others did amazing.

GO 7TH and 8TH GRADE MODIFIED TRACK!



Principal Jeff Getman speaks with some students at the PTA Book Fair, which ran all week in the library.

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