

# UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPALS



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Dear Seaford Middle School Families,

As we move into spring, March was filled with moments that brought our school community together, highlighting the generosity of our students and the continued growth of our Seaford Scholars.

One of the most exciting events this month was our Charity Pickleball March Madness Tournament. Students eagerly participated in the raffle-style bracket, building excitement across the building. Thanks to the generosity of our Seaford Middle School community, we proudly raised over \$600 in support of the John Theissen Children's Foundation. A special thank you to our Service Club, led by Ms. Hickey and Ms. Ohlmiller, for their work in organizing and promoting this event. We are incredibly proud of our students for combining fun and competition with a meaningful cause.

Our Code Vikings team recently participated in their first Hackathon, a risk style competition centered around coding, marking an exciting milestone for our program. Under the guidance of coaches Ms. Tufano, Mr. Broas, and Ms. Thompson, students collaborated, problem solved, and applied their coding skills in a fast paced, team based environment. This experience provided a valuable opportunity for students to think creatively, work together, and showcase their innovation.

Our 8th Grade Career Day was another standout experience. Students had the opportunity to engage with a wide range of professionals, learning firsthand about different career paths, industries, and journeys. Through thoughtful questions and meaningful conversations, our students gained valuable insight into their futures while continuing to develop as communicators and reflective thinkers. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Hoy for her leadership in organizing Career Day over the years, as this marked her final time leading this incredible event.

We also had a unique and impactful collaboration with Seaford High School, where high school students visited and facilitated lessons with our 7th graders centered around the Seaford Scholar traits. This peer-to-peer experience provided our students with the opportunity to learn from role models who recently walked the same halls, reinforcing the values that define our school community.

A major highlight of the month was our Middle School Drama Club's production of SpongeBob the Musical. The performances were nothing short of outstanding. Our students showcased incredible talent, dedication, and creativity, both on stage and behind the scenes. We are so proud of everyone involved for bringing such an energetic and memorable production to life. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Spadafora for her work in her first drama production, creating a truly memorable experience for our students and audience.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a strong and successful spring season together.

Joe Polite  
Assistant Principal

# SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION VIRTUAL SITE VISIT - MAY 11

Over the past several months, Seaford Middle School has been engaged in the application process for the Schools of Distinction designation through the Association for Middle Level Education.

Throughout this process, it has truly validated what we already know. Seaford Middle School is a special place, defined by a strong school community, dedicated staff, and students who continue to grow both academically and socially. This recognition reflects the high quality of the educational experience our students receive each day and our commitment to supporting the whole child.

The Schools of Distinction program recognizes middle schools that exemplify best practices in educating the whole child. This includes a commitment to academic excellence, social-emotional learning, and creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging school environment where all students can thrive.

As part of the next step in this process, our school will participate in a virtual site visit on May 11. The visit includes conversations with parents, students, staff, and administrators, as well as a review of our school programs. During this time, reviewers will gain a deeper understanding of the experiences we provide for our students each day.

This is an exciting opportunity for our school community to showcase the incredible work taking place across our building, including our focus on the Seaford Scholar traits, our instructional initiatives, and the strong connections that support our students' success. Our partnership with families plays an important role in this work and strengthens our school community.

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to sharing any feedback we receive. We will continue to keep our community updated and look forward to sharing the results later this spring.

