

Newsletter

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL

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2020-2021
2nd TRIMESTER

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE,

As we close out the 2nd trimester, we hope we will be able to put the snow and cold weather behind us. While the current pandemic conditions this year have proven to be challenging, the February snow fall and extreme temperatures created an additional level of conditions to plan for and overcome. Students and staff performed admirably and we have been able to push through. We have found some much needed warmer weather and sunshine as we enter the month of March with springtime and warmer days ahead.

As we start our 3rd trimester, we have 26 students returning to in-person instruction from remote learning, setting our total in-person instruction at 93% of our student body. While we have had isolated quarantine incidents with students and staff, we had been able to remain open and I am confident that our students have benefitted from a somewhat “normal” school year. I would like to extend my thanks to all students, parents and staff members. This has been a team effort from the start of the year and we have done a fantastic job to this point in time. I am confident that we will be able to complete the next 12 weeks on a positive note!

Earlier in the year we had scheduled guest speaker and cyber expert Detective Richard Wistocki from Besure Consulting. Due to pandemic limitations and regulations, we were unable to offer this resource in-person. Detective Wistocki has provided access to his video series “Cyber Parenting 101”. Attached to this newsletter please find a flyer highlighting the content of this series and access information.

- The URL for the video series is: vimeo.com/showcase/sd170p
- Password **ssd3434!**
- Besure Consulting can be found at www.besureconsulting.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

Eric Misener



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“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets.”

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Mrs. McGhee's Minutes



As I think back to this time last year, I truly can't believe all that has occurred! As we began the school year, we hoped that we could stay in person and we are so happy that this has been the case. Our Raider Nation school community has truly come together to make the best of our situation. I can't express my gratitude to the staff, students and families enough for the support this year. The teachers have worked tirelessly preparing lessons that are engaging and maximize student learning with the shortened days. Our assistants have been working to support our new daily procedures and support students at each grade level. Our housekeeping, cafeteria and bus drivers have been amazing to adapt to our different schedules and needs. Our families have been unbelievably supportive with the new procedures and changes. Most importantly our students have been outstanding by learning and growing regardless of the restrictions that have been placed on them. Please know that the successes of the school year is achieved by everyone working together. Let's keep it up and make this last trimester as prosperous as our first two!



Seneca Grade School celebrated the 100th day of school on Wednesday February 3rd, 2021. The building had a school wide contest to figure what staff ages could add up to 100. There were several combinations and we had 10 students that received a prize for figuring out one combination. It was a great exercise for students to flex their math muscles! There were many grade level activities as well to mark the special day. We had our kindergarten come dressed as 100 year olds and several grades used an aging app to give students a glimpse into their future mirrors. Students enjoyed a variety of writing, math and reading activities around the number 100. We definitely had 100 reasons to celebrate!



This past month, we have been recognizing students' kind acts with the school-wide bulletin board outside the main office. Each time a staff member sees a kind act, the student fills out a snowflake and it is added to our board. We hope to see a few more flakes getting added to board before we take it down after spring break. These are the only snowflakes we want to see in March!



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Each year, students in grades 1-4 have the opportunity to earn a Raider Reader plaque. The plaque design is created by a 4th grade student and each grade level has expectations for students to reach to earn prizes provided by local businesses and ultimately the plaque. This year's design was created by Liam Baima. We want to thank our businesses for their support of Culver's, Art's Ice Cream & Pizza and BP Subway. We have awarded many plaques, but there are many still to give out – talk with your child about how they can earn theirs!

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

As we come into our final trimester, please take some time and talk with your child about their goals for finishing up the school year. It is important students continue to put forth their best efforts and end the year strong for both our in-person and remote learners. As a reminder, if your child is working remotely, the expectations are students are working in a quiet area, their camera is on and the students are actively participating, students should complete work as assigned in a timely manner and work should be done by the student only. If your child is learning in-person, it is important that they attend school everyday, complete homework as assigned and spend time practicing skills outside school hours. We want all our SGS students to be successful. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher. We want to see everyone make the rest of the school year the best it can be!

Mr. Severson's Report



It's hard to believe, but the 2nd Trimester is now in the rearview mirror and our 3rd, and final, trimester of the 2020-21 school year is underway. As we continue to advance through the school year, we have faced many unprecedented situations and will continue to face new challenges brought about by the pandemic. All of us here at the South Campus know that we are very fortunate to be working in a community that continuously exhibits patience and understanding during this difficult time as we find the best solutions possible to deal with difficult issues. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to give our kids the best educational experience that we possibly can.

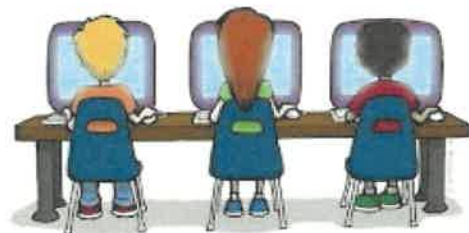
As we work our way into the month of March, we gladly say goodbye to one of the coldest Februarys in a very long time.



Fortunately, it looks like much warmer temps are here to stay. Hopefully, our upcoming Spring Break brings us even higher temperatures so everyone can spend the well-deserved time off outside enjoying the fresh air. This year, our Spring Break will start at the end of the school day on Friday, March 26th and students will return to the South Campus on Tuesday, April 6th.



After the students return from Spring Break, we will be conducting our annual Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). This is a standardized test required by the Illinois State Board of Education.



All students will be taking this test on a computer and must be in-person since there is currently no remote option for the IAR. We will start our testing window on Monday, April 12th and conclude all testing by Friday, April 30th.



The Lady Raiders volleyball teams are finally back in action! Although things look a little different this year, the girls are excited to be playing again. All levels have been working hard to improve their skills.

The sixth-grade squad was small in numbers but big in potential. The sixth-grade Lady Raiders volleyball team consisted of ten student athletes. We competed in six conference games playing Gardner, Saratoga, and Dwight twice each. Besting Dwight twice, splitting with Gardner, and falling to Saratoga twice.

The 8th grade team (5-0) is hoping to continue the success that they had last year. They have had spent many nights making quick work of their opponents. The 7th grade team (2-3) is hoping to build momentum going in to the post season as Regionals are quickly approaching. Coach Kiper and Coach Zelko are extremely proud of the work the girls have put in to make up for lost time. Good luck with the rest of the season.



The 2021 basketball season has gotten underway with a later than usual start.

We are very happy to be competing against other teams in any way that we can! With low numbers, the 6th and 7th graders have combined in to one team. They are currently 0-4, but are gaining a lot of valuable game experience as the season continues.

The 8th grade boys are currently 2-2. It has been a big transition going quickly from open gyms to a season, but the team has continued to improve and work hard. We are hoping to continue our success in conference (2-0) and finish the season off on a strong note.

**TEAMWORK
MAKES THE
DREAM
WORK**



In the Classroom



We Are All Essential

-North Campus-

Monday March 22nd
"Workers are Essential"
Dress as an Essential Worker



Tuesday March 23rd
"Sleep is Essential"
PJs/Comfy Clothes

Wednesday March 24th
"Exercise is Essential"
Sports Apparel/Favorite Team

Thursday March 25th
"Fun is Essential"
"Crazy"/Backwards/Hats



Friday March 26th
"SGS is Essential"
Raider Wear/Red & Black



November – Casey Klicker
December – Ella Sterling
January – Memphis Echeverria
February – Hailey Culbertson

SPIRIT DAYS

SOUTH CAMPUS

MARCH 17TH – IRISH DAY



MARCH 26TH – OPPOSITE DAY

APRIL 30TH – DECADES DAY

MAY 14TH –



RAIDER READER WINNERS

Lilah Baker, Kamdyn Bott, Emory Corrigan, Alexis Rasmussen, Brooks Rowley, Michael Rybinski, Camree Yandell, Jackson Ryan, Kailey Smith, Samantha Valdez, Avery Saltzman, Charlie Derber, Annabelle Haiduke, Maisie Filipiak, Maddy Moran, Ellie Budnick, Molly O'Donnell, Danielle Kinser, Greg Wakefield, Max Andreatta, Rita Rabideau, Fynn Bott, Nora Douglas, Sophia Fillman, Bennett Gilbertson, Annika Jackson, Wade Johnson, Ethan McPeak, Jadyng Ogden, Cartlan Yandell, Avery Jankowski, Lachlan Callahan, Aurora Jackson, Quinn Provance, Elly Thompson, Logan Beland, Talia Jenkins, Olivia Kinsinger, Nathan McDonald, Race Olson, Violet Mauer, Gavin Coulombe, Adleigh Corrigan, Daniel Conroy, Alaina Daschner, Aleck Griffin, Arianna Ross, Topanga Abromaitis, Alaina Applebee, Eli Applebee, Aidan DeBreto, Judd Taylor, Tristan Stahl, Lennon Becker, Oliver Crist, Elyssa Farrell, Colton Miller, Tanner Applebee, Deklyn Thompson, Kolton Kennedy,

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!



MAR 16 & 17 - LEASE PRE-SCHOOL SCREENINGS

MAR 26- EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30 NC/1:35 SC

MAR 29 - APR 5 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK



APR 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES

APR 12 - IAR TESTING

APR 9 - MIDTERMS



MAY 14 - EARLY DISMISSAL 11:25 NC/11:35 SC

MAY 21 - GRADUATION

MAY 27 - EARLY DISMISSAL 11:25 NC/11:35 SC

MAY 28 - Teachers Institute



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How can you proactively
**reduce social media
incidents** and
protect your family?

With The Cyber Parenting 101 Video Series.

Now as a parent you can feel empowered and unmask the activities and hidden dangers your children interact with everyday. Cyberparenting 101 provides eye-opening videos you can watch anytime, anywhere, on your phone, tablet or computer. Award Winning Trainer and Child Cyber Crimes Expert Det. Richard Wistocki delivers instructional content divided into short 5 to 15 min videos that go beyond providing insight and education, they provide tools and resources to understand and manage children's devices. This sobering, proactive video series is a vital tool for parents raising children of all ages. This educational series sets a new standard, breaking down the technological walls that today's children live behind.

Instructional Series covers these topics and more:

- Basic Technology Rules
- The Technology Talk
- Cyber-Bullying
- Having Vaults and Fake Accounts
- Cyber Investigations and Internet Laws
- Teen Dating and Online Relationships
- Sextortion
- Making a Police Report
- Gaming Online
- My Child's Cell Phone and Drug Use
- Asking My Son/Daughter to Take A Drug Test
- NEW The Dangers of Vaping



This video series is brought to you Seneca SD #170. These videos are provided as a 24/7 on demand educational service to the Faculty and Families of Seneca SD #170.

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