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## From The Desk of Erik Young

Students, Parents, and Community Members,

The school year is up and running, and we are almost half-way through the first semester! The school year has been and continues to be exciting. There have been several events that have occurred, and some big changes are in store as we move forward.

September began with MAP testing in grades 9 through 11. This test is given twice a year to measure the academic progress of students in areas of math, science, reading, and language usage. This test will be given again in January. This marked the first time the test was administered on iPads in the high school, and overall the process went smoothly.

On September 8th, there was a school wide assembly in remembrance of the 15th Anniversary of September 11th. This remarkable assembly was organized and led by Ms. Becky Lawson's Senior English class. A week later, the Student Council sponsored Mr. Jared Scott with "Teen Truth". This assembly focused on student's making positive choices in all aspects of their lives.

The month of October was ushered in with our annual "Career Day" on October 4th. This entire day is focused on students exploring a variety of career choices. The event was well supported by local businesses. That same week saw another successful and eventful Homecoming. The theme of this year was "All Things Disney". The week included float building, spirit days, a pep assembly, ball games, and was capped off with the Homecoming Dance.

As we look forward to the rest of the semester and year, it is important to look at some important dates. Students who want to make schedule changes for second semester should begin meeting with the guidance counselor as soon as possible. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 27th and 28th. Information on the scheduling process has been mailed out.

This year marks a major change in college entrance testing for the State of Illinois. On April 5, 2017, the state will be administering the SAT to all Juniors. This test will replace the previously given ACT. On October 19th, several Juniors will be preparing for this test by taking the PSAT. Khan Academy is a free resource that students can access to continue their preparation for the SAT.

As always, should you have questions about these or any other topics, please feel free to contact the high school office. I hope the rest of your school year is exciting and successful!

Erik Young  
Principal  
Sullivan High School

# State FFA Officers Visit Sullivan FFA

submitted by Don Lockwood

Sullivan FFA hosted a breakfast and a leadership presentation for our State FFA Officers during their visit to Sullivan on September 26th.

Paxton Morse, the State FFA Vice President, and Rebekah Nash, the Section FFA President, presented a program for the first year FFA members highlighting the opportunities in the FFA.

State FFA Officers take a year off of school as they represent the Illinois Association of FFA at all state and national events throughout the year.

Several Section FFA officers were also here for the visit. Sullivan FFA has two chapter officers serving on the Section FFA Officer team this year. Devin Warren, Sullivan's Chapter President, serves as the Section 16 FFA Vice President, and Jon Gavin, Sullivan's Chapter Secretary, serves as the Section 16 FFA Treasurer.

Sullivan FFA is proud to consistently have chapter officers represented on this Section FFA officer team. Section officers are responsible for planning and facilitating all of the section leadership programs, competitive events, and community service projects. These officers represent thirteen different schools and over five hundred FFA members.



Pictured from left to right:

Paxton Morse (State FFA Vice President from the Eldorado FFA Chapter), Bryce King (Sullivan FFA Reporter), Devin Warren (Sullivan FFA President), Reed Jostes (Section FFA Reporter from Maroa FFA), Rebekah Nash (Section FFA President from Central A & M FFA), Irie Dulin (Sullivan FFA Historian), Kristy Burford (Section FFA Secretary from Okaw Valley), Jon Gavin (Sullivan FFA Secretary), Andrew Matlock (Sullivan FFA Vice President), Blake Read (Sullivan FFA Treasurer), and Devan Tull (Sullivan FFA Sentinel). Photo provided by Don Lockwood.

## AP English Students Work On Identifying Rhetorical Appeals in Advertisements

Some students in Mrs. Badman's senior AP English class have been learning about rhetorical appeals in print ads. Students spent a day in the computer lab looking at ads, and identifying the rhetorical appeals in each ad. The next day, a variety of advertisements were taped to the wall in the hallway, and students were required to identify the appeal being used, explain how they knew what appeal was being used, and whether it was effective or not. This will help them identify rhetorical appeals in writing as the year progresses.



## Save the Date:

### Parent / Teacher Conferences

October 27, 2016

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 28, 2016

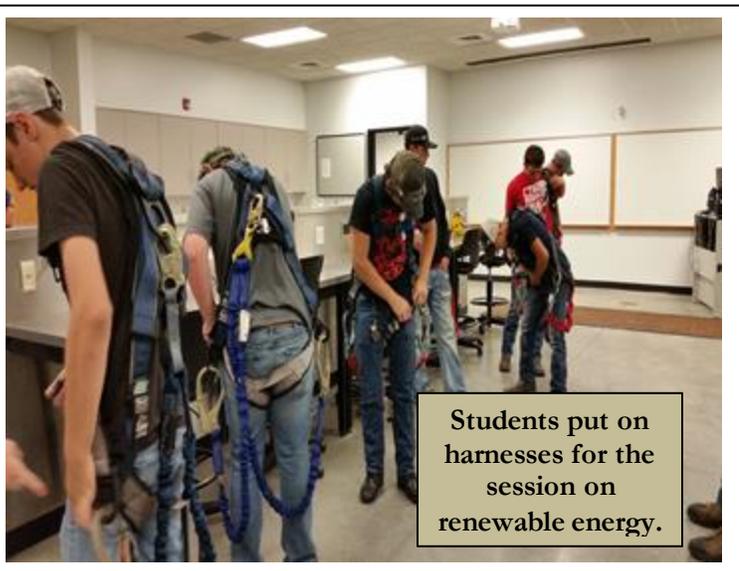
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Schedule Through Your Student's Skyward  
Or follow the Link below:

<http://www.skyward.com/Parents-and-Students/Family-Access-Toolkit/Parents/Video/P-T-Conference-Scheduler>

# SHS Students Attend Lake Land Trade Expo

Industrial Tech students in Erik Van Pelt's classes attended this year's Construction Trades Expo at Lake Land College on Wednesday, September 21. They were introduced to apprenticeships and careers in areas such as bricklaying, surveying, construction, ironworking, crane operation, electrical, and welding. All photos below were taken and submitted by Sarah Britton.



# First Grade Students Celebrate Western Round Up/Redskin Pride



**Sullivan Elementary School students and teachers alike really got into that Redskin spirit on Western Round-Up Day. These photos show students participating in various activities and games. All photos submitted by Cassie Becker, SES teacher.**

# SES Announces Gold Slip Winners for September and August 2016

From left to right: Jacob Harlin, Braelyn Day, Hannah Righter who used her spare time in class to draw a picture to welcome a new classmate to the school, Elijah Dalbey is always very respectful and polite to the kitchen staff as he goes through the line, which sets a great example for everyone. Devon Richardson noticed the tables needed cleaned when the second and third grade students entered the cafeteria, so she started washing all the tables before eating her own lunch. Fallon Rose, Caidon Hill noticed trash laying on the ground at the football game a couple of weeks ago and picked it up. Then he noticed spilled popcorn at the girls basketball game and cleaned it up. Neither were his messes but he cleaned them up anyway! Not pictured: Aron Bishop.

Gold slips are awarded to students who go above and beyond expectations. These students help make Sullivan Elementary School a great place to be!



# Students Celebrate Homecoming With Fun Festivities



Brad Emel visited SES to talk to Mrs. Drollinger's first grade class about farming. Each student got an opportunity to ask questions and sit in the cab of the tractor. The class has been doing a unit on farming and Mr. Emel talked about grain farming and the equipment farmers use. Emel is the father of Lena Emel who is a student in Mrs. Drollinger's class. Thank you, Mr. Emel!

by Brynna Sentel

Full of dress up days, competitive class games, and creative float building the 2016 homecoming week was spirited.

Homecoming week kicked off Monday, October 3rd, with a squad/twin dress up day. Tuesday was career day. Wednesday's dress up day was a Holiday dress up day. To wrap up the homecoming dress up days, Thursday was Redskin Rowdy day due to the lack of school on Friday.

Thursday was also the Class Homecoming Games. In last place the freshmen, third place the juniors, second place the sophomores, and the seniors took first place. Sullivan students signed up for the following games, Dizzy bat, Tug of War, the Hula Hoop race, a Clothes Relay, and Musical Chairs to compete for the spirit stick and points towards the class cup competition.

Thursday's assembly also centered around the Mr. Redskin Competition. This year, only four Mr. Redskin candidates participated: Justus Ramsey, Charlie Goss, Luke Delong, and Parker Whitaker. After an interview, a peanut butter Sandwich-making competition, and a competition to make their own cheer to cheer on the redskins at the homecoming game Friday, the voting panel finally decided on Charlie Goss as the 2016 Mr. Redskin. Friday's homecoming

festivities kicked off with the Homecoming parade. Each Class made a float centered around the dance theme, "All Things Disney". The freshmen theme "The Little Mermaid" used the slogan "Just Keep Winning," the sophomores warned the Raiders "Don't Get Tangled Up with the Redskins" with their float theme being "Tangled". The juniors decided on "Up" as their theme with their slogan being "Beat 'em Up," and the seniors demanded, "Off with Their Heads" for the Raiders because of their Theme of "Alice in Wonderland". The 2016 Winners for the Class Floats: the sophomores.

At the Homecoming Game, the King and Queen candidates as well as the underclassmen attendants were announced.

The freshmen attendants Meena Corkill and Myles Gregory. Madison Atchison and Cullen Dyer served as the sophomore attendants. Serving for the junior class this year was Katie McClure and Jacob White. Savana Brewer, Maddie Keller, Grace Mauck, and Allyson Will served as the 2016 Sullivan High School Queen candidates. The 2016 Sullivan High School King candidates were Charlie Goss, Tommy Schibur, Max Todd, and Devin Warren. Photos by Alexis Elder.



**Congratulations  
Charlie Goss and Allyson Will  
2016 Homecoming King and  
Queen**

# Squad Day



# Float Building 2016



# Forget Pumpkin Spice, First Grade Students Study Apples



First grade has been studying apples! Students took a trip to the Okaw Valley Apple Orchard, studied the life cycle of an apple, and made their own apple crisp to enjoy.



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## Sullivan High School Students Participate in Annual Career Day

Submitted by Sarah Britton

Sullivan High School students participated in the annual Career Day on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Students in each class participated in different activities which helped them to learn about the various careers within our area, the variety of skills needed to fill jobs at these businesses, and about careers that best suited them.

Freshmen spent their morning touring businesses such as Agri-Fab, HydroGear, Marvin Keller Trucking, MasterBrand Cabinets, MidState Tank, and United Graphics.

Sophomores and Freshmen participated in Real Colors training which helped to identify their individual personalities which gives insight to how they think, work, and play.

Sophomores spent their afternoon participating in the University of Illinois Extension Service's curriculum "Welcome to the Real World" where they attempt to pay realistic fixed expenses with a salary for their chosen career.

Juniors attended Lake Land College's Career Day where they had the opportunity to talk with college representatives and learn about courses in LLC's areas of study. After returning to the school, juniors were informed about what to expect during their senior year, the local Summer-to-School internship program through Agri-Fab and HydroGear, and the advantages of military careers.

Seniors were offsite participating in job shadowing or a college visit.