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4th Edition

BREAKING NEWS

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Principal's Corner



SES Goals

By: McKenzie Keefer

2023 has started off with a bang here at SES. At this time of year, many people are starting fresh and wanting to change something about their life. This means they have set new goals. In a recent interview with Mrs. Gebhardt, she shared with me that she has also been thinking about goals for the students at SES. Her goal for the remainder of the school year is for all students to grow academically and socially. I would predict she has several ideas to make this happen! She shared with me that her favorite thing about SES is the people, so she knows this goal is 100 percent achievable. She also stated she is very happy that exciting things are coming up like field day and field trips.

Outside of school hours, Mrs. Gebhardt enjoys many things in her life. Here are some of her favorite things to do. Mrs. Gebhardt's favorite colors are funky green and Chief's red. Her favorite places to go are near water because water relaxes her. Her favorite football team is the Chiefs. Her favorite player is Chris Jones. Her favorite book to read is Psalms.

Here are some facts about her. Mrs. Gebhardt loves to read books either curled up by a fire or outside in the sun. She likes to work in her garden. She loves going on road trips and also to spend time with family. If she could not work at school she would run a bookstore with a coffee shop in it.

Thank you to Mrs. Gebhardt for all the hard work she does for our school. I appreciate having her here and will miss her next year! Please join me in the task of helping Mrs. Gebhardt achieve her goal for all SES students.

Signing Off!

This sixth grade class has been very dedicated this year to publish four editions of the Panther Press. They have worked extremely hard to go through the following process for each of their submissions into the paper: brainstorm, interview, write, revise, edit, and publish! They have also gotten a chance to show their creativity as cartoonists and ad creators. We are very proud of their efforts. This was a new experience for both students and teachers. We all learned a lot! Thank you so much to everyone who helped our students be successful in this endeavor. This will be our last full edition for the year as we move into test prep and preparations for junior high!

Mrs. Ratliff & Miss Almond





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Staff Spotlight

The Life Of Mrs. Atkinson

By Alex McDonald

Mrs. Atkinson is a paraprofessional at Salisbury Elementary and she has been chosen to be a staff spotlight for the Panther Press. At SES, she stated, "My job is mostly helping kids study for tests in and out of class. I also help them with assignments and help the teacher if he or she needs to use the bathroom."

She attended college at MACC in Moberly for two years. Then she transferred to Central Methodist University in Fayette. She was in college for a total of four years. She began as a Paraprofessional in 2016 when she lived in Dodge City, Kansas.

She worked at a preschool there. Since then she has worked at a few preschools and Head Start before coming to SES. Mrs. Atkinson applied for her current job because it is in her home town and close to her house. She also applied for this job because she wanted to be a part of the great team of teachers that are here. Mrs. Atkinson also shared that it will be nice working at the same school as her kids one day. She said a bonus to her job is the schedule isn't bad either! A goal that she wants to achieve by the end of her career is to be a teacher of her own class. When asked what she would do if she didn't work in a school setting what she would like to do, her answer was very interesting! She said that if she was not a paraprofessional she would want to work at Seaworld with killer whales.

In Mrs. Atkinson's free time, she likes to spend time with her husband and kids. In the summer time she goes to the lake and spends time with family. She also likes to spend time with her friends.

Mrs. Atkinson has two kids. Beau is 3½ and Bryce is 1. She said she has so many childhood memories that does not have a favorite so her favorite memory would be spending time with family. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Atkinson for being selected as a Staff Spotlight recipient and thank her for all her hard work at SES. If you see her in the hallway, give her a nice wave or friendly smile. She will greatly enjoy it!

Mrs. Atkinson
and her family



The Quiet Superhero at SES

By: Gabriella Frock and Tessa Monnig

Hello Panther Press readers, today we would love to share with you some recent news that we discovered. We learned Mrs. Jacquelyn Pegelow is a superhero at SES, who seems to save the day each and every day! We recently interviewed Mrs. Pegelow and asked her a few questions about her job at school and her personal life. We would like to share the answers we received with you.

Mrs. Pegelow is a paraprofessional in the SES Special Education Department. This is her first year working at SES. Mrs. Pegelow has said that she loves it here at Salisbury Elementary School. She believes it has been a wonderful experience for her. In our interview, Mrs. Pegelow expressed her feelings that she is blessed to be working in such a welcoming environment. She shared with me that she spends most of her time in Mrs. McFadden's classroom.

Now moving on, let us share with you some personal facts about Mrs. Pegelow. Mrs. Pegelow's favorite music is country. She has one dog and he is a yellow lab. His name is Max. Her hobbies are playing games with family, being outside, crafting, and cooking. Her favorite meal at SES is chili and cinnamon rolls. She says she spends most of her time reading children's books with her two boys. Their favorites are *The Little Blue Truck* books. Mrs. Pegelow says she has lived in Salisbury for most of her life. Her family moved here when she was in second grade.

Now that you know a little more about Mrs. Pegelow we hope you will wave to her in the hallway, and tell her thank you. While she probably won't admit to it she really is a superhero here at SES.



Mrs. Pegelow and her family



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This Day in History February 9th

By Keenan Clark

- 1964: Beatles go on the Ed Sullivan show in New York
- 1961: USA Medicare Program
- 2002: Princess Margaret's Death
- 2000: National Pizza Day
- 1861: Jefferson Davis is Elected President of the Confederate States of America
- 1986: Haley's comet appeared for the final time

For the first time ever, the popular music group the Beatles had appeared on the Ed Sullivan show. Shortly afterwards, they played their first American concert at the coliseum. The Beatles had come a long way-literally. They originated from England, and were told that they "could not carry a tune across the Atlantic". In the early days they were thought to be no more than a fad. That of course was proven wrong many times over.

On February 9, 1961, President Kennedy asked congress to approve a health insurance program for 14.2 million Americans 65 or older, financed by an increase in social security taxes.

Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth the Second, died at age 71 suffering a massive stroke.



The Beatles performing on the Ed Sullivan Show on February 9, 1961.

Upcoming Events

February-Integrity

- 9.Superbowl Menu
- 10. Teacher Inservice- Courtwarming
- 14.Valentine Parties Wellness Team
- 15.Character Team
- 15.Board Of Education Meeting
- 17.Cabbage Day
- 20.No school- Presidents Day
- 22.Work Out wednesday-Sweet Potato Day Bus Driver Appreciation Advisory Team
- 23.National Chili Day
- 27.Strawberry Day

March- Respect/Problem Solver

- 1.Tornado Drill 10:00am
- 2.Dr. Seuss Day -Read Across America Faculty Meeting
- 3.POW WOW -Character Shirt Day
- 6.Oreo Cookie Day
- 7.Rest Day -Math
- 9.End Of Q3
- 10-13. Spring Break
- 14.Q3 Grade Cards Go Home
- Chip Day-Pi Day





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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Anne is Whipping up Something Wonderful By: Grady Harmon

Anne Fitzgerald has been chosen as a Staff Spotlight for the 4th edition of the Panther Press. She is one of the cooks for Salisbury Elementary School. Anne likes to cook french toast sticks and a lot of salads for the staff. Another thing she enjoys is our Thanksgiving lunch and making the hot rolls and cinnamon rolls. Anne really likes to serve the kids food so she can see their smiles on their faces.

In her free time she likes to travel around and take pictures. Another thing is that she likes to cook wild rice casserole at home. Anne likes to read and do crafts in her free time.

Anne's favorite family tradition is to have a Christmas Eve dinner with her family. She used to cook with her mom when she was younger and that's how she learned how to cook.

We really appreciate Anne for her hard work at the Elementary School. I hope there are more people like Anne in the world. We love having her with us at Salisbury Elementary School.



The Everyday Life of a Cook By: Aidan Farnen



What's for lunch today? This is something Ms. Jannelle hears everyday. Ms. Jannelle loves her job because she loves to cook and enjoys being around kids. She wants to make the best cinnamon rolls and hot rolls by the end of her career. If Ms. Jannelle wasn't a cook, she would be a teacher.

Ms. Jannelle went to the St. Joseph School for K-8 and Salisbury High School for 9-12. Also, she went to MACC for one year. She has been working at SES for 12 years. Before she came to SES she worked at Casey's. In Ms. Jannelle's free time she reads, plays on her iPad, and spends time with her family. I would like to thank her for spending her time telling us about herself, and also for the delicious meals she helps to make us everyday!





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First Grade Service Project: Spreading a Cup of Cheer **By Ryan Schmit**

For the month of December the 1st grade was in charge of the service project. I interviewed Miss Cook for some details. They took students to the senior housing to deliver "Snowman Soup." Each bag of soup had a hot chocolate packet, marshmallows, candycane, and a Hershey's kiss. Each bag was white with a snowman face. They attached a poem stating:

A little cup of cocoa,
I'm sending it 'round your way.
I hope that you'll enjoy it,
On some cold and wintery day.

As you sip this cocoa,
Its warmth will warm your heart,
Just like you have warmed up mine,
Right from the very start.

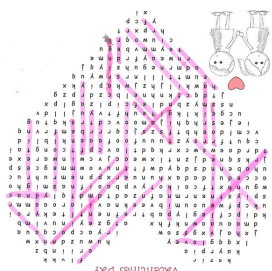
First grade paraded around the senior housing knocking on each door to deliver this cup of cheer to each person. They really enjoyed seeing the smiles on each face as they delivered their special treat. The seniors seem to really enjoy this as well. Mrs Cook said,"It is a wonderful way to spread holiday cheer."

A Day in a Nurse's Life **By: Garrett Weimer**

Each morning, you might have noticed a friendly and kind smile in the hallway as she walks to her room. The friendly and kind smile is Mrs. Judy Poeschl. Many SES students call her Mrs. Judy. She is our morning nurse here at SES. While here, Mrs. Judy is responsible for providing healthcare needs to students and staff. I recently interviewed her for the Panther Press and asked her several questions. When asked how many students visit her office in a day, she said she interacts with about 15-42 people a day. This information immediately told me that she does a lot for SES. I was shocked to see how many people she helps in one single day. Mrs. Judy also shared that she enjoys being a nurse very much. The best part about being a nurse for her is she gets to keep educating others about their healthcare needs.

In Mrs. Judy's free time she loves gardening. She has a big yard with many flowers to care for. Mrs Judy loved science class when she was a student. So she decided she wanted to be a nurse. In high school and the 1st two years of college she worked as a clerical part time. A clerical is someone who works in an office and organizes/works on very important documents.

When I asked Mrs. Judy about helpful health tips for students, she suggested students should think about eating healthy foods, getting plenty of exercise, and sleep. She also emphasized the importance of staying away from other people who are sick and receive the appropriate vaccinations.





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Tips and Tricks

By: Luke Britt

This article is about tips and tricks to keep up your grades, be organized, and pay attention and focus for all second semester. These tips and tricks came from Mrs. Wales. Number one, to be able to keep your grades up you need to come to school as much as possible. Yes sickness and family emergencies come up. However, Mrs. Wales has noticed when she is importing grades that her students that have the highest attendance also have the highest grades. Secondly, when you are at school you have to be willing to actually put in the work. Students need to put effort into whatever they're doing.

When asked what she does to stay organized, Mrs. Wales writes the things she needs to get done and crosses them out as she finishes each. Mrs. Wales does the things she likes to do first and then moves on to things she doesn't like to do. She personally likes using a paper calendar rather than an online one. She likes using a drawer system to organize any materials she needs for different class periods. When Mrs. Wales was a student, she kept all her materials and notes in folders and binders.

Mrs. Wales has found that if she really needs to focus on something, then she makes sure she doesn't put herself by her friends to where she gets distracted talking to them. It helps her to ask questions about information being presented to her. She does this by either asking the direct question to the presenter or writing down the question and doing research later. If you have any electronics anywhere near you that pop up notifications, turn them over so that you can't see notifications pop up. I would personally like to thank Mrs. Wales for her great advice!

Grades, Organization, and Attention

By: Luke Britt

Do you need help to succeed this semester? You may have already read "*Tips and Tricks*", but those were from Mrs. Wales. These are from Mrs. Dotson. She suggests that if you want to keep good grades then you should not fall behind. You need to be able to stay on top of things. If she has several things she needs to do, she creates a google tasks list of what she needs to do and when she needs to do it. Another tip to keep grades up, is to ask deeper questions that will help you understand the content better and easier. Then you can apply your learning at the highest level possible on assignments and tests.

In order for Mrs. Dotson to stay organized she creates a google tasks list at the beginning of each week. This list is arranged by the task or assignment by its importance and when it needs to be completed. She says having a list that she can reference at any time, anywhere is very important to stay organized. When Mrs. Dotson arrives here at SES every morning and goes over her lesson plans and makes sure she has all the materials needed for that lesson.

In order for Mrs. Dotson to stay focused and pay attention she just has to remember. She says that if she expects students to focus and pay attention she needs to be doing the same thing. If something else is going on in her room, she needs to give her full attention to the student or students at her table. As well as Mrs. Wales, Mrs. Dotson flips her phone over so she doesn't see any notifications on her phone pop up.

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

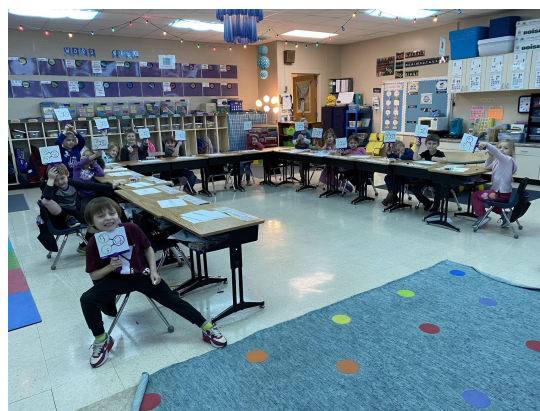
In the World of Kindergarten

By Shawna West

Wow! Our Kindergarteners have been busy! In reading, they have been learning their letters and sounds, and how to form them together to make words. They have also been learning about the four seasons and the different weather. Moving on to math, they have been learning how to properly set up number bonds and number sentences. They've also been working on finding the partners to 10. (part-part=whole). They have also been learning the concepts of composition and decomposition of numbers. The Kindergarteners have an exciting project coming up on arctic animals which includes some fun activities!

Now that we know what the Kindergarteners have been doing, let's talk about the Kindergarten teachers and why they teach Kindergarten! Mrs. Littleton loves teaching Kindergarten because of the enthusiasm they have for learning new things everyday! Mrs. Littleton has also been teaching Kindergarten for 15 years, but how did she become a teacher? When Mrs. Littleton was younger, she initially wanted to be a pediatric nurse. When she job shadowed this career, she decided that being a pediatric nurse wasn't the right job for her so she decided to work here at Salisbury Elementary School to teach Kindergarten. Mrs. Littleton enjoys doing stuff like spending time with family, going to her sons basketball games, and crafting.

Now let's talk about Ms. McFadden! Ms. McFadden has actually taught at five other schools! Ms. McFadden taught Kindergarten at every school except one where she taught preschool. Ms. McFadden, like Mrs. Littleton, loves teaching Kindergarten because of their enthusiasm for learning new things. Ms. McFadden chose to teach this age of students because when she was younger she had grown up around kids and made money from babysitting. After spending lots of time around younger kids she decided she wanted a job where she'd be around kids all day! Ms. McFadden loves to read and watch movies in her free time. She is also on a bowling league and goes bowling every Wednesday night! We appreciate Ms. McFadden and Mrs. Littleton for all of their hard work getting our Kindergarteners off to a great start here at SES!



Mrs. Littleton's class (Left)
Ms. McFadden's class (above)



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FIRST GRADE NEWS

What the First Graders are Doing in Class By: Wesley Harris

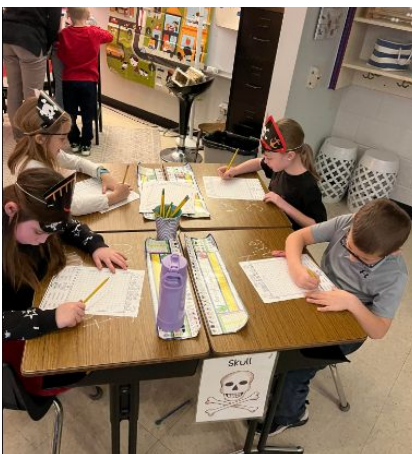
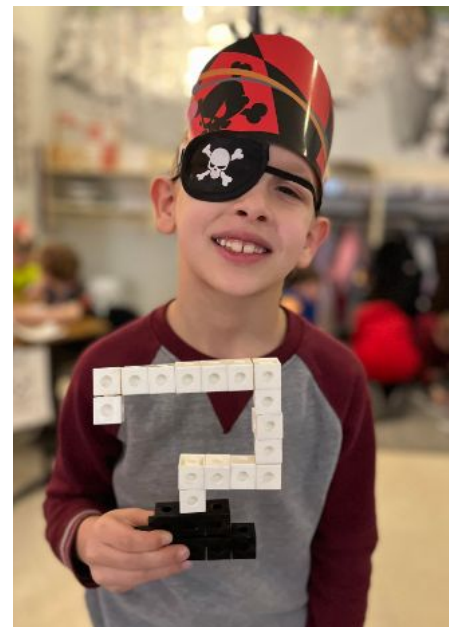
Do you know how to read a clock? If not, the SES first grade students can help you out. Recently the first graders have been learning how to read a clock by hour and half hour. Even in a world of digital information at our fingertips, teachers still believe in the importance of SES students knowing how to read an analog clock. They are also learning how to use the centimeter cubes and sticks. Little do the first graders know these basic skills can help them in their future careers.

Another skill the SES first graders have been learning is how to find the main idea in a nonfiction and fiction text. I remember when I was in first grade I thought I would never use this skill, but now that I am in 6th grade and I use it a lot. I am thankful I know how to.

One exciting thing first grade has coming up is a Valentine's Day party. The party will be on February 14th from 8:30-9:30. The first graders are able to build valentines boxes at home. I am excited to see the creativity the first graders put into their boxes.



First Graders and their Pirate Room Transformation!





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SECOND AND THIRD GRADE NEWS

Learn About the Second Grade Hallway

By: Jazmin Wilshire

Do you ever wonder what the second grade SES students are learning? 2nd grade SES students are working on being fluent readers by practicing writing and reading compound words. Some of their favorite subjects to learn are science, social studies, and reading. Mrs. Buffington's class goal to accomplish by this past new year was to finish their writing project. Mrs. Shriner's big goal to achieve by the end of our current school year is to keep seeing her students grow individually. She also hopes to see them set their own individual goals. Mrs. Buffington's class is reading *The Boxcar Children* series. Mrs. Shriener's class is finishing up on reading the *Christmas Pig*. In the students' free time they like to play outside, read a book, play video games, or hang out with friends.

Mrs Schreiner's favorite thing to teach is reading groups. Her favorite thing to eat for school lunch is chili and cinnamon rolls. In her free time she likes to spend time with family, taking walks, and working on puzzles. If she could go anywhere in the entire world she said she would go to Australia. She has this super fun project coming up for their next writing project. It is going to be about *Hey Little Ant* and the students have to choose Team Kid (squish the ant) or Team Ant (save the ant). Sounds like this debate could get very opinionated!

Mrs. Buffington's favorite school lunch is also chili and cinnamon rolls. If she could travel anywhere in the entire world she said it would be Nashville, Tennessee. In her free time she loves to spend time with family, read, and also shop. One of her favorite subjects to teach is science.



Today in Third Grade

By: Natalie Biere

Wondering what's going on in third grade? Well you've come to the right place. In third grade, they have been working on a unit on area and perimeter with some geometry mixed in. In Mrs. Erickson's class they are reading a book called *Wonder*, while Miss Roach's class is reading a chapter book that fits them by themselves.

Third grade is also learning about maps and the different features they have. In Mrs. Erickson's class they have some high expectations. These include following SES and classroom rules as well as showing Panther Pride at all times. In Miss. Roach's class they also have expectations. This includes working on being respectful to everyone.

Both teachers have different things that they love about their students. Miss. Roach loves their compassion. Mrs. Erickson's loves the relationships they build together. Both teachers love school lunch but of course they have a favorite. Miss. Roach likes chili and cinnamon rolls while Mrs. Erickson likes walking tacos. These third grade teachers have some free time sometimes and in that time Miss. Roach likes to go to the gym. Mrs. Erickson's free time is spent doing many things. One of which is that she likes to catch up on shows from earlier in the week. Every third grader and third grade teacher has something great about them! I want to thank them for all they do for SES!





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Upper Elementary News

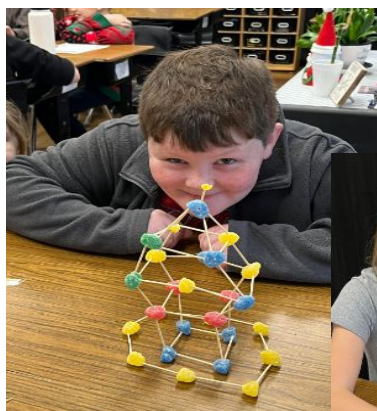
Science Class in 2023

By: Westin Pegelow

Mrs. Bachtel's classes are starting 2023 off fresh. 4th grade has wrapped up their successful unit over many forms of energy. They are currently learning about different kinds of sound waves. 5th grade has wrapped up their unit over matter. They are now in their unit over energy along with organisms and ecosystems. 6th grade has wrapped up their learning on thermal energy. They are currently in the Earth Systems unit.

In a recent interview with Mrs. Bachtel, she informed me the 4th through 6th grade will have projects/labs throughout the second semester within each unit. In each lab, students will be collecting data and making scientific observations. 5th grade will soon be doing an egg drop. 6th grade students are anticipating the annual Valentines Box competition. Then they will wrap up the year with the bottle rocket competition.

Mrs. Bachtel's advice to SES students is to focus on doing their best and giving all their effort in class in each subject. She also believes that students should not worry about what others think of them in the process. I think that this is great advice. While I was thinking about her advice, I thought to myself I would say the same thing if somebody was to ask me.



5th and 6th Grade students practicing their engineering skills in Science class.



6th Grade Ancient Roman structures.



Social Studies Class in 2023

By: Westin Pegelow

Mr. Erickson is having fun going into 2023 with all the 4-6th grade classes. 4th grade is currently learning about supply and demand in Missouri history. 5th grade is learning about the reconstruction that occurred after the Civil War. 6th grade is learning about Ancient Rome. They have also been building ancient aqueducts that are strong enough to transport water from point A to point B with no leaks or anything to slow the water down. An ancient aqueduct was a method the Ancient Romans used to transport water. At first glance, they appear to look like a bridge.

Besides the projects already listed, Mr. Erickson has plans to make the students think of business ideas for their future. He may also have students make different versions of their inventions. Mr. Erickson is also planning for students to create famous buildings and structures as they move through the units in the 2nd semester.

Mr. Erickson also has some very exciting news from his personal life. Him and his wife, Mrs. Erickson is expecting a baby in April! This little baby is going to be a boy! This will probably excite big brother, Henry. Everyone in the Erickson household is very excited. I would be too!



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UPPER ELEMENTARY NEWS

Math is the Path

By Sophia Rowe

Have you ever wondered about what the life of a 5th and 6th grade teacher is like? Well, I will tell you some of the things they do and about their classes. I have asked the SES upper elementary math teachers a few questions about their classrooms and their life. I would like to share it with you!

First, did you know that both Mrs. Kite and Mrs. Carpenter weren't always math teachers? They both used to teach every subject, for example reading, history, science, and ELA. Now, I believe they are math experts! For example, Mrs. Carpenter planned a special math surprise for the 6th grade students. This past January, 6th grade students participated in a pirate scavenger hunt to learn graphing skills. Mrs. Kite does little activities often with her classes as well.

Currently, Mrs. Carpenter's 6th grade is continuing to build their skills with coordinate planes. Mrs. Kite's 5th grade is working on learning how to multiply and divide fractions. The 4th grade is working on how to multiply and divide using the traditional method.

It sounds like our SES math teachers keep their students very busy, but what do these math students do for fun? In my recent interview with Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Kite, they both expressed that their students interests include TikToking, video games, and/or playing outside. In order to incorporate all the gaming interests at school with their learning, math games have also become very popular for the upper elementary students. They enjoy playing Bloxorz, Quadrillion, What's My Number, and Make 7. Speaking from my personal experience, Bloxorz is the best. I love playing it!

Thank you for reading about the SES upper elementary math teachers and have a good day!



**4th Grade Adjective Bakery
with Miss Almond**

Life of the ELA Teachers

By Peytyn Bennett

Mrs. Ratliff is an ELA teacher here at Salisbury Elementary. She teaches 4-6 ELA. Mrs. Ratliff loves reading and spending time with family and friends. In the summer you can find Mrs. Ratliff at the lake with her family and friends. She attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. She then received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She later received her masters degree in curriculum and instruction from Williams Woods University. Mrs. Ratliff's favorite part about teaching 4-6 ELA is when her students get into a really good book and then they all come together for an amazing group discussion. Mrs. Ratliff said that her favorite book right now for sixth grade is *Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz and her favorite for fourth grade is called *Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967*. Mrs. Ratliff taught third grade for 15 years! But before that she had worked with first and second graders. Mrs. Ratliff's goal for 4-6 grades is for all of her students to enjoy reading.

Ms. Almond is one of our two ELA teachers here at Salisbury Elementary. Ms. Almond has lots of hobbies but her main hobby is cooking. Ms. Almond loves to cook! For Christmas, she got a Traeger grill. Ms. Almond went to two colleges. Those colleges were Moberly Area Community College and Columbia College where she received her bachelor's degree. Ms. Almond said that she wanted to be a teacher because "it runs in the family" and because when she was younger she had always wanted to be a teacher.

She had always imagined herself in a classroom. Ms. Almond says her favorite thing about teaching ELA is that she doesn't have other subjects to teach so she can just focus on ELA. Ms. Almond's advice to this semester's students is, "Enjoy your time here and soak up as much as you can with your teachers. SES teachers have a lot of life experience and can offer some amazing thoughts to consider as students grow into young adults. If students show them respect, they will be surprised at what they will learn just through having conversations."



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Specials Report

Life of an Art Teacher

By Gabby Gordon

Mrs. Francis is an art teacher at SES! Her favorite things about being a teacher is that she loves the relationships that she builds with her students. Getting to see children grow up, and her being a part of their everyday lives. The strategies she uses to make sure her kids don't give up is that she reminds them every class that they're capable of doing anything if they put their mind to it. 6th grade is going to start to explore graphic designing. The little kids love anything hands on like free drawing! Anytime Mrs. Francis has a chance to let their little minds create things, she lets them! Mrs. Francis's biggest fear is losing one of her children. She loves them so much she would become a stay at home mom if she wasn't a teacher! She would love to go to Australia, she thinks it's very pretty there. Her favorite family vacation is snowboarding in Colorado but anytime with family is fun! We are all so thankful for all the hard work you put into this school!



Life of a PE Teacher

By Gabby Gordon

Boom! That's usually what you hear as you walk past the gym. That's K-6 playing the funnest games! The most popular games are Hula Hoop Tag, Stuck in the Mud, Mat-ball, and Dr. Dodgeball. 4-6 are finishing Archery and K-2 and possibly 3rd is going to be doing the parachute unit soon! Coach Brooks's goal for the year is for everyone to improve at least one area on the fitness test. In Coach Brooks's free time he loves to hang out with his boys and watch any type of sports. Coach Brooks always wanted to be an athletic trainer but couldn't make it work while being an athlete in college. He would love to go to Hawaii and just be able to sit around on the beach but he hates flying. His favorite restaurant is Steak and Eggs but loves himself some cheesecake! Coach Brooks workouts just about everyday after school but also plays slow pitch softball in spring and summer! Coach Brooks and his family take a trip to the zoo every year. He has gone to Kansas City and St.louis for the past two years but is thinking about going to Omaha or somewhere else for their next zoo visit! We are all so thankful for the hard work you put into this school!





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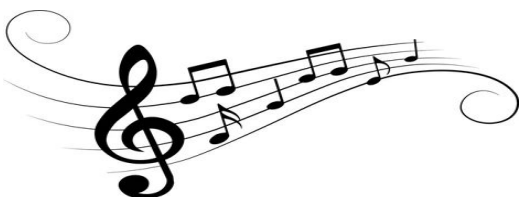
Specials Report

Thoughts from Mrs. Fessler and Miss Kimmi By Reagan Parker

Have you ever wondered what a specials teacher likes to do in their free time and what they enjoy teaching? In this special interview with Ms. Kimmi and Mrs. Fessler, those questions and others will be answered. Ms. Kimmi's life goal is to own so many books like her own personal library. Another life goal of hers is to have her music published. In her spare time she likes to read, paint, and write music. Ms. Kimmi enjoys listening to classical music. If she were to teach another subject she would teach library or art. Ms. Kimmi's favorite thing to teach about music is beginning rhythms and instruments. She loves to teach her students how to play what they hear.

This spring, the sixth graders will have a chance to perform with an honor choir. Other sixth graders will have the opportunity to sing and perform together. Right now Ms. Kimmi is teaching how to read rhythm and creating music based on that.

Moving on to Mrs. Fessler, her life goals are to go to law school and become a private investigator. In her free time she likes to sew, quilt, and garden. Her favorite book is "Captain Superlative" by J.S Puller and her favorite book from her childhood is "I Want to Go Home" by Gordon Korman. Mrs. Fessler is currently a Truman State Award Committee Member, that means she gets to help pick next years (2023-2024) Truman Nominees. She has to read about 150 chapter books during this school year as part of the committee. If she were to teach another subject she would teach business or computer classes. Her favorite thing to teach about is how to find books you truly enjoy. It makes her happy to see kids enjoy reading. Mrs. Fessler has more STEM activities planned for grades K-3.



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Recipe Corner

Puppy Chow

By: Natalie Biere

Ingredients

- Rice Chex Cereal
- Semi-sweet Chocolate Chips
- Peanut Butter
- Unsalted Butter
- Vanilla Extract
- Powdered Sugar

Directions

1. Place chex cereal into a large bowl. Set aside
2. Place chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter into a large microwave safe bowl or measuring cup.
3. Melt until smooth, then stir in vanilla extract.
4. Pour chocolate mixture over the cereal and gently stir together.
5. Stir in the powdered sugar
6. Enjoy!

Chicken Casserole With Crackers

By: Natalie Biere



Ingredients

- 8 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 2 cans (10-1½ ounce each) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup crushed Ritz crackers (about 25 crackers)
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- Minced fresh parsley (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine chicken, soup and sour cream; spread into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Combine crumbs, butter and celery seed; sprinkle over chicken mixture.
2. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly, 30-35 minutes. If desired, garnish with parsley.

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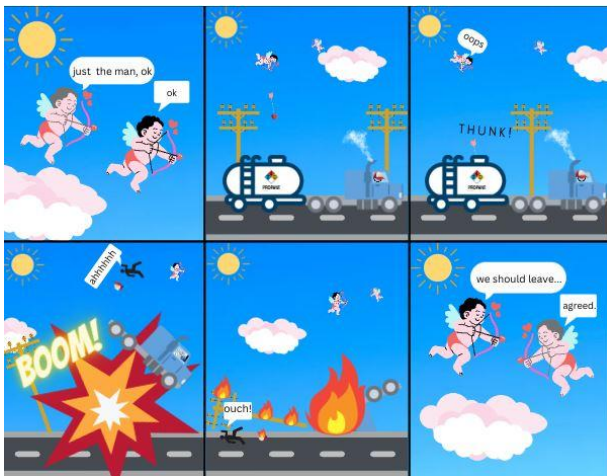


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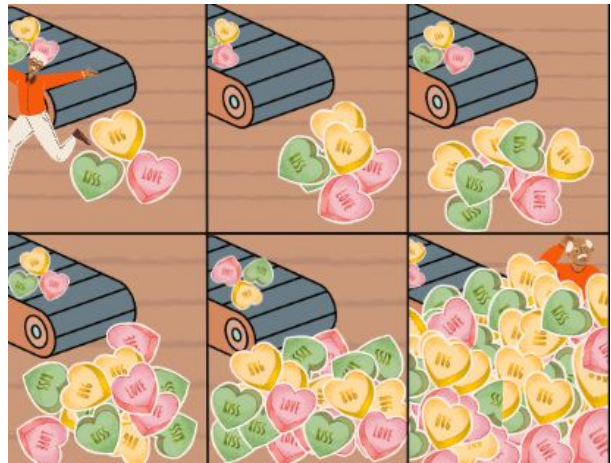


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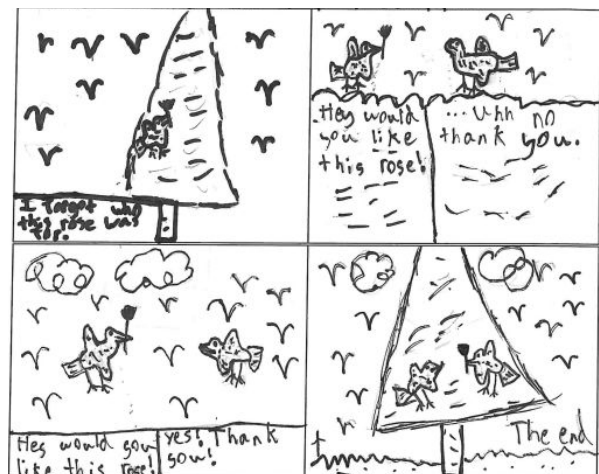
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Tips for Success



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Tips for Success in Junior High By Kyler Hafemeister

The beginning of Junior high is an exciting time! There are more activities, choices, and freedom but there is also more responsibility for the student. Here are six tips for this year's sixth graders on how to have a great start to junior high: Mrs. Ricketts and Mrs. King were interviewed and had some great advice!

First, get organized! Find a good system that works for you like color-coding your notebooks and folders. You could keep post-it notes in your locker for reminders or a planner or a Google Calendar to write down assignments. Keep your locker and backpack cleaned out and organized.

Second, Do your homework! Complete your assignments, every single one! You will be busier in Junior High with clubs, Sports, and activities after school, so schedule time to do your assignments. Your classes are the primary job, so make it a priority and you will do well!

Third, talk to your teachers. Teachers in Junior high want to help you just like the teachers do here. It will be up to you to go to their craft rooms and send them an email when you need help or support. They are there for you.

Fourth, get involved in something! It doesn't matter if it is a sport, a club, or an after-school activity, whatever you enjoy! It will help you to make more friends and have fun.

Fifth, choose your friends wisely. Spend time with friends who care about you and make good decisions with their words and actions. You'll be better off now and in the future if you have friends who are responsible, honest, hard-working, and sincere.

Finally, talk to parents or guardians. Communicate with your family. They care about you and want to know about your day. Family members can offer advice and support you when you go through a hard time. They also want to know how well you are doing in classes and activities. Find a person that you can talk to!

Junior high is an exciting time, and I know every one of you can be your best at your new school!