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Dr. Bronstein Checks Out SMS



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Editor's Note: New Somers

Central School District Superintendent Dr. Adam Bronstein visited SMS on Thursday. He stopped into classes and met students, faculty and staff. A meet and greet was held in the library after school, and that is where Tusker Tribune reporters Allison Posadas, Lauren Rosenblum and Lila Maneyapanda caught up to him and conducted an interview.

What did you enjoy in your visit to SMS today?

I got to meet Peanut and that was really cool, and I got to meet all the students in all different classes, and they all seemed like they were having fun. And a lot were doing projects and asking questions like 'where's the best place to build a hotel in Hawaii?' That's what they were thinking about—how to do that while understanding science and concepts.

What lessons or teaching impacted you when entering the classroom?

One lesson that impacted me was a math lesson, where kids were learning about different angles near whiteboards. And they were working together on how to solve the angles. Instead of doing them at their desk, they were standing and thinking with each other. It takes students who are responsible and mature—To be able to work with each other that way.



How do you think the students reacted to your visit?

That's a great question. Middle school students can sometimes react differently, but they were all really positive. Some of them knew who I was when I came in, and others looked at me like, 'who's this person?' But then I let them know who I was, and they let me know who they were, and I told them they're going to

see a lot of me next year, so please introduce yourself, say hello, and tell me what you like most about being a Tusker.

How would you describe the mood or atmosphere at SMS?

I would describe the atmosphere at SMS as one of excitement and learning.

What are you most looking forward to as you get ready to be the Superintendent in Somers?

It's a very easy question for me, because I'm looking forward to seeing all the students. And that's what's most exciting to me. So, I hope the three of you will make a point of speaking with me next year because I'm going to make a point of speaking with you. I want to see what you're doing next year that's a little different from this year and what's going on after five or six years from now when you're going to be in seniors in high school and then you'll be graduating. That's going to be very exciting.



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Easter is a Sure Sign of Spring



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Easter is (kind of) coming up! It's on Sunday, April 20! Easter is a holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time for reflection and celebration!

There are tons of fun traditions people do to celebrate, like egg dyeing! Egg dyeing is a tradition with a symbolic meaning. It celebrates new life and spring flowers! Ever heard of the White House



Easter Egg Roll? One of my favorite traditions! It started in 1878 because a group of brave kids walked up to the gates of the White House and asked to be allowed to play egg-rolling games there. hilariously, the president told his guards to let them enter, and ever since it has been a tradition in the white house.

But anyway, easter is such a wonderful holiday to play some fun games, activities, and events, but still be able to focus on more important things, like reflecting on the last year to make the next even better!

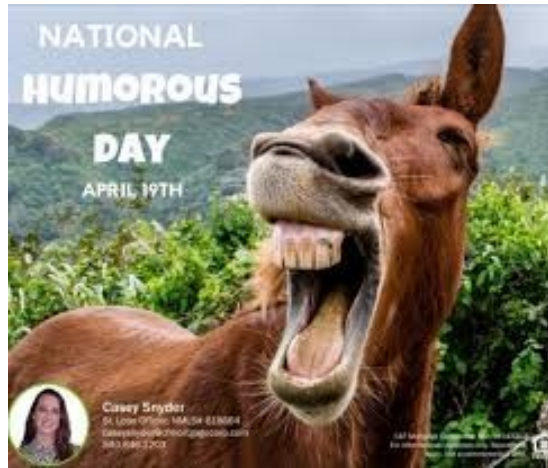
National Humor Day Something to Laugh About



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National Humor Day is coming up on April 19th! It's a day that was inspired by National Humor Month (which is April!) Did you know that when you laugh, you are actually making your immune system stronger? You raise the number of antibody-producing cells in your body when you giggle.

Laughter reduces stress and provides comfort from physical pain. It also limits strong emotions like fear. Humor is, in my opinion, one of the best (and hardest) traits to have!

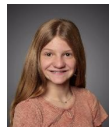


While the origin of this holiday isn't really known, people suspect the holiday is attributed to Larry Wilde. He's also the person who declared April National Humor Month.

Gelotology is the study of laughter, and Gelotophobia is a fear of being laughed at. People study how humor affects your body. Laughing helps you face any difficult situations that comes your way, hence why humor is so important. So, on April 19, make sure to tell some funny jokes, watch some funny videos, and share the importance of humor.

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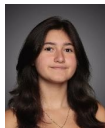
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A STAR award stands for STUDENTS who Are Role models. The students pictured here were caught doing something that deserves the STAR recognition for the month—from common courtesy, to helping another student or staff member, to standing up for someone or cheering them up!