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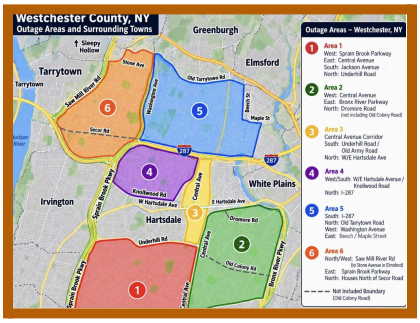


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Appreciating Water

Aaryav Hirawat

Remember when the water went out and most of us went to the grocery store because water did not come pouring out of our faucets? It was pretty annoying because every time I needed to wash my hands, I would go to the sink, turn it on, and have nothing come out. We would all laugh because it happened over and over again. We couldn't use the tap to cook,



wash the dishes and our hands, drink or shower, brush our teeth, or flush the toilet. We still went to classes though, because we could do everything with the gallons of water we got from the grocery. It would be more difficult, but at least we had that. Every evening, my little brother and I would test it and a loud gurgling sound would come out from the shower, an almost cartoonish, arrow-like sound from the toilet, and a pushing out damp air noise from the sink. There was also no school and that was the fun but also boring part. The fun part was that we could play all day but the boring part was when we got tired, we had nothing to do so we just reread books that I thought were pretty good. Only at the end of Friday, I could watch TV at around six o clock. After complaining about not having running water for 2 days, my mom told me there were around 2.1 billion people who did not have access to clean water regularly.

So I decided to do some research:

In The Central African Republic, only 6.1-6.2% get a clean source of water and a lot of people have to skip school every day just to find water and that being dirty, unsafe and dangerous water. Then when they need more, some kids have to walk the 8 hours in the boiling, charring, and merciless African sun. They have to work while we can just turn on the tap and have endless water.



How can we help?

We can take shorter showers, run the dishwasher only when it's completely full and if you want to take it to the next level, you can use rainwater to clean the patios, or collect the rainwater to water indoor plants.

I learned that many kids have already been working on ways to help the clean water crisis. Ria Doshi at age 14, made a water purification system using coconut husks, activated charcoal and microplastic filters called CocoPure. It leaves no plastic footprint and utilizes agricultural waste because it's built with eco-friendly materials. It uses gravity, pushing through the 2 layers of her creation. The first layer includes coconut husks, formed into a net-like mat that captures bigger pieces of dirt and rock. Under the net is activated charcoal with tiny holes that act like a magnet to smaller rocks and dirt. The charcoal traps the smaller things in its holes making the water almost 100% clean.

I hope to be able to make a difference one day, but until then I'll try my best to remember not to be wasteful with water and always appreciate how easily we can access it.

"Water should not be a privilege, it should be a right."

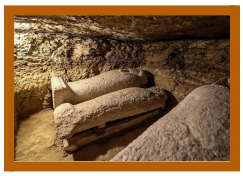
Recent Discoveries of Ancient Egyptian Tombs

Aditya Pathak

What are tombs, and why were they so famous ? Well, tombs are houses for the dead when they arrive in the afterlife in ancient Egypt. They were used so that in case a robber came, the ancient pharaoh's dead bodies would be safe. Most ancient Egyptians believed that the afterlife was basically the same as the overworld so they mummified people's bodies so that they could thrive in the underworld. Now that you know about tombs, here is a recent discovery about tombs.

King Tutankhamun, also known as King Tut was an 18th dynasty pharaoh of ancient Egypt from 1333 BCE to 1324 BCE.. King Tut is famously known

as the Boy King because he became a king at age 8. Isn't that crazy? He also died at age 18. Most Archaeologists suggest that because King Tut died at a very young age, his death was likely surprising for most citizens of Ancient Egypt. Because of that, there was not a suitable tomb for him. Instead, the tomb builders probably used part of an existing tomb for him. When King Tutankhamun's tomb was found in Egypt's Valley of the Kings in 1922, it was a very big discovery because it was the only royal untouched tomb that was not robbed. The archaeologists who discovered the tomb were confused because it was small and had a strange layout. To learn more about what may have happened, in 2015, an archaeologist named Nicholas Reeves thought of an idea for the layout of Tut's tomb. He believed that the king's tomb was part of Queen Nefriti's (His stepmom) tomb. To see more about the interesting tomb, Reeves and his team used a ground penetrating radar. The result of their findings showed that there is a passageway that leads from Tut's tomb to more rooms that could extend to more that 100 feet. But the passage is filled with rubble.
It was a fascinating discovery and archaeologists are still looking through evidence to understand ancient royal and unlocated tombs that existed to fill the gaps in history.



Interview with Third Grade Aide, Ms. Jonhson

Aditya Pathak

Q: What is your favorite part of Seely Place?
A: My favorite part of Seely Place is seeing the children and greeting them in the mornings and throughout the day

Q.: Before you became part of Seely Place, what did you want to become?
A: I have always wanted to become a teacher. I want to be for them, the teacher I wish I had.

Q.: What is your favorite food and why?
A: I love ackee and saltfish. I love it because it is loaded with flavor.

Q: If you could be a teacher of any grade, what would it be?
A: It would be 3rd grade. It is the introduction to heavy work and I believe I qualify to help students push through it.

Q: What is the best thing at Seely Place that has ever happened to you?
A: Opportunities to grow. I'm not limited to doing only one thing. I can grasp on to new experiences and bloom where I am.



The Missing Goat

Aliya Leung and Isabelle Michelman

It was a bright and sunny morning on the farm, not really quiet though, a rooster was going cocka-doodle-doo! A bunch of farm animals were arguing over an acorn. Meanwhile a hawk swooped over and grabbed the acorn and a pesky chicken, the other animals didn't really care at all. Although one bunny named Snowflake thought otherwise, she couldn't speak nor talk. She thought it was unfair, she thought the chicken had a right to live. She signaled a language she communicated with only one other animal, a goat named Feyre. She told the situation to Feyre. Feyre couldn't talk or speak either, but she signaled and acted really angry and stormed out of the farm like an angry cloud.

Snowflake slept through the night and in the morning gathered carrots and medical flowers and headed out of her burrow. She searched through Feyre's favorite hide-and-seek spots, but Feyre wasn't there. She headed out of the hedge into the forest. She opened her mouth to scream but nothing came out.

To Be Continued.....



In the Wonderful World of Fall

Amelia Cline

Cold wind shakes the branches saying,
It's finally fall!

Leaves dance down and down until
they gently touch the ground.

Rakes scratch the dirt as they take the
leaves on a wonderful journey.

Children giggle on their way to school,
wind gently brushing their faces.

Spooky ghosts and skeletons jump out
and scare you, and you scream and run
away.

Tables are piled with turkeys and
hams, and lots of stuffing.

Happy Fall!



Interview with Third Grade Teacher, Mrs. Del Guercio

Brianna Kreicher, Milania Vargas, and Sadie Smith

Q: What's your favorite food?
A: Pasta bolognese

Q :What's your favorite color?
A: Blue

Q: What's your favorite sports team?
A: New York Giants (Football)

Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in school as a kid?
A: Math

Q: What's your favorite class tradition?
A: Multicultural Celebration because I love watching my students sing and dance

Q: What's your favorite animal?
A: I don't really like animals

Q: What's your favorite place?
A: Montauk because I love the beach.

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?
A: I would be a food critic because I love food and going to restaurants.

Q: What's your favorite place to travel?
A: Montauk

Q: What's your favorite hobby?
A: Golf

Q: What's your favorite restaurant?
A: This is a tough one, but around here, I like Meritage.

Q: What's your favorite holiday?
A: Thanksgiving, because I love spending time with family, eating good food, and watching football



Interview with Assistant Principal, Ms. Margolis

Hannah Goldman & Charlotte Granelli

Q:. Did you work at any other schools before Seely and if so, for how long?
A. Yes. I worked at PS77 or the Lower Lab school in New York City. I worked there for 7 years as a 5th grade teacher.



Q.: How are you liking Seely?
A. I really like it and I like working with Ms. Feuerstein and all of the other teachers.

Q.: What was your favorite subject in school as a kid?
A. Math.

Q: What made you want to be an assistant principal?
A. I loved helping teachers and impacting students other than the ones in my classroom.

Q: What is your favorite part of your job?
A. That my day is always different.

Q: How would you describe your role in 11 words or less?
A.. Supporting Ms. Feuerstein, teachers, kids, and families.

Q: What are 3 words that you would use to describe yourself?
A. Organized, kind, and a learner.

Q.. What are your favorite parts of Seely Place?
A: I like how it is a community, people walk to school and how even when we do not have school people will still come and hang out here. I also love how everyone is so nice.

Q.: What 3 words do you think describe Seely Place?
A. Community, fun, and engaged.

Q: Is there anything else that you would like the readers of the Seely Signature to know?
A. Thank you for interviewing me, and I am excited to read the first issue!



Interview with STEAM Teacher, Mrs. Lugo

Emily Granelli and Margaret Foley

Q: How many years have you worked at seely?
A: I have worked at Seely Place for 16 years.

Q: How do you come up with the STEAM projects?
A: There are many ways in which I come up with the projects. Some of the projects I come up with on my own, some come in kits and some I find on the internet.

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching steam?
A: I enjoy watching students have fun and build.

Q: Did you like to design the steam room?
A: I loved designing the STEAM room and I love how it came out!

Q: What is your favorite part of STEAM and why?
A: I enjoy watching students improve their build because it helps them learn from their mistakes.

Q: What is your favorite letter in the word STEAM and why?

A: My favorite letter in the word STEAM is "S" because I taught science for 15 years and loved to do experiments.

Q:What was your favorite subject as a child?
A: My favorite subject as a kid was writing because I wanted to be an author when I grew up.

Q: If you could pick a dream job other than a STEAM teacher, what would it be?
A: I would like to be a sports reporter for the Buffalo Bills.

Q: What is your favorite STEAM challenge?
A: My favorite STEAM challenge is having students build a catapult.

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Interview with Third Grade Teacher, Mrs. Amoriello

Caroline Shane & Erin Stujenske

Q: If you could teach one subject only, which one would it be and why?
A: Reading because you can learn about anything in a book and you can connect it to any other subject which I think is so cool!

Q: What is your favorite read aloud book and why?
A: Out of my Mind because we learn so many lessons and learn to be understanding and inclusive of everybody.

Q: When you are teaching, is there anything that runs through your mind?
A: Yes, I think "how am I going to make sure everybody understands what I'm teaching while it is fun."

Q: When you were a kid what did you want your job to be?
A: I wanted to be a lawyer because my teacher said it would be a good job for

me. But then I realized I loved kids and school very much so I became a teacher.

Q: Do you use anything that you learned from YOUR teachers?
A: My sixth grade teacher did the sixty four thousand [64,000] dollar questions.

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?
A: I always loved school and I missed it during the summers not being there. The fact that I loved kids made it the right job for me.

Q: Are there any other teachers in your family that you are inspired by?
A: Both my parents were teachers.

Q: Sometimes do you wish there were multiple you's?
A: Yes, two [2]of me so I can teach more students at a time.

Q: Why do you do class compliments, which one is your favorite and why?
A: Class compliments are rewards for being kind and doing good things throughout the day. My favorite is choice time because it's good to see students do what they like and choose.

Q: If you had to teach in another country which one would it be and why?
A: Italy only because the food is so delicious and students and I could share meals together.



Cats and Snakes!

Issy Rowan

Have you ever noticed that cats and snakes have a lot in common? Yes, they do! In this article, I will tell you about their similarities, and fun facts about them!

Similarities

Alright, so you might be thinking. *What do you mean they have a lot in common?* First, they both have fangs. (Or just really sharp teeth..) Cats are carnivorous, and so are snakes. So, they both need sharp teeth to cut through meat when they're chewing. Next, they have very similar eyes. Both cats and snakes have vertically split eyes, and dark pupils that adjust to sunlight. Third, they both have tails. (I mean, obviously..) BUT! It's not *just their tails however...* Cats and snakes have a difference with this one. Rattlesnakes rattle their tails to warn their enemies to BACK OFF!!! Whereas cats do a little dance with their bottoms when they've spotted prey.. Then, ATTACK!!! Fourth, they both hiss. Both cats and snakes

hiss when irritated, or just trying to get someone or something away from them. Although, snakes make more of a SSSSSSSS sound rather than a HHHCCCHH sound. Lastly, they are both flexible. Both animals possess remarkable spinal and muscular mobility. Cats have highly flexible spines and collarbones that allow for agile twisting and leaping, while snakes use highly articulated backbones and ribs for fluid movement and constriction.

Now, time for some fun facts!

🐱Cats:

- Cats have a hidden 'third' eyelid. That allows them to cover their eyes to protect themselves from dust, while still keeping their eyes moist.
- Their collarbones are floating! They are not actually connected by bone, they are buried in muscle. This allows them to squeeze through spaces the size of their head.
- Purring isn't just for happiness. While cats tend to purr when they are comfortable or satisfied, they also purr to keep themselves calm.





🐍Snakes:

- Snakes can smell with their tongue. I'm sure you already know that, but what you probably didn't know is that they have an organ in their mouth that helps them smell deeply.
- They cannot blink or close their eyes. How do they sleep?! They don't have eyelids, but they have a transparent scale, or brille, that sheds with the rest of their skin.
- Some snakes can fly! (or glide) Five species of paradise tree snakes can launch themselves from tree branches and flatten their ribs to turn their bodies into a pseudo-wing, allowing them to glide up to 330 feet through the air.



Something to Think About-Opinion Piece

Sanaaya Mehta

Something important needs your attention. There is a group in Seely called the Anti-AI group. I can explain what it is, and we are trying to recruit members. We are trying to stop the use of unnecessary AI in our school. One example would be searching up random things with AI. I have done this before, and it might be hard to stop, but if you can, please try not to do this.

I don't really speak about the bad part, but I am worried about the environment. AI uses electricity, and the computers that run it can use water in their cooling systems. Polar bears are also suffering because climate change is melting the sea ice where they live. That isn't good for them or the environment.
You don't have to agree, but if you could spread the word, it would be amazing. We are not trying to ban AI at your home. We just think that things like creating posters can be done without AI. We've survived without it for a long time. Using AI can affect our climate, and some people think unnecessary use should stop.
If you want more information, ask an adult, a person you know is in the group, or someone who advocates for this. I really hope you understand the significance of this and try to do something.

Fall

Lisa Kashii

Fall is a time,
Families get together having fun by the campfire.
A time where leaves fall from the ground
turning red, yellow, orange. and brown.
Long sleeve shirts are all we wear now it's getting chilly outside.
Lots of pumpkins on the porches, it's time for Halloween.
Fall

Interview with Principal, Mrs. Feuerstein

Nyra Upadhyay and Miraya Goenka

Q: What made you become a principal?
A: At first I wanted to be a speech therapist, but then I was the Vice Principal of the EHS. I loved it so much that I decided to become a Principal, so I became the Principal of Seely place.

Q: What is the best part of your role as a principal?
A: The best part about being a principal is that I love to get to know all the students in this school.

Q: How long have you been principal for?
A: I have been a principal for eight and a half years at Seely Place.

Q: What was your very first day as a principal like?
A: On my first day as principal I went to see Dr. Edward Kennedy to get a feel of what it is like to be a principal.

Q:What do principals actually do all day when they are in their office?
A: It usually depends on the time of the year. We talk about what students need to learn, what teachers need to help teach the students, and what our community needs.

Q: If you had to change one thing about our school, what would you change?

A: If I could change one thing about our school, I would wish that the kids could stay forever at Seely Place, to make everyone happy. I also wish to have an auditorium at Seely Place.

Q: What is one thing you hope every student experiences while attending our school?
A:One thing I hope every kid experiences while attending this school is to have good days at school, to learn and make new friends, and to have fun.

Q: If you could spend a day as a student, what will you enjoy most?
A: Some things I would like as a student are P.E. Steam and Math.

Q: What do you think makes our school special?
A: I think the kids, the teachers and everyone makes our school special.

Q: If you could pick a new mascot for our school,what would it be?
A:The new mascot would rhyme with Seely like "Seely the Seal."

Q:What is a secret talent you have that students might not know about?
A: The secret talent I have which students might not know about is that I know the whole American alphabet in sign language.

Q:What is your favorite school event of the entire year?
A:My favorite school event of the entire year is the Halloween Parade and the Turkey Trot.

Q:What is your favorite book to read to students?
A: My favorite book to read to students is "When We Couldn't Hug".

Q:What makes you feel most proud of our students during the school year?
A: The things that make me most proud of the students are standing up for each other, defending one another and helping each other.

Q: If you had one advice to give students, what would it be?
A: One advice I'd give to students is to never give up, be surprised by the result and always try to make it happen.



Interview with Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Davidson

Nora Panarelli

Q: What was your favorite subject in school and why?
A: I liked math because it was concreate

Q: What is your favorite grade to teach and why is that?
A: My favorite grade to teach is kindergarten because you see the most growth.

Q: What was your favorite book to read as a child?
A: My favorite book to read as a child is *They Cage the Animals at Night.*

Q: What is your favorite book as an adult?
A: My favorite book as an adult to read is *The Great Alone.*

Q: When do you have the toughest times as a teacher and why?
A: The toughest time I have as a teacher is at the end of the day at the beginning of the year, because at the beginning of the year the kids get tired when they are doing work.

Q: Why did you choose to be a teacher?
A: I choose this because i like to help people, i like to watch kids learn, and i work well with little kids

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you're not teaching?
A: I like to listen to an audio book and take walks.

Q: What was your favorite teacher as a child and why did they stand out?
A: My favorite teacher was my 4th grade teacher because she let us learn in our own way while also helping us.

Q: What did you learn as a kid that you still take with you
A: I learned how to be nice to everyone and I still take that with me.



Review of Capretta

Olivia Horvath

We went to a new restaurant in the Scarsdale village, called **Capretta.** They had such great food. I highly recommend going there. When we got there, there were 2 people who kindly greeted us. There was wonderful music and colors that lit up the room. The food at every table looked amazing. The waiter took a little bit of a long time to bring our water. Then they asked us if we wanted drinks. We got 2 Tropical Blooms. I loved them but there was tajin at the top which I didn't like. It was a little spicy for a kid's drink.

Drinks: 4 out of 5 stars

The food was great! I ordered the chicken milanese. I loved it but it was a little tough. Overall, the pork chops were the best dish we ordered! They were cooked perfectly. And tasted even

better. They came with Brussel sprouts and fried gnocchi. The glaze on them was great. I loved the food so much.

Food: 4.5 out of 5 stars

For dessert we got the banana creme Brulee.It was absolutely amazing! I loved it so much and so did my sister who is very picky about dessert. It's a must try for anyone who visits.

Dessert: 4 out of 5 stars

The whole time the service was slow and took a long time. There seemed to be many staff in training since it took so long.

Service: 2.5 out of 5 stars

Overall: 4.5 out of 5 stars



Fall Sestina Poem

Rahn Tamir

Evergreen trees remain dark green
The sun and potato crisps are yellow,
Jack-o'-lanterns glow with orange
Bonfire like a crown, all glittery gold
Dahlias, Chrysanthemum ruby red
I already miss the sandcastles I made in brown

As leaves fall from the tree, they get older and older then dry out into brown
Grass collects frost on its tips, but still keeps its green.
Red delicious, Starkrimson pears are red
Pencils, highlighters, school buses, my eyes filled with yellow.
Skeleton of a pirate with eyes of gold
As New Yorkers root for the NY Knicks; blue and orange

As the sun sets, it fills the sky with orange,
Hot chocolate with marshmallows float on the brown
Diamond, pearls, coins and bars of gold
Skeleton, ghosts and zombies so green
Stars twinkle in the night sky bright yellow.
When it's winter, I'll draw Valentine hearts in red

Stop! don't go, the light is red.
Pumpkin and butternut squash soup fills people's stomach with orange,
Sunlight in majestic yellow,
Halloween chocolate candies out of colorful wrappers are brown,
Autumn has beautiful colors, but I will miss summer green
Silence is gold.

The sky is white, blue and bright,
shining with gold

That girl is dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood, her cape is drifting in the wind all ready and red
Apples in rainbow colors; red, yellow, green
As people light their fireplaces to keep warm it glows orange
Warm stuffed Turkey, deliciously brown
Delicata and acorn squash yummy yellow

Lemon, pairs turn yellow
Cooking club Autumn Baking - oatmeal breakfast bars gold.
I see green grass with patches of brown,
I am editing my writing with a pen that's red.
I love cider doughnuts!
witches dancing around their cauldron so green

Yellow turns red
Gold turns orange
Brown is future green



Kidulting

Saara Melepura

When you think of adults, you usually think of a respected, mature person. But there is a newly named phenomenon called "kidulting." Kidulting is where an adult plays with kid-like things. According to an article on CNBC from October 23, 2026, Adults were spending $100 or more on "kid toys" between June 2025 and June 2026. Nowadays, some adults play with action figures and lego items because they seem to find these toys interesting and fun to play with. Now that they are grown ups, they have enough money to buy the toys they wanted as a kid.

During the pandemic, kidulting really took off because people were stuck at home.I can infer that adults miss being a kid and having the chance to let loose. I can agree with adults because being a kid is amazing in my personal experience. As adults get older they probably feel like they are losing the kid selves. In the CNBC article, a U.S consumer markets industry leader at a professional services firm (PwC) said that "play doesn't really have an age limit anymore."It's really cool to see adults play with games for kids that I might play with. It makes me think that in their "adult life" kids games are a new trend or considered cool to grown ups. Or maybe they were popular all along and we just found out

because of the pandemic and the internet.

As a kid it makes me happy to know that chances to play and keep doing kid-like things won't be going away. I support kidulting all the way!



Interview with 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Davanzo

Sara Huang & Valerie Rameriez

Q: What made you want to become a teacher?
A:Her 5th and 6th grade teachers were there for her through some hard times and she learned that being a teacher is more than just teaching subjects but being there for students in all aspects of their life. They inspired me to want to do the same.

Q: What was your favorite subject when you were a student and why?
A: Her favorite subject as a student was ELA because we got to read really fun novels and were able to have great conversations and usually we ended each unit with a movie that related to the book.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach and why?
A: Her favorite subject to teach is ELA because she likes that students are able to be creative when they are writing their work.

Q: What is your favorite grade to teach and why?
A: Her favorite grade to teach is 5th grade because she enjoys that her students are old enough to understand her jokes and sarcasm and that 5th graders enjoy learning.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your day?
A: Getting all of the lessons that she wants to teach in a year.

Q: What do you look forward to the most in a day at school?
A: Her first ELA class of the day which sets the pace for the other 2 classes of ELA that she teaches.

Q: Who was your favorite teacher when you were a student and what did they do differently than your other teachers?
A: Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Wool because she was funny and she made learning exciting. She also treated her with kindness.

Q: What is the best part about being a teacher?
A: No two days are ever the same.

Q: What is one very strong thing you learned when you were a student and still carry and use today?
A: You don't have to be the best as long as you're doing your best.

Q: What is your favorite book now and in your childhood?
A: As a child her favorite book was *Holes* and as an adult she hasn't had much time to read since having children so her favorite books are whatever her kids ask her to read at bedtime.



Interview with Third Grade Teacher, Ms. Puglisi

Theodora Tudorie and Arden Gadiyaram

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?
A: I love learning and I love the challenge of trying new things so I wanted to share that love with others.

Q: How many years have you been teaching at Seely Place?
A: I have been teaching for 32 years.

Q Do you have any teaching goals for this year?
A: My goals for this year are to try and make learning as fun as I can and help my students see the joy in learning new things and asking questions.

Q: If you could teach any grade what would it be?
A: I love all the grades I taught but if I had to pick my most favorite one I would choose third grade because I like the subjects, material and the projects(examples are the multi-cultural celebration and our cultural interviews) that we do.

Q: When you were a kid what was your favorite subject?
A: My favorite subject when I was a kid was writing.

Q Did you ever have a favorite teacher or aide?
A: My favorite teacher was my third grade teacher Mrs.Belding.

Q: If you could have any job would you still be a teacher?
A: I would be some type of scientist and an author because those are two favorite things.

Q: What's your favorite project that your students do?
A: My favorite projects that my students do would be like the crazy price cafe and the crazy price waterfall like basically writing and math projects.

Q: Lastly, you are specifically known for having great corny jokes so what is your favorite corny joke?
A: My favorite joke is all corny jokes! 😀



Interview with Seely Place Aide, Ms. A

Xylie Pfeffer

"Mrs. A., I heard you were a student here. Is that true?"

"Yes! I started here in 1979 when I was in fifth grade."

"That is fun! How long have you been working here at Seely?"

"This is the start of my fourth year working at Seely Place. When my youngest child started his senior year at EHS, I bumped into Mrs. Feuerstein at the UPS Store. She encouraged me to apply to become a substitute teacher. I fell in love with Seely, the staff, the faculty, and most of all, the students! In October of my first year, I became a permanent aide at Seely."

"Oh, cool! I have another question. What made you become a teacher's aide?"

"I became a teacher's aide because I love children, and recess is the best! I have raised six children of my own, and soon I will be a grandmother!"

"Amazing! What is your craziest story from working here?"

"Hmm... a crazy story... Well, one day I was having so much fun at recess that I forgot to blow the whistle. Eventually, a teacher had to come out to the field

and let me know I had been outside for almost an hour!"

"Oh no! I'm sure the kids were not upset about that mistake! Last question: What is different about our school compared to when you were a student here?"

"When I was in school, the students had a lot more freedom. When we were in sixth grade, we could walk down to Central Avenue and get pizza for lunch with no teachers!"

"Wow! We need to speak to Mrs. Feuerstein about allowing us to go out for pizza!"

"Thank you for doing this interview with me! It was so much fun to learn about you and your thoughts about our wonderful Seely community!"

"It's my pleasure!"



An Interview with Art Teacher, Ms. Kilcoyne

Olivia Ubogy

Q: When you were in elementary, did you go to Seely or a different school?
A: I went to Daniel Webster School in New Rochelle

Q: As a kid, did you like art?
A: I loved it. It was one of my first memories as a child

Q: When did you become an art teacher?
A: In 2001

Q: Did you originally want to be an art teacher?
A: I wanted to be an art teacher, a shoe designer, or a reconstructive plastic surgeon.

Q: What is one of your favorite projects you've taught at Seely?
A: That's a great question. I'm going to say the architecture project, or the many clay projects we do

Q: What is your favorite clay piece you've made?
A: I did a giant coil vase that is in my mom's house

Q: When did you start teaching at Seely?
A: In 2006

Q: What is your favorite snack or food?
A: OMG too many- crab legs, spicy jamaican beef patties, all sugar candies, Mallomars, all seafood pasta, ohh and CHEESE lots of CHEESE

Q: What is your favorite color?
A: lime green

Q : What is your hobby?
A: I ride horses almost everyday. Going to the barn brings me joy, and i have a need for speed so i like to race my horse very fast in open fields

Q: If you weren't an art teacher, what job would you do?
A: plastic surgeon or ER doctor

Q: Where do you find inspiration for class?
A: everywhere, and famous artists

Q: What is the most fun part of being an art teacher?
A: being messy and creative all day



Q: If you could have any famous artist from the past or present visit your classroom, who would you choose to come?
A: amazing question- Frida Kahlo

Q: What is the most unusual material you have used to make art?
A: metal sculpture with welding

Q: If you had an unlimited budget for art supplies, what would you buy first?
A: bigger kiln, then more shelves, then an outdoor kiln wood fired



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