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From The Principal's Desk...

It has been a fun and productive couple of months at Sullivan Elementary School! We had our school-wide and district spelling bees. Our school-wide winners from 4th Grade were Callista Tidwell, Kyle Corkill, Hanna Righter, Nevaeh Harminson, Nicole Lofland, and Isabelle Stone. Our 5th Grade winners were Zachary Kursell, Kylee Gregory, Ethan Smith, Taylor Sims, Lara Herschberger, and Alija Mosley. They went on to compete against Sullivan Middle School students at the district spelling bee. Six total students were chosen to move on to the county wide spelling bee at the Little Theater on the Square which was held on February 10th. Two 5th Grade representatives made the cut, Lara Herschberger and Zachary Kursell. Congratulations!

An assembly was held on January 27th featuring a jump rope group from Atwood Hammond Grade School as a way to kick off the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser that is coordinated by Coach Typer. The students were very excited and motivated to raise money after seeing their peers do a variety of jump roping tricks. The fundraiser ended February 19th. Each student was required to jump a certain number of times according to his or her age.

PARCC testing is quickly approaching for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Testing will begin on April 4th. Regardless of one's personal feelings about standardized testing, it is here and we want our students to perform at their highest level. When the time comes, please encourage your student to do their best and make our school proud!

Parents, thank you again for all of your cooperation with the school during this time of change. You are important partners in making sure your child is provided with the best education in the safest environment possible.

Students continue to impress by following expectations and making our school a great place to be. As we always encourage them to remember, "be safe, be responsible, be respectful, and be here and be ready."

Reminders of upcoming events: SIP Day (early dismissal) on March 9th, Spring Break is March 21st through March 25th, Kindergarten Orientation is at 6 pm on April 14th.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 20, 2016

9:00 PM – Boys Freshman Basketball Redskin Freshman Tournament (HS Gym)
9:00 PM – Girls Middle School Volleyball 7th Grade OJHC Tournament at Maroa-Forsyth (Away)
9:00 PM – Girls Middle School Volleyball 8th Grade OJHC Tournament at Clinton (Away)
TBA - Boys Varsity Swimming Boys Swimming sectional (Away)
TBA – Coed Varsity Singers at TBA Contest (Away)

February 22, 2016

TBA – Boys varsity Basketball IHSA Class 2A Regional Begins

February 23, 2016

6:00 PM – Girls Middle School Volleyball vs Shelbyville (Away)

If you would like to purchase an ad for your business or senior, please contact Mrs. Tori Hale

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gearing up for
Kindergarten

It's time for **Kindergarten Registration** at Sullivan Elementary School! If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2016, he or she is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall. In order to prepare for the year and place your student in a kindergarten classroom, we need you to come to registration.

WHEN: Thursday, April 14th

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sullivan Elementary School

The evening will begin with Mr. Allen, Sullivan Elementary Principal, talking to parents about policies and procedures and then you will register your kindergartener on line. This program is planned for parents only. Students will have the opportunity to come to school on "Meet Your Teacher Day" in August.

We hope to see you on April 14th!

SHS Yearbooks On Sale Now

2015-2016 Yearbooks are now available! Please do not miss out on the valuable opportunity to capture memories from the 2015-2016 school year!

Yearbooks are currently \$45. You can easily set up a payment plan, personalize your yearbook, and order yearbook add-ons!

Order your yearbook in one of the following ways:

Visiting jostensyearbooks.com

Calling 1.877.767.5217

Visiting Mrs. Hale's room before or after school

SHS Yearbooks On Sale Now

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 25, 2016

8:00 AM – FFA Petting Zoo Open House
(Home)

6:00 PM – Girls Middle School Volleyball
vs Monticello (ES Gym)

February 26, 2016

TBA – Coed Middle School Singers Jr.
Singers Junior at TBA Contest (Away)

February 27, 2016

TBA – Coed Varsity Singers at TBA
Contest (Away)

TBA – Girls Middle School Volleyball 7th
Grade Volleyball Regional Begins (Away)

February 29, 2016

March 1, 2016

7:00 PM – SES PTO Meeting (ES Library)

March 4, 2016

TBA – Coed Middle School Singers Jr.
Singers Junior at TBA Contest (Away)

March 5, 2016

TBA – IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest
(Away)

TBA – Coed Varsity Singers at TBA
Contest (Away)

TBA – Middle School Volleyball 8th Gra
Regional Begins (Away)



Sullivan Students Score Well in WYSE Academic Challenge

by Sarah Hubbert

Fourteen students from Sullivan High School competed with twenty-four other schools at Lakeland's regional site for the statewide World Youth in Science and Engineering competition organized by the University of Illinois.

WYSE is an international program headquartered at the University of Illinois, offering the annual Academic Challenge competition, summer camps, and other programs. It's put in place to attract more talented students to careers in engineering and the sciences.

Sullivan placed second in their division to move on to the sectional competition which will be hosted by EIU.

Individual winners within our division included Ryan Baker, who won first in chemistry and second in biology; Emily Stutzman, who won first in English; Ross Metzger, who won first in engineering graphics; and Max Todd, who got second in biology.

Also, Ryan Baker won two \$1,000 scholarships to Lakeland College and Emily Stutzman also won one \$1,000 scholarship for top overall scores in their respective subject areas regardless of division.

Spanish Club Celebrates Valentine's Day with Breakfast and Gift Exchange

by Grace Mauck

SHS Spanish Club held a Valentine's Day party on the morning of February 5, 2016 in sponsor Patricia King's room.

The party started off with a delicious breakfast on tacos, cake, and Valentine's Day cookies. Following Hispanic tradition, a plastic baby was baked into the cake, and whoever discovered the baby, is supposed to bake a cake for the next gathering, and place the baby inside of it. Caden Ellis baked The Valentine's Day cake because he was the lucky person who found the baby in his slice of cake at the Spanish Club Christmas Party. Hispanic tradition dictates that whoever finds the baby in his or her slice of "King" cake at Christmas must bake the cake at the next party. This is also a popular tradition at events such as Mardi Gras.

Next, members participated in a gift exchange much like the Christmas Secret Santa. Each member gave his secret Valentine a present, which usually consisted of candy and chocolate.

The Spanish Club members then learned popular Spanish pick-up lines, and the Spanish translations for English ones.

Spanish Club still has yet to decide on a date for their future day trip to Chicago, which is possible due to the money raised from Taco Night.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 7, 2016

- 4:30 PM – Coed Varsity Scholastic Bowl IHSA Regional Meet (Home)
- 5:00 PM – Market Day Pick-Up (HS Commons)

March 9, 2016

- School Improvement Day – SES Dismiss at 12:35; SHS/SMS at 12:45
- 4:00 PM – Boys Varsity Track Decatur Indoor Meet (Away)
- 7:00 PM – Sports Boosters Meeting (HS Media Center)

March 10, 2016

- 6:00 PM – Singers Invitational Set-Up (HS Gym)

March 11, 2016

- End of Third Quarter
- 4:00 PM – Singers Invitational Junior Competition (HS Gym)

March 12, 2016

- 8:00 AM – Singers Invitational High School Competition (HS Gym)
- 8:30 AM – Girls Track Charleston Indoor Meet at EIU (Away)
- 1:00 PM – FFA: Alumni Auction (HS Gym)

March 15, 2016

- 4:30 PM – Girls Varsity Softball vs Teutopolis (Away)
- 6:00 PM – Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Teutopolis

March 18, 2016

- 4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Mattoon (Wyman Park Lane Field)
- 4:30 PM – Girls Varsity Softball vs Cumberland (Away)
- 6:00 PM – Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Cumberland (Away)

Notes From the Sullivan High School Guidance Office

Lunch Visits:

Eastern Illinois University: February 29
Lincoln College: March 8
Illinois College: March 14

Additional Updates and Information:

Students in AP classes:

In the coming weeks, you will receive a form which will give information and provide as the official sign up for AP exams. The fee deadline will be shared as well.

PARCC testing will take place **April 4-8** for all English III and Algebra II students. A detailed schedule will be provided at a later date.

There are still no confirmed updates regarding what, if any, college-readiness exam the state will fund. The latest college-readiness information from ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) is they have denied the protest from ACT and will begin negotiating contracts with the College Board / SAT.

For students still interested in taking the ACT- The national ACT test dates will be **April 9 and June 11**. The registration deadline for the April 9 test is March 4. Students who signed up for vouchers will receive those soon.

Seniors, local Scholarships are available online at <http://home.sullivan.k12.il.us/Page/697>.

Hard copies of each **scholarship application** can also be found in the Media Center. Most scholarships are due April 1.

Seniors be sure to apply for **FAFSA** by visiting <https://fafsa.gov/>. The application became available January 1 and it is important to apply right away! To create your FSA ID, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

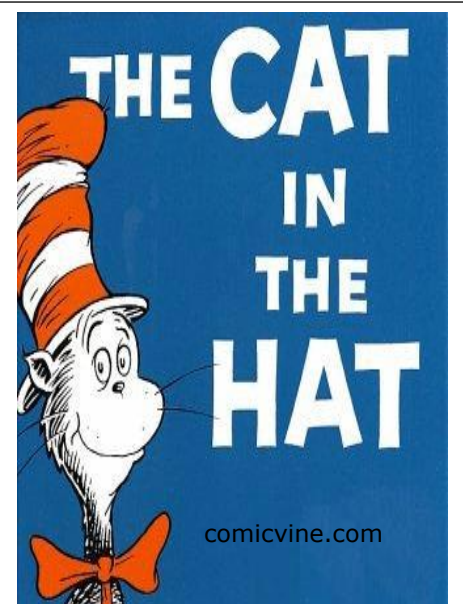
Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day March 02, 2016

Better known to most readers as Dr. Seuss, Dr. Theodore Geisel was born over 100 years ago this month. Mark his birthday with your children by participating in "Read Across America," the largest reading event in the United States, by celebrating with read-aloud, read-along, and reading marathon activities.

Dr. Seuss changed the landscape of children's books with his controlled-vocabulary tales of antic cats (*The Cat in the Hat*), colorful meals (*Green Eggs and Ham*), and dozens of other zany tales.

When Dr. Seuss set out to write *The Cat in the Hat*, he wanted to write a story that used simple, mostly monosyllabic words that readers could readily comprehend. His use of the patterned, rhyming text has become the foundation for many controlled-vocabulary texts for young readers.

Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day is March 02, 2016.



Calendar of Continuing Events

March 18, 2016

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Mattoon (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM – Girls Varsity Softball vs Cumberland (Away)

6:00 PM - Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Cumberland (Away)

March 19, 2016

8:30 AM – Boys Varsity Track Charleston Indoor Meet at EIU (Away)

8:30 AM – Girls Varsity Track Mahomet-Seymour Indoor Meet at Mahomet (Away)

10:00 AM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Cerro Gordo HS DH (Wyman Park Lane Field)

10:00 AM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Cerro Gordo HS DH (Away)

March 21, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:30 PM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Teutopolis (Away)

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Teutopolis (Wyman Park Lane Field)

6:30 PM – Singers Boosters Meeting (HS Media Center)

March 22, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:00 PM - Boys/Girls Varsity Track vs Arcola, Arthur, T'Town, VG, Judah (Home)

4:30 PM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Neoga (Away)

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Neoga (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM – Girls Varsity Softball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

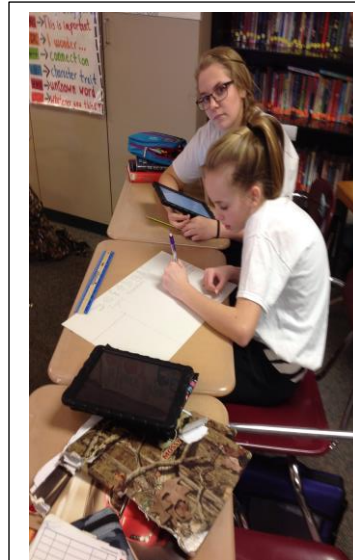
6:00 PM - Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

SMS Students Study Black History as Part of Black History Month

Students in Mrs. Ray's sixth grade classrooms are honoring Black History Month through Reader's Workshop. Students were able to choose one of the following books to read: *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith, *Friendship for Today* by Patricia C. McKissack, *Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine, *The Rock and the River* by Kekla Magoon and *Dear America: When Will This Cruel War Be Over?* by Barry Denenberg.

Through these pieces of literature, students are learning about a wide variety of issues ranging from slavery, The Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement, desegregation and friendship. Students will meet weekly with a small group to discuss the reading. Because of the connection to the characters and story line, students are able to really understand the time periods and issues.

As a culminating activity, students will create a Google Presentation for the Reader's Workshop book. Students will work to discover key parts of each novel as well as implement a research component for the individual story.



FFA Petting Zoo – Open House

February 25, 2016

8:00 AM

Sullivan High School

If you would like To submit information for print, send to banks1@sullivan.k12.il.us

Or

Call 728-8311, Ext. 277 and leave a message on the Sullivan School's Voice Mail System

Spring
Break:
March 21 –
March 25,
2016

National FFA
Week

February 22 to
February 26.
Tuesday:
Chapter Casino
Night
Thursday:
Petting Zoo
Open House

SMS Students Learn About Sports-Related Injuries By Reading Informational Texts

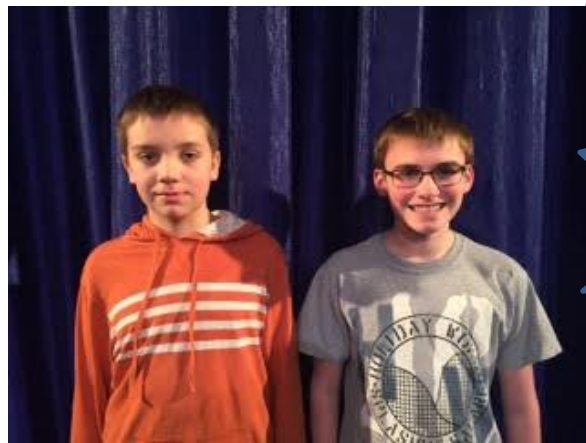
Students in Mrs. Ray's sixth grade language arts classroom recently read a paired text titled, *Let's Bring Back the Joy*. Within this text was an article titled *Playing with Pain* and a personal narrative titled *Travel Team Heartbreak*.

The articles provided thought-provoking information about the problem of overuse injuries as well as a personal story of a boy who loved basketball enough to continue playing even though he never made the traveling team.

Through this reading, students learned the importance of speaking up when injured in a sport, participating for the love of a sport, the importance of playing multiple sports and giving their bodies a rest in between joining teams.

They learned valuable training tips to keep their bodies healthy and safe. Students also researched the website stopsportsinjuries.org to further investigate injury prevention methods.

From there, students created PSA's to help other student athletes stay safe by providing prevention tips and tricks. Students had a lot of fun creating one of the following choices: poster, PowerPoint presentation, video or an iMovie.



Congrats
Reagan
and
Brett!

Crouse Wins 2016 Moultrie County Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Reagan Crouse on his Moultrie County Spelling Bee win. His winning word was "xenophobic." Out of twelve contestants, Brett Johnson and Crouse were the last two in the competition at the end of ten rounds. Johnson will be the alternate for Reagan's Regional Spelling Bee competition to be held March 19th at Eisenhower High School in Decatur. The competition will start at 9:00 AM.

All of the contestants did a fantastic job, and one local newspaper reporter said it was "humbling" to see the spelling talent that we have here in Sullivan. Reagan is the son of Eric and Jennifer Crouse, and is in the 7th grade.



Mrs. Hecht and Mrs. Sinkler's kindergarten classes presented the play, "A-Z Does It" on Wednesday, February 10th. The students had speaking parts and sang songs. They all did an awesome job! Photo and Caption provided by Mrs. Sinkler.



Results from the FCCLA Section Meeting on February 11, 2016, are in and Sullivan's FCCLA group represented well. Several students participated in State Proficiency Events.

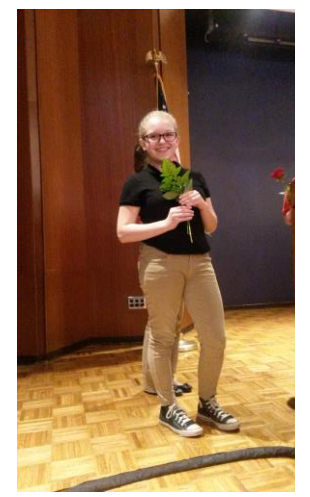
Lily Bales and Heidi Clements earned a Gold rating in Children's Literature Presentation

Ally Elzy and Caroline Adamson both participated in Public Speaking: Creed, and each earned a Silver rating.

All four members qualified for FCCLA State Leadership Conference held in Springfield in April.



Congrats, Sullivan FCCLA!



Willow Lange, pictured above, was elected to the office of Vice President of Public Relations for FCCLA Section 15.