



Seaford Middle School 2022-2023

EXPLORATION,
DISCOVERY,
GROWTH



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Seaford Middle School

The Middle School Philosophy

Bridge between elementary and high school

The belief that the whole child is educated - Advisory

Teaming – Shared concern for students

Block Scheduling in 6th Grade – transition from elementary to secondary

Exploring a rich variety of subjects and learning experiences (the 9 period day!)

Variety of support classes where needed

Have fun while doing it! Rich assortment of clubs and athletics!

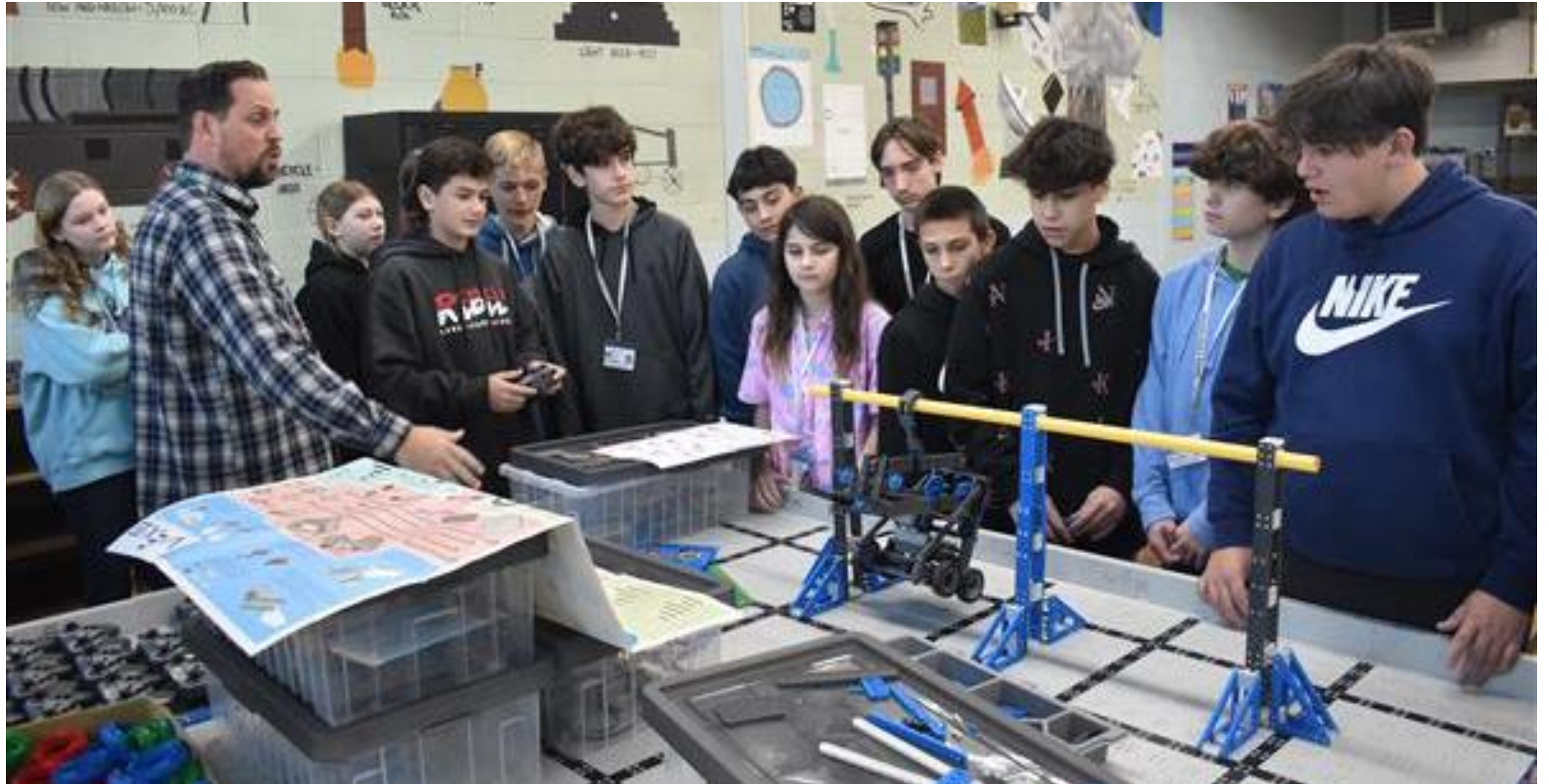


SEAFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL: A FAMILY OF LEARNING!



A group of four female students are gathered around a table in a classroom, focused on a LEGO Mindstorms robot. The student on the far left wears a white hoodie with 'SEASIDE VIKINGS' printed on it. The student next to her is wearing a grey hoodie. The student in the middle is wearing a pink hoodie and holding a small electronic device. The student on the far right is wearing a grey hoodie with 'Gavin Klein Performance' printed on it. The background shows a classroom with various posters on the wall, including one that says 'tomorrow's achievement'. The word 'ACADEMICS' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

ACADEMICS



6th Grade

- 1½ periods of ELA & Math with dedicated Science and Social Studies classes
- The Wheel: General Music, Project Lead the Way, Art, and Family & Consumer Science
- Keyboarding opposite Physical Education
- New Research course
- Go Math program
- Teachers Writing Workshop
- Exploratories, Band, Chorus, and Support Classes



7th Grade



ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies



Teachers College Writing program!



Health and Physical Education



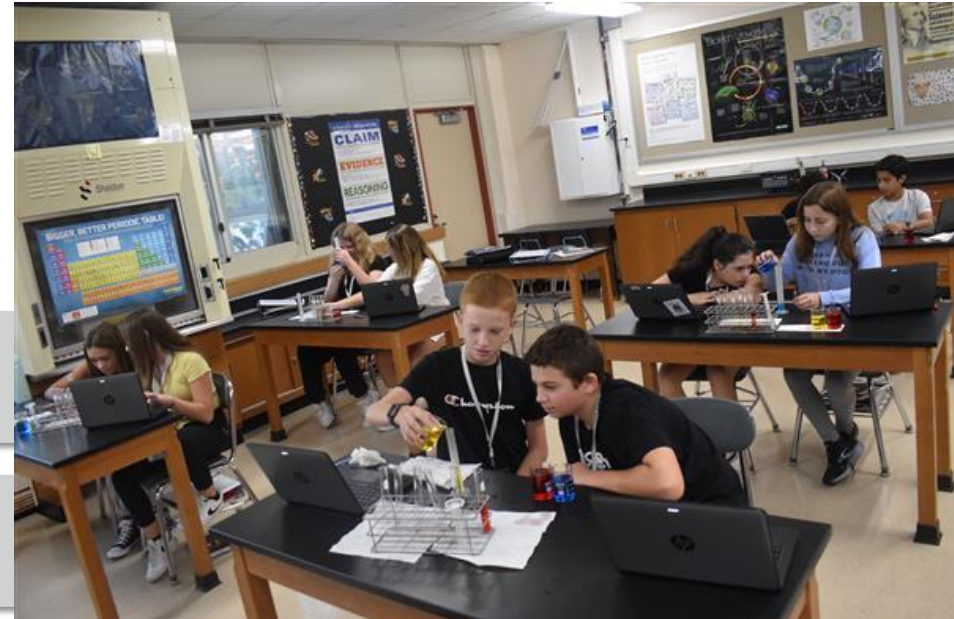
Full-year French and Spanish programs



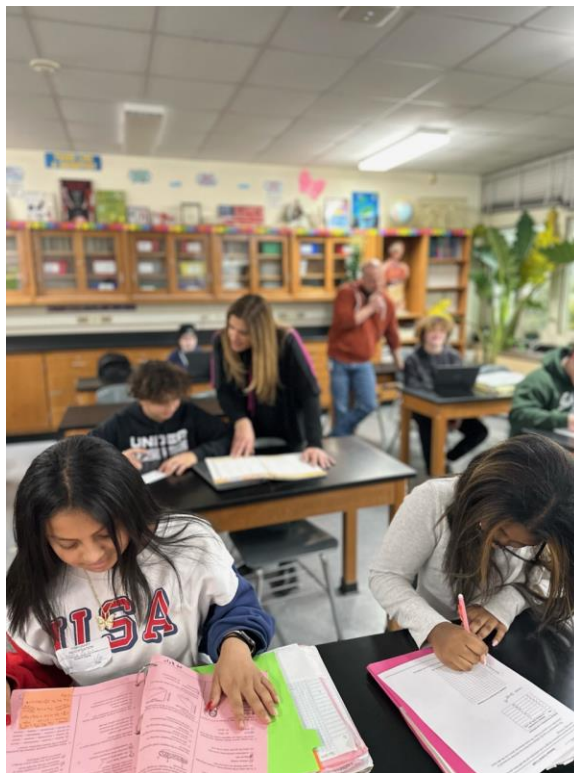
Art and Family & Consumer Science



Exploratories, Band, Chorus, Support Classes, & General Music



8th Grade



**ELA, Math,
Science, &
Social Studies**



**Algebra and
Algebra
Support
Classes**



**Living Environment
for all 8th
graders! Lab
opposite Physical
Education.**



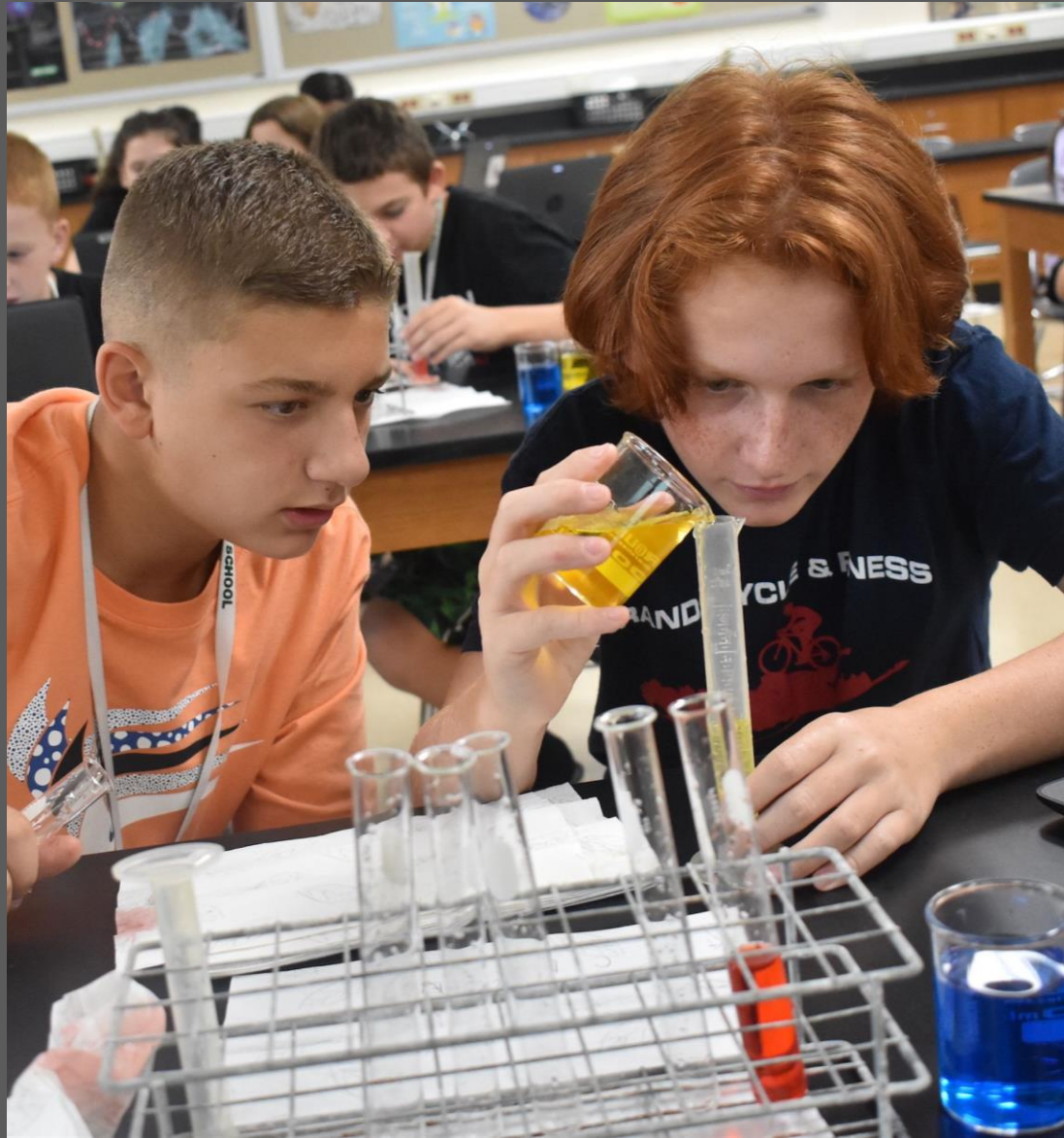
**Living
Environment
support classes**



**Exploratories,
Band & Chorus,
Support Classes**



**Two Technology
Classes :
Foundations and
Coding/Robotics**



Those New Exploratories!

- Share the Good News
- Be a Student Leader
- Around the World in 80 Days
- Inventions and Discoveries
- Engineering and Design
- Brain Games and Puzzles
- The Art of Origami

So what is this Exploratory Thing?!?

SIXTH GRADE

- Art of Origami
- Cartooning Art
- Computer Game Design
- Fun With Science
- Printmaking
- Science Of Food
- Sew What?!?
- European Art & Culture

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

- Architectural Design
- Around the World in 80 Days*
- The Arts!
- Be a Student Leader*
- Brain Games & Puzzles*
- Chemistry In Our Lives
- Strategies in Chess!
- Current Issues in Health
- Educational Technology
- Engineering & Design*
- Examining Law
- Forensic Science
- Inventions & Discoveries*
- Literature & History Through Film
- Reading Roundtable
- Science Wizards
- Share the Good News!*
- Strategies in Chess

* = new course

The Academic Program



The Extra Help program



Library Homework Club



Implementation of the RULER Approach, Habits of Mind & TLC Social Emotional Learning programs across the disciplines



Continuation of Standards Based Grading implementation



We continue to examine and discuss the many academic pathways for our students in all areas in our building



How can we best prepare our students for their high school experience?

Professional Development



Stand Alone & Embedded in Team Meetings and Faculty Meetings

- Teachers' College Writing
- Data-Driven Instruction!
- Envisioning the Seaford Scholar
- RULER Approach – Marc Brackett
- Safety Protocols



SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social Emotional Learning at SMS!

HOW STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES IS PROMOTING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

The student support team at the middle school is very passionate about infusing social emotional learning (SEL) throughout our school day. We hope that our SEL initiatives help encourage constructive relationships between peers, promote emotional understanding and regulation, increase academic success, and improve student's overall mental health.

Our SEL initiatives include:

- Brand new support services suite with mindfulness room
- Habits of mind
- RULER method lessons through our advisory program, A.S.K
- Support groups with topics on anxiety, organization, peer relationships, grief, and more
- Individual and group counseling
- SEL assemblies
- Celebrating Red Ribbon Week, PS I Love You Day, and Autism Awareness Month
- Staff Wellness Committee



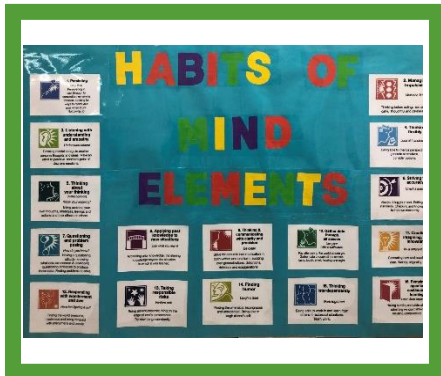
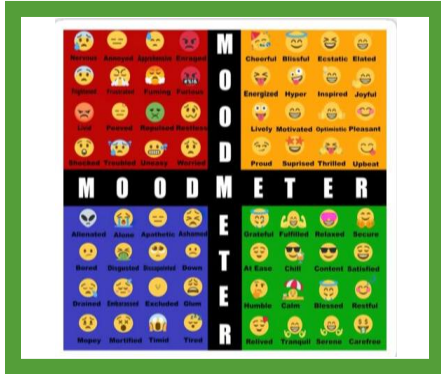
Seafood Middle School's Mindfulness Room

If you have any questions about our SEL programs, please reach out to student support services at 516-592-4220!

Student Support Services

- **OUR ADDITIONAL Shared School Psychologist**
- **Individual Responsive Counseling**
- **Dynamic Groups**
- **Parent-Team Meetings**
- **Classroom guidance visitations**
- **Hosts High School Guidance sessions for 8th graders**
- **Administration and Guidance hold 6th grade Parent Orientation, 6th Grade Student Orientation, 7th grade Parent Orientation, and AIS meetings**

TLC Leaders Group, Ruler Approach, Habits of Mind... oh my!

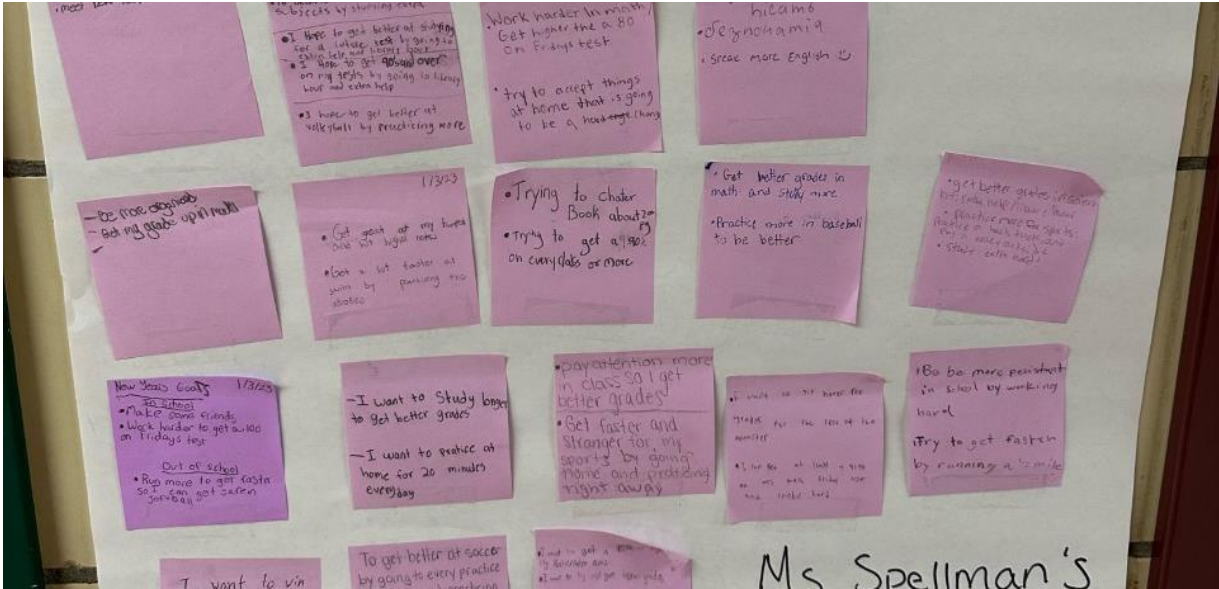
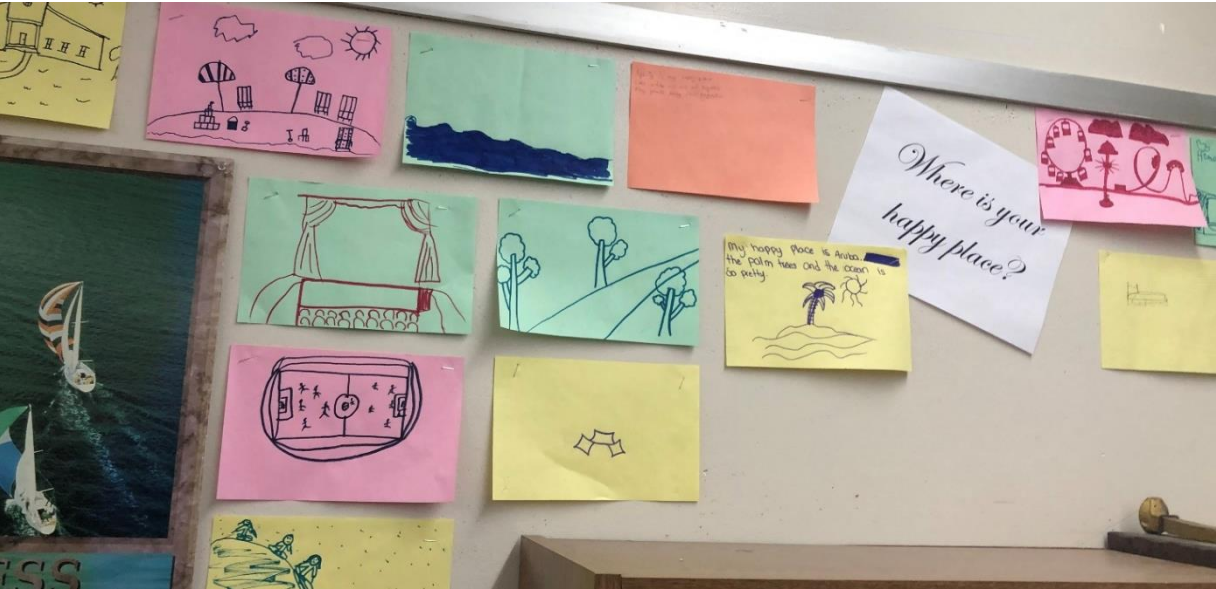


- Students and Faculty engaging with these programs through:
 - Classroom Instruction
 - Guest Speakers
 - A.S.K.
 - Faculty Meetings
 - Team Meetings
 - Guest Speakers

In order to feel this way consistently, we will....

Mentimeter

support each other	Appreciated	support each other
support each other and show thankfulness for each other.	Rest, prepare and work with others well	need to maintain a positive mindset, try not to let things bother me.
need support and positive reinforcement	Think of one positive thing a day. Recognize how my emotions can impact others. Support others.	safe
build relationships	support one another	work together
Come to work every day prepared and with a positive mindset.	reinforce ideas	talk to each other? get the faculty room back to a meeting place?



Growing Leaders at Seaford Middle School



- Partnership with Teen Truth
- TLC (Teen Leaders Care)
- Leadership Trainings
- Student opportunity to lead their peers
- Connection to the BLT (Brackett Leadership Team)



SMS Wellness Committee

- A diverse group of dedicated individuals focused on the overall wellness of our students, staff and community
- Student Recognition Programs
- Teacher Engagement
- Building a sense of school family
- Strong partnership with the Seaford Wellness Council

The Seaford School District Mental Health Staff Invite you to

Virtual Coffee & Conversation

**Helping Your
Child Through
School
Resistance**

November 15, 2022
9:45-10:15am

**Navigating
Challenging
Behaviors**

December 13, 2022
9:45-10:15am

**Fostering Self-
Esteem in Your
Child**

January 17, 2023
9:45-10:15am

**Tips for
Managing
Anxiety**

February 14, 2023
9:45-10:15am

Join us on Zoom!

**Meeting ID:
738 0430 9351
Passcode: Seaford**

**Organizational
Strategies for
Home**

March 14, 2023
9:45-10:15am

**Coping with
Daily Stress &
Frustrations**

April 18, 2023
9:45-10:15am

**How to Talk to
Your Child About
Tough Topics**

May 16, 2023
9:45-10:15am

**The
Importance
of Self-Care**

June 6, 2023
9:45-10:15am

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School Social Worker, Sharon Klein
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All are welcome!
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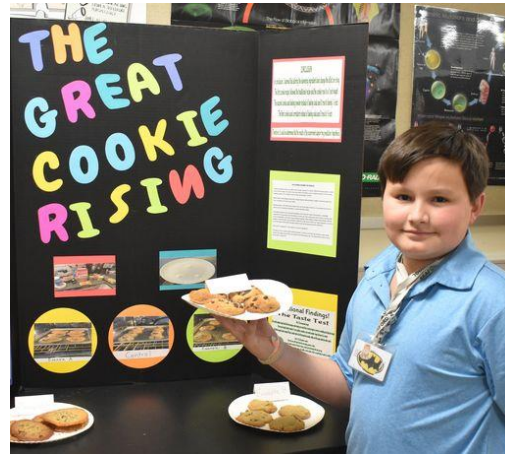
Family Engagement

WELLNESS SUITE

- The Wellness Room:
 - Open to all students
 - A quiet place for students to take a break
 - Student Check-in procedure
- New Conference Room for parent team meetings
- All offices located in the suite
- Better ventilation



EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Community Outreach



- Halloween Boo Drive – raised money for North Shore Animal League
- Seaford Food Drive for families in need
- Deck the Doors – raised money for families in need
- Winter Clothing Drive – collected clothes for those in need
- Holiday Toy Drive for children in need
- NJHS Members' Individual Projects for the Seaford Community!

Middle school organizes Thanksgiving food drive

After the school day ends at Seaford Middle School, classrooms are still full of life with engaging extracurricular activities. The school offers 15 different clubs, each with a different focus so there's something for everyone.

The Arts and Crafts Club meets every Tuesday and typically draws a strong crowd of students looking for some hands-on fun. Lisa Jones, the adviser, said that projects have been wide-ranging, giving students a chance to work with different materials and try multiple techniques. This year, they have made duct tape pencil cases for the start of school, 3D bat paintings for Halloween, yarn turtles, paper pumpkins and thankful trees.

Jones typically leads students through the project with a guided demonstration and provides all of the materials. To generate interest, she showcases the

many have been working with them to understand the scientific method, so they can follow the proper procedure to create their experiments.

Each meeting also includes a group experiment. At a recent meeting, students learned about the effect of temperature in an Alka Seltzer experiment. Students poured cold, room temperature and hot water into three separate bags, then added an Alka Seltzer tablet to each and sealed the bags. They then watched the reaction to see which bag inflated the fastest.

The student council, led by advisers Maureen Dolan and Dan Hayden, takes on school and community service initiatives throughout the year. In November, student leaders supported a Thanksgiving food drive that is organized by the high school's student government. Middle school student council members



Clubs are Happening!

- American Sign Language
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Chess Club
- Culture Club
- Jazz Band
- Math Club
- Memory Book Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- P.A.C.C.
- Robotics Club
- Science Club
- Service Club
- Student Council
- Table Tennis Club
- Woodwind Ensemble



Facilities and Safety

New Doors and Locks!

Ongoing Safety Committee Meetings

New School Map & reworking the school cameras

Lock Down and Reunification Drills along with typical fire drills

Working with our P.O.P. officers





ON THE HORIZON!

Looking Forward.....



- Teachers' College Writing Project for 8th Grade
- Professional Development for TC in 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Exploring a new 6th grade Math textbook/program
- A reimagining of our Technology program for students
- A reimagining of our teaming approach
- A review and update of our exploratory program
- Continue to roll out standards-based grading initiatives
 - Examining our grading and assessment practices
 - Working with Directors to facilitate ongoing vertical articulation and standards-based instruction
- The New PPS Wellness Suite—Continue expanding its role
- Two more club proposals:
 - Volleyball Club and Debate Team?



Exploration, Discovery, Growth

