

Paw Prints

Principal's Post

Our students had a fantastic first quarter, and it's wonderful to see the positive energy and excitement in our classrooms each day. I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and involvement, which plays a crucial role in helping us provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

I am also incredibly proud to announce that Saltsburg Elementary School has been awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award! This honor is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families. It recognizes not only our commitment to academic excellence but also the strong sense of community that defines our school. Earlier this month, we held a special event for our faculty, staff, and students to recognize their hard work and our school's collective success.



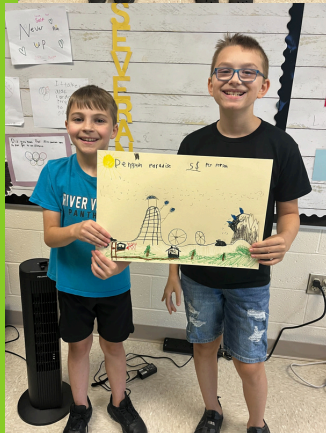
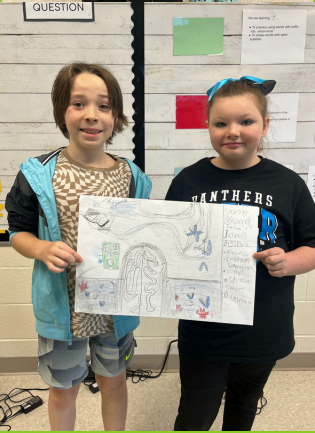
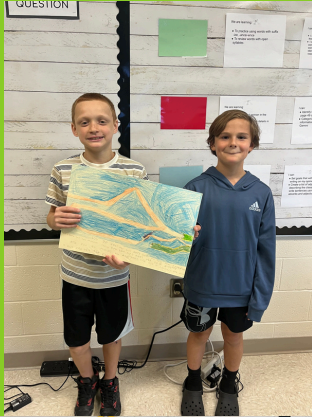
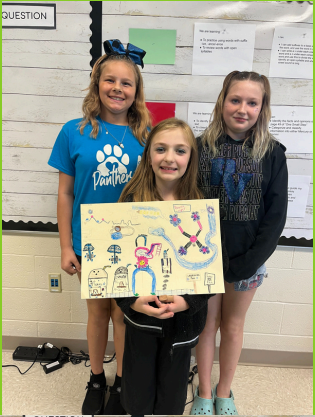


Grade 5

Fort Necessity



The students showed off their Theme Park Engineering activity



The 5th grade will be traveling to Fort Necessity. They will learn about the fort, and the battle that occurred there. We will visit Jumonville Glen where the first shots of the French and Indian War took place.

In ELA class, 5th grade students read the story "The Marble Champ." The students learned the rules of marbles and played with their classmates. They realized it was tougher than they thought.



GRADE 4



LEARNING ABOUT BRAILLE

Fourth graders read the story *Louis Braille's Gift to the Blind* in Reading class. In Social Studies, we learned about Loius Braille and Helen Keller, then students made their names in split-pea Braille!



RIASEC LEARNING

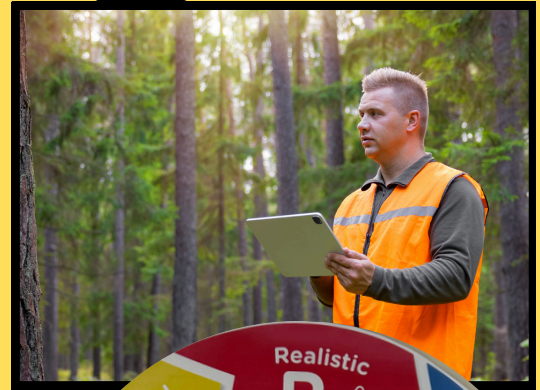
4th Grade's first RIASEC career was Athlete. We studied some professional athletes and discussed what it takes to become someone who gets paid to play a sport! We finished off the career with a kickball game.



Grade 3

RIASEC - Forester

Third Grade students have been discussing the RIASEC letters and the characteristics that are attributed to each letter. This month, students discussed the career of a **forester**. The RIASEC letters that are closely related to this career are **R** for Realistic, **I** for Investigative, and **S** for Social. Foresters enjoy working outdoors and helping people manage the types and ages of trees that benefit the owners land.



Fire Prevention

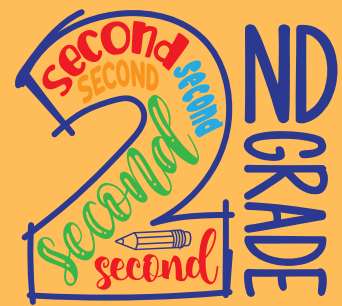
October is National Fire Prevention Month. Students' classrooms were visited by members of the Saltsburg Volunteer Fire Company. The fireman showed students the equipment they use and discussed smoke alarm maintenance and the importance of having an escape route and meeting place in the event of a fire.



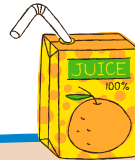
Tips for Fire Safety

- Change batteries when you change the clocks in the spring and fall.
- Have a plan and practice the plan incase of a fire.

GRADE 2



JITTER JUICE!



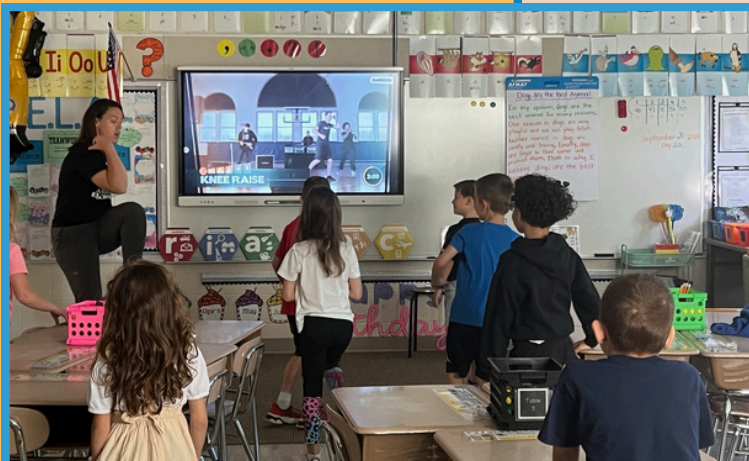
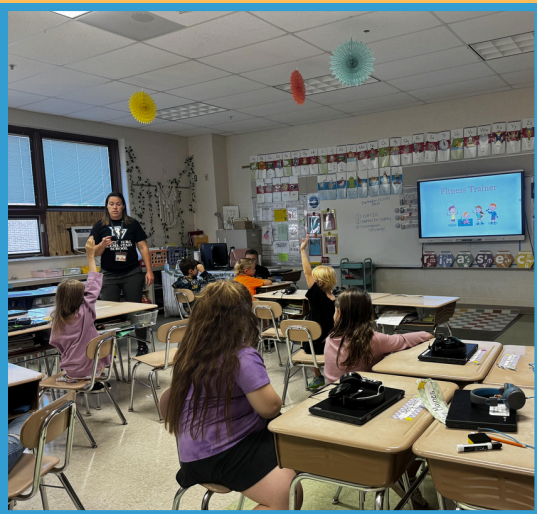
2nd grade students at SES participated in a back to school activity which helped ease their nerves as they began a new school year!

2nd Grade students read a poem, drank 'Jitter Juice', and got an opportunity to meet their peers during the whole grade level activity!



FITNESS TRAINER IN ACTION!

While learning about the Fitness Trainer career during W.O.W., Ms. Ferguson came to visit our classrooms! She taught us about how Fitness Trainers are Realistic and Social. We got to try out some excersises and talk about if this is a career we would enjoy. Thank you, Ms. Ferguson!



GRADE 1

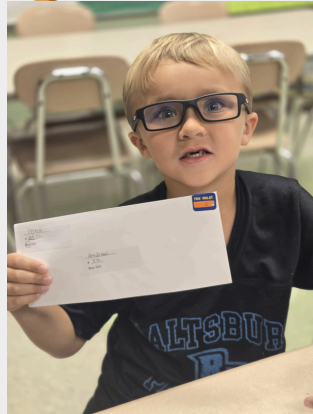
1.

RIASEC - FRIDAYS

Mail Carriers

The first graders at Saltsburg Elementary School have been learning about mail carriers for the USPS.

Several of our students think this could be a job for them. They enjoy being outside, look forward to wearing the uniform, and like to be social and organized. They wrote letters to a pen pal and addressed and stamped an envelope.



2.

LEXIA SUPERSTARS

Our first graders have begun working on their Lexia programs. Lexia works with schools and districts across all 50 states helping accelerate student learning at every reading level. Students are eager to complete their levels to receive stickers and tickets for prizes.



3.

SCIENCE

We kicked off science this year with seeing if crayons would melt in the sun and heat. The dark crayons completely melted and the white ones did not melt at all! Next, first grade learned about what it means to be an engineer and that they make technology to fix problems.



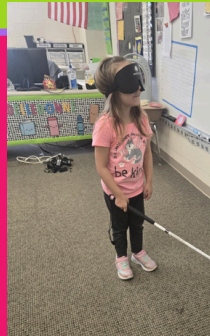
Students were engineers and designed ways to fix the problem of their headphones tangling!



KINDERGARTEN

JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY!

On September 27th, K students celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by participating in apple activities throughout the day and capping the day off with homemade applesauce!



WHITE CANE DAY

October 15th was White Cane Day! Students learned about blindness and how people who are blind navigate around their environments safely using a white cane. They were blindfolded and used a white cane to get a real life experience of what blindness is like. They read the Adventures of Marshmallow and Peter and made white cane keychains.



ADOPT A COW

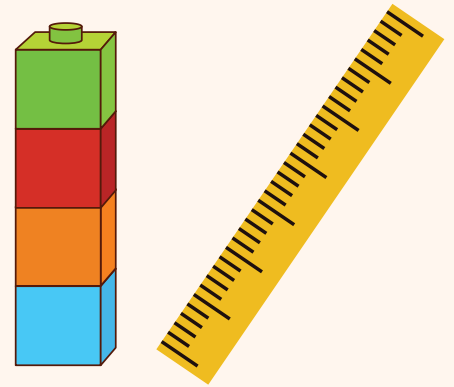
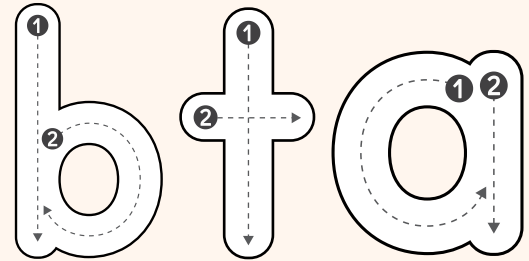
Kindergarten adopts a cow every year through a program called Discover Dairy. This year's calf is named Milkshake. Milkshake was born on September 12th and lives on Kurtland Farm in Elverson, PA. Students learn about dairy farming throughout the year and then visit a Dairy Farm in the spring. Farmers are also one of the RIASEC jobs we explore during the year!



Pre-K News

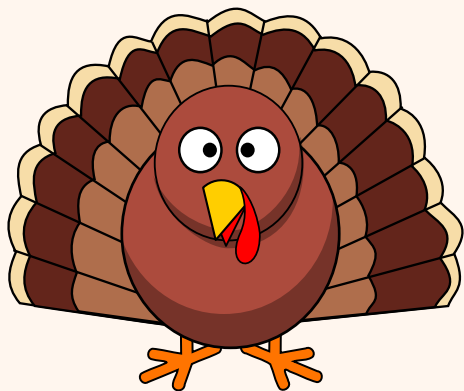
This Month in Pre-K:

- This month in Pre-K the theme is Marvelous Me! They are learning about what makes them special.
- **Math:** They are learning about classification, patterns, counting, and measurement.
- **Letters and Sounds:** B,b /b/, T,t /t/ and A,a /a/.



Events this Month:

- **No School:** November 11th
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** November 7th and 8th
- **No School / Break:** November 27th - December 2nd
- **Early Release Fridays:** November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.



Reminders:

Please remember to send in extra clothes with your child if you have not done so already. The weather is changing to colder temperatures. We will go outside, weather permitting, so please be sure to dress accordingly with a coat or sweatshirt. Thank you so much!!



Media Center

Mrs. Hruska



NextGen Leaders

Our elementary students have a new special class this year. Instead of combining library activities with Computer Science lessons as in the past, the subjects were separated into 2 classes--Library and NextGen Leaders. In addition to building the coding skills students have learned in previous years, they will work on their keyboarding skills and learn about digital citizenship.



Touch Typing

Grades K-5 have a goal of increasing their typing speed! They can achieve this by using ALL of their fingers to press keys, with each finger assigned to specific letters. It takes some determination, but will help them as on-line testing becomes more popular.

Radio Waves

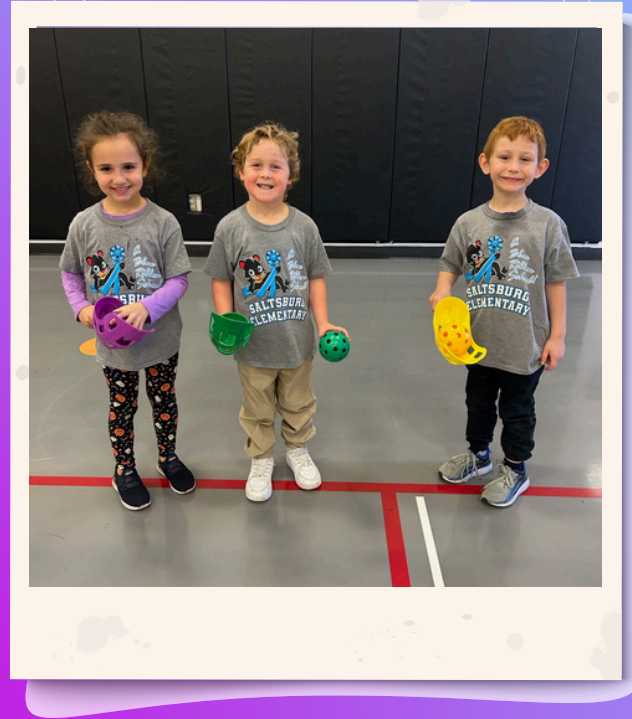
3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been working with Micro:bit robots. A new skill they learned is to program the devices to send a radio message to another Micro:bit. When one friend pressed a button on their robot, another friend received a pattern of LED lights. In this way, the robots became remote control devices used to tell another student when to go or stop.



Physical Education

Building Strong Foundations

As the school year begins, students in grades K-2 started building confidence in the gym by focusing on fundamental locomotor skills. Students then concentrated on throwing and catching activities, while incorporating fun games such as gym scoops!



A Fun Start to a Healthy School Year!

Students in grades 3-5 had the opportunity to start the year off by learning about team sports. We focused on football and volleyball to help students develop important life skills such as teamwork and communication. By working together, students learn how to support one another, strategize as a group, and build trust!



Music

More Than Making Music

As the new school year kicks off, many 4th and 5th graders are about to embark on an exciting musical journey—starting band instruments! This pivotal moment in their educational experience offers numerous benefits and opportunities for growth. Joining our school band isn't just about making music—it's also about building essential life skills.

Playing an instrument enhances cognitive abilities, improves concentration, and boosts self-discipline. Additionally, it fosters teamwork and collaboration, as students learn to play in harmony with their peers.



2nd graders are singing and moving to a fun song called Highway Number One. Students “drive” around the continent then stop in major cities to say Hi!

Kindergarten Beat

Learning to keep a steady beat is a foundational step in developing rhythmic skills and a sense of musicality. We are clapping, tapping, and using simple percussion instruments with songs and chants to help internalize the beat, encouraging them to move and groove in sync with the music.



Art

Ms. Scalamogna

Artsonia Fall Digital Showcase 



Upcoming Art Contests

Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest: Due 11/25
Youth Art Month Virtual Exhibit: Due January 2025

Inspirations Art Contest: February 13, 2025

Fourth Grade Obliteration Wall

Fourth Grade Students are learning about the installation artist Yayoi Kusama, aka "The Princess of Polka Dots."

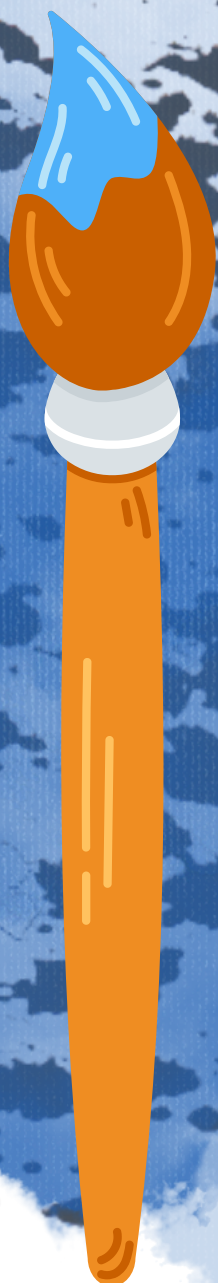


SES Soars to Success

Check out our K-5 mural!



Painting Projects



Structured Literacy Feature Elements



Phonemic Awareness & Phonics



What is Phonemic Awareness?

Phonemic awareness is the ability to hear, identify, and manipulate (change) individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words. This is a skill that does not involve print. For example, the word “cat” has three sounds.

What is Phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between sounds and the letters that represent them. It helps children decode written words by sounding them out. For example, knowing that “-dge” says the /j/ sound, we can read the word, “ledge”.



How to help your child with this at home...

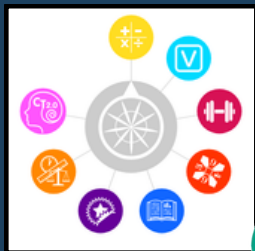
- Check the bottom left section of the Home Connection parent page for our Open Court reading program. Review the focus spelling/word analysis for the week.
- For younger students, play games at home, or even in the car: “I Spy...something that starts with (say a sound)” or “What rhymes with cat but begins with /h/?”
- Check in on the skills your child is practicing in LEXIA. This program identifies what a student needs to practice and tailors activities for them!



Math



Saltsburg Elementary students in grades K-5 now have access to FIRST IN MATH® (FIM), an online math-practice program from the creators of the classic 24® Game! The FIM program leverages students' love of gaming to build math skills and create high levels of engagement. Through self-selected games and activities, students have the opportunity to practice and master essential mathematics concepts and increase problem-solving skills. During program use, students receive digital ribbons and certificates through an automatic awards system for skill levels/games successfully completed. To access FIM, students may log in through Clever. FIM can also be accessed directly from the FIM website, www.firstinmath.com, on any device with Internet access. Look for your child's login information to be sent home in the Friday Folder.



Families can also join in the fun!

For each student enrolled in the program, FIRST IN MATH® automatically creates one additional user ID for a family member or friend to use, too! This FamilyLink® login is available on the enrolled student's homepage.

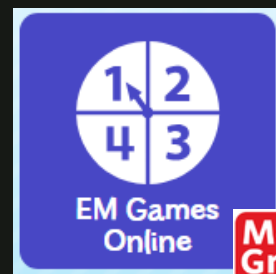
Additional Online Math Programs Available in Clever for Student Use:



Grades 1-5



Grades K-2



Grades K-5



SCAN FOR ADDITIONAL MATH RESOURCES!



Guidance

SMARTFUTURES

SmartFutures Career Curriculum

Pennsylvania is the first state in the United States to require that all students graduate with a personalized career plan and portfolio that is tied to clearly defined K-12 career education benchmarks.

These benchmarks called the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Career Education and Work (CEW Standards) provide the curriculum road map that assures that all students are prepared for 21st century success.

Smart Futures provides educators with SmartFutures.org, a K-12 career planning and portfolio platform that helps schools easily implement the CEW Standards within any classroom or virtually.

River Valley School District students will have a comprehensive K-12 career portfolio through this curriculum.

Who am I?



Surveys, activities and skill building tools provide self awareness needed to identify realistic career goals.

Where am I going?

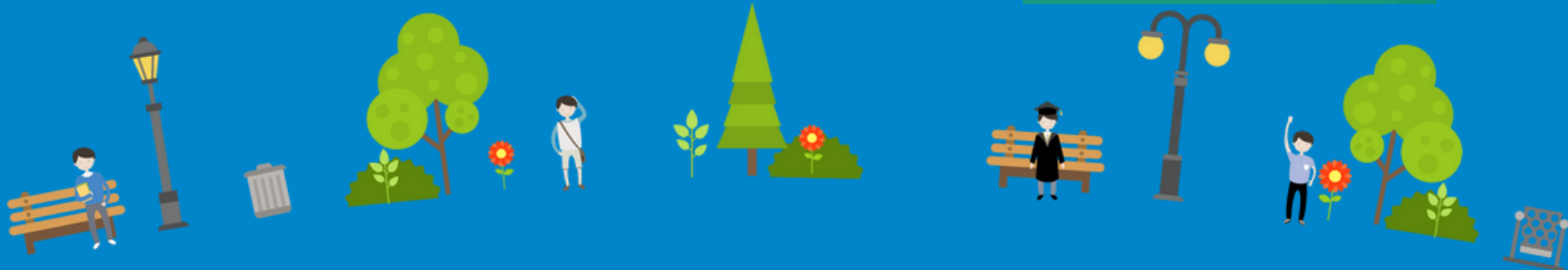


Explore careers and clusters that match you and your goals. Get guidance from an eMentor.

How do I get there?



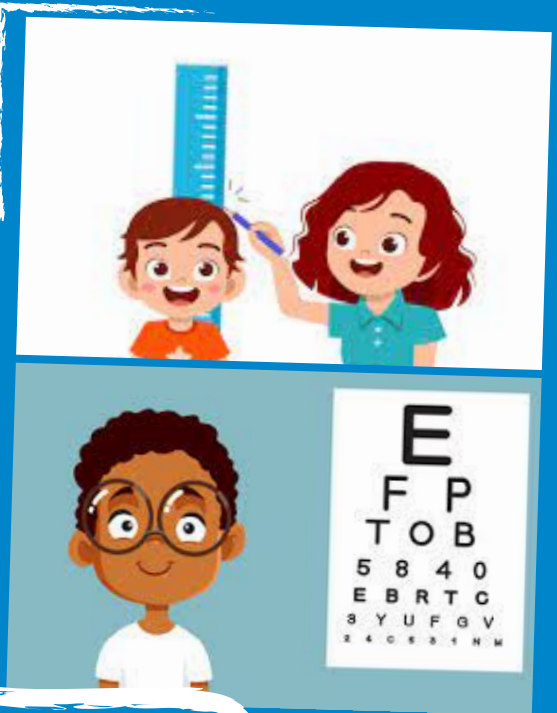
Find relevant programs and majors and identify schools and colleges offering the best return on your investment.



Health Office

Pre-K & Kdg Parents

The PA Dept. of Health mandates that the school have a physical exam on file for your child. Private Physical forms can be found on the district website under the SES page - Student Services - Nurse Resources - Private Physical Form



A Note From
Mrs. Patty Prenni
RN, MSN, CSN



Pre-K, Kdg, and 3rd grade parents

The PA Dept. of Health mandates that the school have a dental exam on file for your child. Private Dental forms can be found on the district website under the SES page- Student Services - Nurse Resources - Private Dental Form

Read More On

www.rivervalleyisd.org

SES ATHENA CLUB

Clean-Up Crew!

The Athena Club started the year by cleaning up the outdoor classroom! The girls pulled weeds and will plant tulips that will bloom in the Spring.

