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Second Edition

BREAKING NEWS

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## A New Tradition

By: Brylee Alas-Taylor

Amistad, Sollevare, Altruismo, Nukumori, Isibindi, Protos! These words might sound strange to you, but these are all the houses in the new House System in the 4-6 grade hallway! It was a beautiful fall day as the 4th-6th grade classes gathered outside to draw their house. Each teacher chose a house as their own. Then students pulled colored squares representing each house out of a bag, and joined their House lead teacher and other housemates for a quick meeting.

Mrs. Carpenter was interviewed to give us more background on this exciting new program. The house system is an idea adopted from the Ron Clark Academy to give students the opportunity to connect with students across classes and grades that they may not normally have a chance to interact with. This helps students gain more friendships and create a family-like culture at our school. The idea came about because our teachers wanted our hallway atmosphere to be more friendly and polite. The Ron Clark Academy has used the house system in their school to promote kindness for many years so if it works for them, why not us?!

Students will have house meetings once a month. This will allow students in those houses to meet and talk about things that are going on in and out of school. The houses can make a house goal that everyone tries to reach. They will also practice their house cheers.

A house leader will be chosen to be in charge of the house meetings. This student will most likely be a sixth grader. They will decide, with the help of the lead teacher, what things the house needs to discuss or work on to become a closer, supportive family.

Students earn house points by displaying excellent character and citizenship, through academic achievements, and effort in classes. The more points a student earns for their house, the more points the house has. The more points a house has, the better chance they have of winning bragging rights for the month that their house has the most points. It is a friendly competition with no prizes being awarded.

Everyone is so excited for the new house system this year. However, the 6th graders are sad that they won't be able to participate next year.

**Head of House leaders  
and assistants.**





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### Editor's Note

By: Gabby Frock

Would you like recess to be longer or shorter? I believe recess should be longer because it would give us more time to interact with our friends. Keep reading to find out why longer recess would be great for SES students.

My first reason why recess should be longer is because students love recess so much. SES students love recess because they get to interact with friends and nature. Doctors say playing outside allows kids to develop more advanced motor skills than kids who stay indoors. Motor skills are important because they strengthen our physical strength.

My second reason why SES students should have a longer recess is because we all like to play games like tag, hide and seek, and even made up games of our own. For example, my friends have made up a game called Grease Tag. In the game, one of the players puts their hands in her hair then touches somebody with her hands and that person has the grease. Another game that was created this year is Tire Derby. If recess was extended, we would have more time to play our new games created from our imagination.

My last and most important reason is because we all love to go outside and explore. Twenty five minutes is just not enough for us kids who love to go and play. If recess was around 30-35 minutes we would have more time to be outside, strengthen motor skills, and build our imaginations. I hope you will join me in my beliefs as to why recess should be longer.

### Upcoming Events

By Wesley Harris and Dravin Trusty

#### November

11/11/22 Veterans' Day Breakfast & Assembly

11/14-17/22 National Young Readers Week

11/16/22 Picture Retake Day

Board of Education meeting

11/17/22 Homemade Bread Day

11/21/22 Midterms go home

11/22/22 12:36 dismissal - Thanksgiving Break!

11/30/22 Workout Wednesday

#### December

12/1-10/22 iReady Mid-year Diagnostic Assessment Window

12/1/22 Red Apple Day

12/2/22 POW WOW - Character Shirt Day

12/8/22 Chocolate Brownie Day

12/19/22 Christmas Parties and concert practice

12/21/22 PTO christmas

2nd Quarter Ends

12:36 Dismissal - Winter Break

Board of Education meeting



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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Panther Press Staff Spotlight

#### Mrs. Katelyn Harmon

By: Aidan Farnen

Click click click! This is the sound of Mrs. Harmon typing away on her computer as she makes notes to keep all SES staff and students organized. Mrs. Harmon has been selected to be our staff spotlight for the second edition of the Panther Press. Mrs. Harmon enjoys being on the same schedule as her son. She also likes office work, helping parents, and coworkers.

Mrs. Harmon wakes up in the morning and is at school and ready by 7:35 a.m. to answer phones and emails. Mrs. Harmon is also willing to help anytime throughout the day.

Mrs. Harmon and her family enjoy being outdoors and fishing. They take vacations and try new adventures. She and her husband like watching their son Issac playing sports like baseball and football. Mrs. Harmon's favorite lunch items are chili and cinnamon rolls with spicy fries. I would like to thank Mrs. Harmon for all the hard work she has done for us at SES.



### The Everyday Life of a Custodian

By: Natalie Biere

Squeak, squeak, squeak! That's the sound coming from the windows as Mrs. Marcia makes them squeaky clean. Mrs. Marcia has been selected to be our staff spotlight for our second edition of the Panther Press. Mrs. Marcia is a hard working custodian who has a passion for making our school look absolutely astonishing! Let me tell you all about our amazing custodian, Mrs. Marcia. She was led to God by this job. Mrs. Marcia loves to listen to Christian music in her headphones as she cleans, cleans, cleans. Casting Crowns is her personal favorite.

Mrs. Marcia and the rest of her team work together to keep the school clean. Mrs. Marcia has the second shift 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. which is to ensure SES is cleaned and then locked at the end of the day. In Mrs. Marcia's interview she stated, "The kids are the BEST part of my job. The co-workers are a BLESSING!" Mrs. Marcia also loves making our building shine with Panther Pride when preparing for an event.

As you know, Mrs. Marcia is our amazing custodian. Outside of being a custodian she loves to spend time with her husband on the farm, hunting, and fishing. She also enjoys her chickens and her outside pet cats. Mrs. Marcia went to school at Sabetha, Kansas before she became a custodian at SES. Mrs. Marcia is a great person because she always knows how to start a wonderful conversation with students. I want to thank Mrs. Marcia for all her hard work that she puts in for SES. I want to encourage all readers and students to show appreciation to Mrs. Marcia! Without her, SES would not be what it is today.





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## HEALTH CORNER

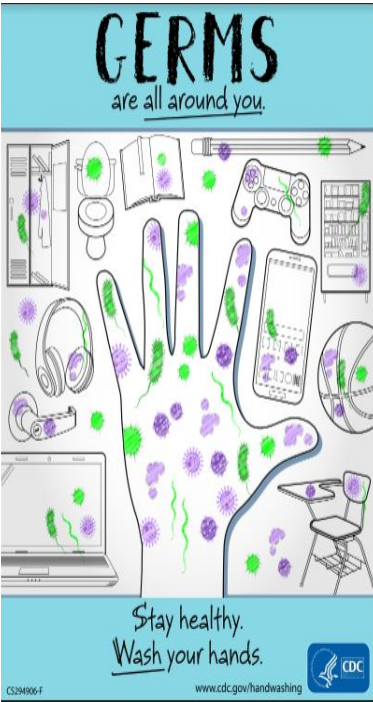
### Nurse's Station

By: Brooklyn Moore

An apple a day keeps the doctor away! Those are probably Nurse Lyndsay's favorite words! Did you know that Nurse Lyndsay did three years of college? Two years of regular college and one year for the nursing program! Nurse Lyndsay said, "I wanted to be a nurse since I was little, so that I could help the community and make a difference in people's lives!" Nurse Lyndsay followed her dreams and she has been a nurse for sixteen years! That's a very long time! Nurse Lyndsay has been working here at Salisbury Elementary for two years now!

Next, Nurse Lyndsay has some health tips for everyone. If a kid feels sick when they wake up, they should let their parents or another adult know. Together they can determine if the child needs to go to the doctor or take medications. As we move into colder weather and allergy season, she says that some symptoms of the common cold are runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, cough, slight body aches, mild headache, and/or a low grade fever. If you have any of these symptoms then you might want to go see Nurse Lyndsay!

Don't forget teachers or adults can get sick too! Nurse Lyndsay says they can stay healthy by getting plenty of rest and eating healthy. She also suggested finding ways to reduce stress. That's all from Nurse Lyndsay today! We thank her for her great advice on how to stay healthy!



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Puzzle By Wesley Harris

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## Thanksgiving

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### Principal's Corner

By: Willa Heddesheimer



In this edition of Panther Press I asked Mrs. Gebhardt for some facts on former principals here at Salisbury Elementary. One of the principals before Mrs. Gebhardt was John Gabbert. Mr. Gabbert was the principal when Mrs. Gebhardt was a student at SES. There were lots of stories about him, but Mrs. Gebhardt's favorite is that he would ask her about the "angel kiss" on her face. He was referring to her freckles.

When Mr. Gabbert retired, Bob Nagel became principal. Unfortunately, he was only principal for a few years because he battled cancer and then passed away. Mrs. Henke (Mr. Tim's wife) was a teacher at SES at that time. She was then hired to take over for Mr. Nagel. Mrs. Henke may have been the first female principal at SES, but we aren't 100% sure about that. She helped start the character shirt program. When she retired Mrs. Renfro became principal. She resigned in 2014 and that is when Mrs. Gebhardt became principal.

When I asked Mrs. Gebhardt about some exciting events coming, she replied by saying that each quarter brings some exciting events to SES. In November and December, SES students can look forward to busy months of class work and holiday breaks. Each year one of Mrs. Gebhardt's favorite events in the 2nd quarter is the district's recognition of Veterans Day. She thinks it is extremely important for us to not only recognize the service of those who previously served in the military, but also those who are doing so today. The freedoms we have today are due to their sacrifices.

We are very appreciative of Mrs. Gebhardt and everything that she does for us here at Salisbury Elementary!

### Serving Others

By Jonus Habelitz

Kindness is cool! At least that's what we think here at Salisbury Elementary. About two years ago, our school started a service project program. The goal of this program is to teach students the importance of doing something kind for others in our community. It's cool because students get to see their act of service and kindness appreciated.

The whole school gets to be a part of this project. Each month a different grade level plans an act of kindness for the people who live in the Senior Housing community here in Salisbury. The fifth graders here at SES were in charge for the month of October. They made tie dye pumpkins and attached them to paper with a special note. The pumpkins were made out of coffee filters. When students delivered their project on October 31st, they taped one to the door of each apartment. Some students were lucky enough to hand deliver their project to a resident.

This program runs from October to May. Fourth grade students will be the next class to spread kindness to the Salisbury community in the month of October!



**5th Grade students delivering their October Service Project.**



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### Real Friends by Shannon Hale

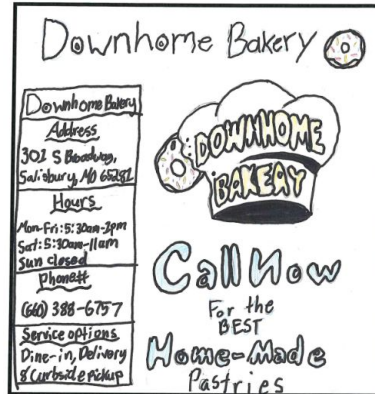
#### A Book Review

By Gabby Frock

Have you ever been left out? Well, today we are talking about the book *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale. So many people love this book because of all the drama about Shannon and her friends, at least that's what I hear. I personally like this book because Shannon is herself and that makes me feel I can be myself too.

My favorite part in this book is the ending, where Shannon gets all of her friends back and everything is back to normal. Sixth grade SES student Kinsey Tiller says, "The book taught me to never let down my friends!" Another SES student, Brooklyn Moore says "It taught me to trust my friends and never give up on them."

So, now that you know the book is good, why don't you give it a chance? If you recommend *Real Friends* to one of your friends, tell them it is a book about friendship, learning, and kindness. I promise, if you read this book you will learn something too!



Ad by Shawna West

### **This Day In History: November 11th**

By: Aidan Farnen

**1918-** The Armistice was signed between the Axis and Allies ending the First World War.

**1921-** The tomb of the Unknowns was dedicated at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia by U.S President Harding.

**1940-** Jeep made its debut.

**1965-** Walt Disney announced a project in Florida.

**1984-** The reverend Martin Luther King Sr. died in Atlanta at age 84.

**2002-** Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to fight AIDS in India.

During the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, at 5:00 a.m, Germany signed the Armistice in agreement with the Allies in a railroad car. This agreement ended WW1. Armistice day, also known as Veteran's day, is still celebrated in honor of all the men and women who gave their lives to serve for the U.S. since 1914. We also honor all the other Veterans who have served or are still serving our country today.



The signing of the Armistice Agreement on November 11, 1918.





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## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Kindergarten Corner

**By: Peytyn Bennett**

Mrs. Littleton and Mrs. McFadden are both kindergarten teachers at Salisbury Elementary. Mrs. McFadden attended three different colleges in her preparation plan to become a teacher. She has a Bachelor's Degree in science from Central Methodist University (CMU), a Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri (MU), and she also has a degree in Administration from William Woods University (WWU). She graduated from CMU in 1990, MU in 1996, and from WWU in 2012. Mrs. McFadden says that if she wasn't a teacher she would have been a Marine Biologist or she was going to be a Pediatric Nurse.

She started teaching in August of 1991. Mrs. McFadden explained to me why she wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher. She said "I have always loved Kindergarten and have always been proud of the schools we have in our town. Jobs at Salisbury used to be hard to come by because people love it so much they stay for a long time. When there was an opening for Kindergarten, I knew I wanted to apply and become part of this great team." Mrs. McFadden says she is coming to the end of her career. She says that the one thing she wants to accomplish is to have made a difference in her students' lives. Mrs. McFadden describes her class as energetic, enthusiastic and excited to learn. She also says her class is very artistic and are excited about their new projects.

Mrs. Littleton attended three colleges as well. She went to MACC and received her Associate of Arts Degree, Central Methodist and got her Bachelor's Degree in Science, and she later enrolled at Williams Wood University. She attended college for five and a half years in total. She spent two years at MACC and at CMU, then she spent a year and a half at WWU.

Mrs. Littleton started teaching the same class as Mrs. McFadden in 2008. This happened, because there were so many students that they needed a second teacher. She got her own class room with half of the students in her room and the other half in Mrs. McFadden's room. Mrs. Littleton was born and raised in Salisbury, Missouri so that made it an easy decision to want to be a teacher here.

She says that "Salisbury Elementary is a great place to work!" A goal she would like to accomplish this year is to make a difference in the lives of her students and to inspire the children she teaches. Mrs. Littleton would like to describe her class as social, fun, and a loving group of kids. She says her class is very eager to learn all sorts of new things. Mrs. Littleton says she wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher because she feels like it's truly her.



**Kindergarten students working hard on their lessons.**



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## FIRST GRADE NEWS

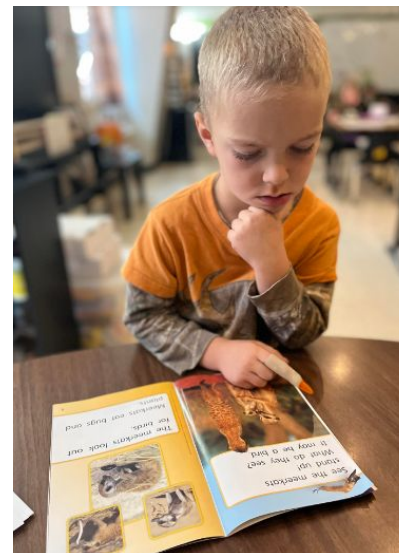
### Updates from First Grade

**By: Garrett Weimer**

Hi, I'm Garrett and I'm writing about the First Grade at SES. Mrs. Howard is one of the first grade teachers. She attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Mrs. Howard attended the university for four years. Then she did her student teaching in 1996. She started teaching at Salisbury Elementary 25 years ago. She has always loved the Salisbury School District and is glad she came back to where it all started for her. Mrs. Howard's goal for her teaching career is to retire knowing that her students have become better readers and writers. If Mrs. Howard was not able to become a teacher, she would have become a reporter. She loves to collect information and write about what has happened in the world.

The other first grade teacher is Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Cook went to Central Methodist University for four years and the University of Missouri for one year. Since graduating from college, Mrs. Cook has been teaching for 10 years. Mrs. Cook applied to be a teacher at SES because she wanted a job like her husband's job and she wanted to work close to home. Her goal for her teaching career is to make a good impact on kids. If she could not be a teacher, she wanted to be a photographer or artist. She loves crafting and catching photos.

The first grade has been very active, inquisitive, and hard working this year. They are reading a lot and participating in hands-on activities, all while having fun! Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Cook are working together to plan for their annual friendsgiving that is held each year in first grade.



**First grade students working hard in the classroom and enjoying Halloween festivities.**



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## SECOND AND THIRD GRADE NEWS

### Second Grade News By Reagan Parker

Ever thought about what it takes to become a teacher? Ms. Buffington started teaching in 2009. She went to Moberly Area Community College, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Stephens College. She spent eight years in college and has worked very hard to earn an Associate of arts degree, two bachelor's degrees, and one masters degree. She started teaching to share her love of learning with others. Her goal is to help her students to reach their academic goals. If she wasn't a teacher she would work with animals.

Mrs. Schreiner started teaching in 2016. She went to the University of Missouri. She went to college for four years. She loves working with kids and thought teaching would be a great career to pursue. Before the end of her teaching career she would like to teach in a pre-k setting. If she wasn't a teacher she would be a meteorologist because she loves weather. Mrs. Schreiner even took a meteorology class in college taught by Eric Aldrich who was a meteorologist at the time.

Right now the second graders are planting lettuce. In science they are making landforms out of clay and then they are getting to paint them. They are very hard workers and are like a homeaway from home for the second grade teachers. Mrs. Buffington and Mrs. Schreiner agree that their second graders always put forth their best effort!



Mrs. Schreiner's Class:  
Top: planting Lettuce  
Bottom: Creating landforms

Mrs. Buffington's Class writing stories!

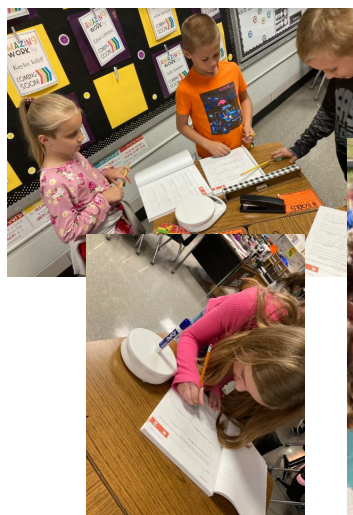
### 3rd Grade All-Stars By: Kyler Hafemeister

Have you ever wondered what a very good, hard-working, best of them all teacher is? Well, here at SES, we have two great teachers and a number of the best 3rd graders around! What more could we ask for?

One of the two third grade teachers is Ms. Roach. Ms. Roach attended The St. Charles Community College (SCCC), while in college. She really likes teaching. She wants to change students' lives. In a recent interview, she stated, "I have wanted to teach ever since I was a little girl!" As an adult, her dream has come true. If she weren't a 3rd grade teacher she informed me that she would have been a nurse for children. She really likes working with children.

The other third grade teacher at SES is Mrs. Erickson. She went to college at Canyon University online to receive her Master's Degree. Mrs. Erickson started teaching at SES in 2019! Mrs. Erickson really loves to be with kids and she loves to cook a lot. If she weren't a 3rd grade teacher she would be a restaurant owner here in Salisbury.

Both classes have been working on being supportive friends! I believe this is an awesome skill for 3rd grade SES students to be learning. Students have also been busy mastering multiplication and division modules. They have also enjoyed several hands-on activities to help master these skills. The 3rd graders are really enjoying science. Keep up the good work 3rd grade!



Ms. Roach's students focusing on learning multiplication and division. Mrs. Erickson's class enjoying the beautiful fall day outside.





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## Upper Elementary News

### Read, Read, Read

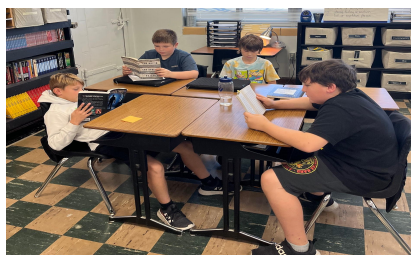
By: Natalie Biere

Whoosh! That is the sound of Mrs. Ratliff flipping another page of her book. Mrs. Ratliff is our reading teacher here at Salisbury Elementary. She went to college at Mizzou in Columbia, so did her dad and her daughters, so it's kind of a family tradition! She later received her Masters degree from William Woods University.

Mrs. Ratliff started teaching when she was 22 years old in 1994. Her first teaching job was in a first and second grade combined classroom at South Park Elementary in Moberly, MO. Mrs. Ratliff wanted to become a teacher because her dad was an educator. He was a principal for a very long time. In Mrs. Ratliff's interview she said that "I can remember how I watched my dad touch the lives of his students by the way he interacted with them." If Mrs. Ratliff couldn't have been a teacher, she thought it would be fun to own a little store where she could sell things that she loves and thinks people would enjoy.

Mrs. Ratliff has a goal every year to get her students to love to read. She says, "If I can't accomplish that with all my students, I want to at least help them become confident readers so they can be successful as they move on to Jr. High and High School." Mrs. Ratliff describes her class as a class who does a lot of reading and writing! Mrs. Ratliff's favorite part of her job is getting to discuss the book with her students that they read. She loves to hear all of their thoughts and opinions. Her class recently finished their narrative writing. They got be creative. For some that meant writing funny stories, for others, scary stories, or something in between. They were all very unique though, and fun to read!

I want to thank Mrs. Ratliff for everything she does to make SES students more successful! I want readers and students to show appreciation to Mrs. Ratliff for all she does! Without her, SES students would not be as smart as they are today!



6th Grade working hard on Book Club goals!

### When Time Flies

By: Bella Krueger

Wow, this year is flying by! First quarter is already over! And goodness is Miss Almond worn out. She is teaching 4th grade ELA and Sondag skills. Her 5th graders have been busy with an informative writing assignment. This is where they create informative books about a state they would like to travel to. A majority of the 6th grade has been busy creating the Panther Press with Miss Almond and Mrs. Ratliff.

In order for Miss Almond to learn how to teach her students, she received her teaching training from Columbia College in Columbia, MO. She has a Bachelor's Degree of General Studies with Elementary Education certification. Miss Almond has a Master's Degree in K-12 Administration and a Reading Specialist Certification. She started teaching in 2017 and has been a Salisbury Panther the whole time!

Fun fact, if Miss Almond wasn't a teacher she would be a... Chef!!!! I guess you really can't judge a book by its color. She would be a chef because she loves cooking with her family. It is one of her favorite hobbies. Her and her family have some of the best recipes ever! Although, Miss Almond loves to cook, her real passion is teaching and here's why. She said "I became a teacher because I care about the future generations of people. Students at SES will be owners of businesses, holding public offices, become teachers, work in the medical field to help people who are sick, etc. It is very important to me that SES students have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful adults." I think that is super caring of her and that she wants to help the next generation succeed. This shows how much she loves her job!



4th Grade student mastering Sondag Skills!

5th Grade enjoying Halloween!





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## UPPER ELEMENTARY NEWS

### **Mrs. Carpenter LOVES Math**

**By: Keenan Clark**

What do you call a math lover? Mrs. Carpenter! Mrs. Carpenter fell in love with math when she was a high school senior who needed to get her tutoring hours in for the A+ program. She was assigned to a fourth grade classroom. In that classroom, she worked with the students on various skills. She decided that school year she wanted to be a math teacher. It wasn't until she had been teaching for about 10 years that she really specialized in math and the teaching of math. She says "It is a lifelong skill and I want students to be successful in math." She fell in love with math because she wanted students to enjoy math class and see that there are patterns everywhere. She hopes all her classes enjoy learning about math.

The college she attended was Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO. She said that she enjoyed going to school there and that the class sizes weren't too large. She attended college for four years and has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In 2019 she applied for a 4-6th grade math teaching position at SES.

Now Mrs. Carpenter is happily and skillfully continuing to manage 4th and 5th grade math intervention classes while they work in small groups practicing their math skills and preparing the 6th grade for high school. She describes her class as math oriented with discussions. She allows her students to talk a lot about math in class. She says "We get loud with our discussions frequently." She says her classes have a love/hate relationship so how they feel about math changes daily.



### **Always Wanting to Be a Teacher**

Ms. Selsor has always wanted to be a teacher. When she was old enough to think about her future and decide on a career, she didn't have to think too much about it. She already knew she wanted to spend the rest of her life teaching students. In a recent interview, I posed the question, "What would you of become if you were not a teacher?" Her response was that she didn't know, because teaching is all she has ever wanted to do.

In order to become a teacher, Ms. Selsor attended two colleges. She started at State Fair Community College and then proceeded to Central Methodist University to complete her Bachelor's Degree. After graduating, she accepted her first teaching position in 2018. A couple years later, Ms. Selsor made the best decision ever. This decision was to accept a new teaching position at SES as a 4-6th grade math teacher.

This year makes Ms. Selsor's third year teaching upper elementary math at SES. With our new math curriculum in mind, Ms. Selsor has set a goal for herself and her classes. The goal is to teach and learn every lesson in our new math textbooks. By keeping this goal in mind, Ms. Selsor also explained in our discussion that she describes her classes as fun, interesting, and unique. Each year, Ms. Selsor has an awesome way of pushing each student to think outside the box and to keep trying after something doesn't go as planned. Her classes are busy mastering various mathematical concepts to help each of them become mathematicians! Ms. Selsor also mentioned she has several projects planned for her students that will take place at the end of the school year. I am anxious to find out more about them and see final products from the upper elementary SES students.

**I ♥ MATH!**



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## Upper Elementary News

### The Story of a History Teacher

By: Alex McDonald

I wouldn't be surprised if I walked into Mr. Erickson's class and saw a robot or a caveman. If you don't know him well, I'll fill you in! Mr. Erickson went to Macc for two years and then Columbia College for another two years. He was in college for a total of four years, but he is still enrolled in college right now for his masters degree.

Mr. Erickson started teaching in August of 2019. He chose this career because he loves to teach. His favorite part is teaching kids new things and interacting with them. His personal goal is to see future students achieve their goals and have successful careers down the road. When I asked Mr. Erickson what he would do if he weren't a teacher, he said that was a tough question, but if he wasn't a teacher he would be a lawyer because he has a criminal justice degree.

Mr. Erickson says his students are very bright and are able to accomplish great things once they put their minds to it. They also like doing a lot of projects and working with their classmates. He thinks 6th graders have really enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. A lot of students have been showing him books that they have been reading or researching online.

Fifth grade has just completed a biome project where they had to create and label parts of their biome and what organisms live there. His goal is to find a spot to display them for other students to look at. His 4th grade class goal is to learn about the different themes, or parts, of geography. So if you ever walk by Mr. Erickson's class expect to see anything!



4th Grade with their maps.

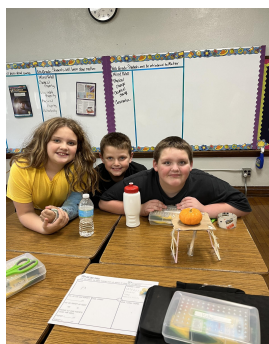
### The Life of a Science Teacher

By: Alex McDonald

Boom! That's a sound that you might hear coming from Mrs. Bachtel's classroom! If you are wondering who Mrs. Bachtel is, she is the 4-6 grade science teacher here at SES. She went to William Woods University from 2002-2004 and then transferred to Central Methodist University in 2004 and that is where she earned her undergraduate degree in 2006. She earned her masters from Arkansas state in 2016. She went to college for a total of 5 ½ years to earn both of her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She started teaching in August of 2006. She applied for this position because she had moved back to Salisbury from Columbia to be closer to her family. The goal that she would like to accomplish by the end of her career is to make a positive impact on at least one of her students that she taught throughout her years of teaching. If she wasn't a teacher she would be an athletic trainer because she enjoys sport's and being around sports. She also enjoyed the medical side of athletic training and how to help athletes recover after being injured.

Mrs. Bachtel described her science classes as a place where students can learn auditorily, kinetically and visually. She tried to incorporate different learning styles within each class to help all students learn the concepts to the best of their ability. In science class they also are cross curricular learners by incorporating reading, writing, math and social studies within their units as well. She teaches 4-6th grade science and she thinks all her classes are fun at different times throughout the weeks and months.

She currently does not have any large upcoming projects. However throughout the week they complete small labs that go along with each lesson they are learning. These smaller labs help keep students engaged and help aid in the learning process. Her biggest goal is to help students gain a love for science as well as help each student become the best student/person that they can be.



4th Grade doing cool stuff in science class!



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## Specials Report

### All About Coach Brooks

By: Westin Pegelow

Imagine Coach Brooks playing college basketball! I don't know about you, but this is pretty easy for me to picture. He is an awesome basketball player, who loves sharing his passion for the sport with others. Coach Brooks went to Culver-Stockton College with a basketball scholarship. This is where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. He also had a secondary major in Psychology. Which is the scientific study of the mind and one individual's behavior. Recently, he accomplished a Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from William Woods University.

In a recent interview, I asked Coach what he would do if he was not a teacher. His response was, "I would be something related to the sports world such as an Athletic trainer or a therapist." Athletic trainers carry out rehabilitation programs for any sort of injured athletes. A therapist helps people understand that they can do something to improve their situation. I can also picture Coach doing a great job as an Athletic trainer or therapist. However, I don't think I am the only SES student to selfishly say I am glad he chose teaching and coaching.

Since the beginning of the school year, Coach has been teaching SES students how to stay active. Kindergarten is learning how to throw by playing "Trash In My Yard". First through fifth grade students have been adding new rules to the game Bombardment. Sixth grade has been learning how to play volleyball. As SES students learn new and more challenging rules, they are learning to play their game to the fullest.



Students participating in a fun P.E. game!

### Mrs. Carothers

By: McKenzie Keefer

Mrs. Carothers loved art since she was a little girl. She said that she was blessed to have a very talented high school art teacher who taught her special techniques in sketching and painting. This is where her love for art really grew! When Mrs. Carothers was asked to be the substitute teacher for Mrs. Francis, she was honored to be asked. She graduated from Keytesville High School and then attended Moberly Area Community College as a post secondary school. She graduated with an Associates Degree in Business Administration.

She says as a long term substitute art teacher, "I'm hoping the students enjoy learning about the elements of art and using their skills and imagination to create their own art designs." While being artistic is a fabulous trait to have, she believes that students who give their best effort and allow their imagination to run will see the enjoyment art has to offer.

Mrs. Carothers has been very busy teaching a variety of art related topics to SES students. Kindergarten and first graders have been learning how to use glue bottles and color within the lines. Second and third graders are learning how to sketch. The fourth-sixth grade students are improving their skills in sketching. More specifically, the fifth and sixth graders are learning about shading and coloring oil pastels.



Student art work completed with Mrs. Carothers.





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## Recipe Corner

### Sausage and Egg over Grits Submitted by: Shawna West Ingredients

- 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 1 large sweet onion, chopped
- 1 medium sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
- 6 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups quick-cooking grits
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 6 large eggs
- Hot pepper sauce, optional



### Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, cook sausage, onion, yellow pepper and red pepper over medium heat until sausage is no longer pink and vegetables are tender, 6-8 minutes, breaking up sausage into crumbles; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring water to a boil. Slowly stir in grits. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, covered, until thickened, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in cheeses, cream, salt and pepper; keep warm.
3. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Break eggs, 1 at a time, into pan; reduce heat to low. Cook until whites are set and yolks begin to thicken, turning once if desired. Divide grits among 6 serving bowls; top with sausage mixture and eggs. If desired, serve with pepper sauce.

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## BREAKING NEWS

### Mrs. Fessler in the Library

By: McKenzie Keefer

One thing that comes to mind when I think about Mrs. Fessler, it is encouraging. In my personal experience, I have been in a sticky situation where I felt like I couldn't do something. Mrs. Fessler quickly realized how I was feeling and she said "You can do this!" I am sure I am not the only SES student Mrs. Fessler has said this to because SES students have been learning very important media, library, and reading skills.

K-3 students have been busy learning about different types of books genres. Fourth graders are finishing up a unit on the Dewey Decimal System. Fifth graders just finished working on a survivor themed research project. Mrs. Fessler sure has kept the SES students busy while in class with her.

Mrs. Fessler learned how to teach students by going to the Mark Twain High School and University of Missouri-Columbia. She received a Bachelor and Master's Degree. In a recent interview, Mrs. Fessler said, "I want students to enjoy reading!" Next time you visit the library or Mrs. Fessler be sure to ask her for any new book recommendations, as I am sure she can keep you reading!

## CARTOONS

### The Time That Garrett Didn't Have the Energy to Wake Up

By Wesley Harris



### A Fish's Life

By Dravin Trusty

