



# Trojan Tribune

January 31, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Ring

### Dear SWES Families,

Following the Winter Recess, January has been focused on getting back into routines and enjoying the snow! As we look to February, please remember all volunteers for class events must be board approved. If you are unsure if you are board approved, please reach out to your child's teacher and ask. If you would like to complete a form, you can request a form be sent home with your child or stop in the elementary office and obtain a form. All forms need to be submitted ASAP, as references will need to be checked prior to the board meeting. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the elementary office.


We will be having an Eagles Day on Thursday, 2/6, to support Coach Sirianni going to the Super Bowl. Students are encouraged to wear green and black!

The district will also be celebrating P.S. I Love You Day again on Friday, 2/14! Check out this year's theme: [P.S. I Love You Day, Inc.](#)


### Upcoming Events:

- 2/6- Eagles Day (wear green and black)
- 2/7- UPK & K Report Cards
- 2/14- Valentine's Day
- 2/14- P.S. I Love You Day (wear purple)
- 2/17- President's Day (No School)
- 2/18-2/21- Mid Winter Recess (No School)
- 2/26- 100th Day of School


Thank you,  
Kaitlin Ring



**SHOW YOUR  
EAGLES PRIDE**

**THURSDAY**  **FEBRUARY 6**

**WEAR BLACK & GREEN FOR COACH NICK SIRIANNI,  
A CLASS OF 1999 GRAD, GOING TO SUPER BOWL 59**



## State Testing Information

State testing will be here before we know it. Below is the schedule of and type of testing that will be taking place, beginning in April. We will have both computer-based testing (CBT) and paper-based testing (PBT). Please call the elementary office if you have any questions regarding the testing schedule.

CBT: ELA Grades 3, 4, & 5 will take place on April 29 & 30

PBT: Math Grade 3 will take place on May 8 & 9

CBT: Math Grades 4 & 5 will take place on May 13 & 14

CBT: Science Grade 5 will take place on May 6

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## A Message from Mrs. Peterson

As students are finishing up their i-Ready winter diagnostic, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some insights about this diagnostic tool. The i-Ready Diagnostic is a computer-based assessment in Mathematics and Reading that is given in the fall, winter, and spring. The purpose of this assessment is to determine how to best support your child's learning. After the completion of

the diagnostic, the tool provides research-based, individualized instruction that can help support and complement what your child is learning in the classroom. I-Ready is one of many data points we use to help understand your child's strengths and areas for growth in reading and math, and it provides us with insights into your child's academic progress and learning needs. Our ultimate goal is to use the data to ensure your child is receiving the right support and is successful here in school.

## Community Connections

**Sharing Southwestern's Good News**

# **FEBRUARY 2025**

### **MONTHLY & WEEKLY**

Black History Month  
Career & Technical Education Month  
Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month  
National School Counseling Week is February 3-7  
Love Teaching Week is February 14-21  
Public Schools Week is February 24-28

### **DAILY**

Groundhog Day is Sunday, February 2  
World Read Aloud Day is Wednesday, February 5  
Digital Learning Day is Thursday, February 13  
Library Lovers Day, Valentine's Day & P.S. I Love You Day  
are all celebrated on Friday, February 14  
School Resource Officer Day is Saturday, February 15  
President's Day is Monday, February 17  
No One Eats Alone Day is Friday, February 21



E-mail images, videos & info to [media@swcsK12.org](mailto:media@swcsK12.org)

## SOUTHWESTERN CSD & FREWSBURG CSD



Invite our school communities to attend a public forum to discuss

# Shared Athletics

We seek to ensure safe and sustainable interscholastic competition opportunities for students enrolled in the Frewsburg and Southwestern school districts. These meetings are to share information and gather input from our school communities.



Monday, February 3rd  
at 6:30pm



Frewsburg CSD Auditorium



Tuesday, February 4th  
at 6:30pm



Southwestern CSD Auditorium



## What's Happening at SWES

### Code Monkey

As a way to increase student engagement around the NYS Computer Literacy Standards, we have implemented a new program called CodeMonkey!

CodeMonkey is an educational platform designed to teach coding to students through interactive games and puzzles. It provides a fun, engaging way for children to learn programming concepts by guiding them through challenges that require logical thinking and problem-solving. The platform primarily focuses on teaching coding skills through the popular programming language, Python, and emphasizes the development of critical thinking and computational thinking.

Check out some students in action with the new program!



## Novel Effect

SWES has also begun to use Novel Effect throughout the building! Novel Effect "offers a **library of interactive music and sound effects to enrich your regular storytime routine.** When you read aloud from real books, Novel Effect responds at the right moment." Check it out: [Novel Effect: Read Aloud Books - Novel Effect](#)



Third Grade goes sledding!



## January Makerspace News

**Kindergarten & First Grade-** Explored and compared 4 types of robots- Dash, Dot, Ozobot, and Botley

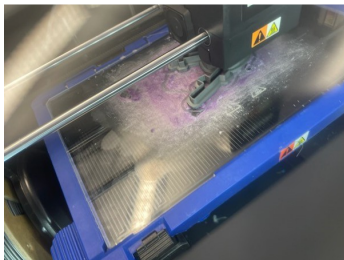
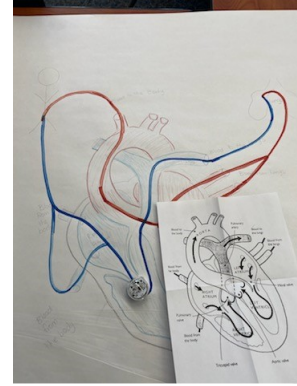
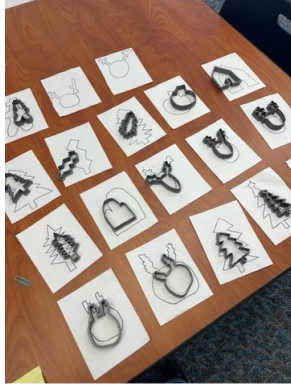
In December First graders designed and 3D printed their own cookie cutters.

**Second Grade-** Made tinfoil skiiers and tested them out down our rain gutter mountain. Exploring physics and gravity.

**Third Grade** has been studying life cycles in science, and has planted our hydroponic gardens and planted in soil to compare the two growth rates. They also have been busy with paper circuits, making light up Valentine flowers.

**Fourth Grade** has been learning about the circulatory system in science and recently used Ozobot and a heart diagram to create a path and travel the path of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood.

**Fifth grade** is preparing to come to the MakerSpace in February to build explorer ships.



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## January Students of the Month

### **Congratulations and Keep Up the Hard work!**

UPK: Tavius Minavio and Duke Cashmore

Kindergarten: Jacob Samuelson and Carter Snow

First Grade: Audiel Fuentes and Harper Feldt

Second Grade: Finnley Dean and Aspen Dell

Third Grade: Emmerson Durnell and Maddox Dell

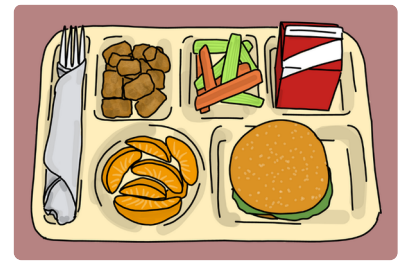
Fourth Grade: Bentley Dickerson and Avery Emerling

Fifth Grade: Grant Damon and Cara Laurin

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## Breakfast & Lunch Menus

2024-2025 School Year



## When should my child stay home sick?



### When Should I Stay Home?

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100° F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with oozing, drainage or fever	Check with your school district policy	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

### I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash or fever and have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
<i>It's ok to have a runny nose and/or small cough.</i>						

If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

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