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## From the Assistant Principal's Desk...

Spring is underway and things around the district are gearing up for the final push to the end of the school year. Students and teachers are working hard to make the most out of the final two months of school, spring sports are underway, and preparations are being made for events like prom and graduation.

While we do have almost two months until the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, this time will go quickly. Students and teachers will be enjoying Spring Break from April 10th-April 14th, and when we return, we will have every Friday off through the remainder of the year due to our schedule this year placing our emergency days on Fridays rather than potentially adding an additional week to the school year. This was done to ensure families were able to plan for the end of the school year more effectively instead of having to wait until March or April to feel confident about when the last day of school would be when planning for summer vacations and other activities. We hope students will enjoy these shorter weeks, but we also know this will make the final weeks of school go very quickly. With that in mind, it will be very important for parents and students to keep an eye on deadlines and stay on top of their studies.

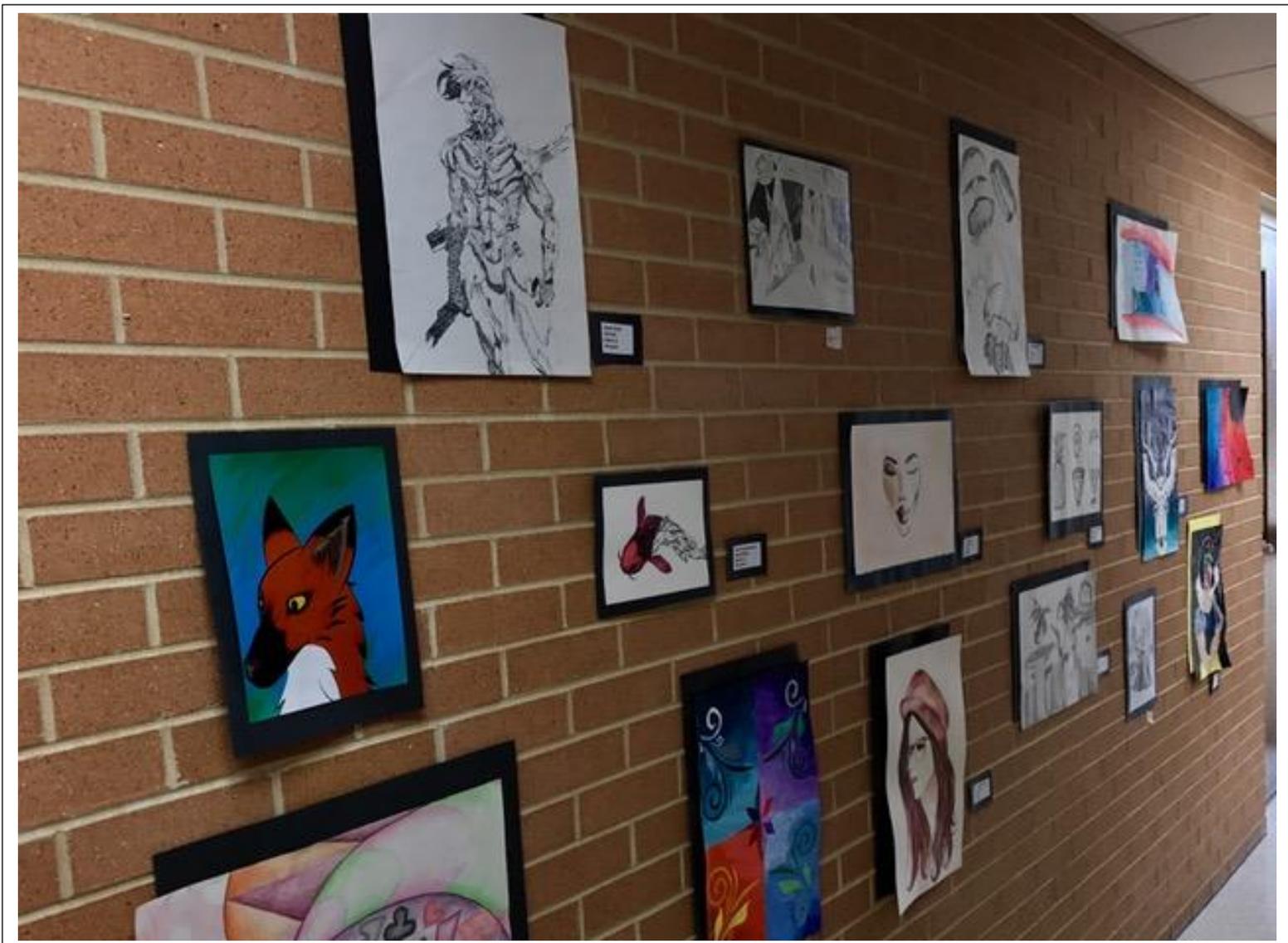
With all of this activity and warmer weather, we want to remind parents to be cautious when coming and going from our campus. This time of year means more students will be out and about, which increases the chances of an accident. We have outstanding student crossing guards out there to help keep our children safe, but we all have to make sure we are doing our part to keep an eye out for one another.

Also on the topic of safety, as our children are growing up in this new digital century, it is important for us as parents to be vigilant about what our children are doing with technology. Not a week goes by that there isn't some reminder of the dangers lurking on the internet, especially with the rise of social media, so we urge all parents to monitor what their students are doing online, know with whom they are communicating and how, and perhaps most importantly, have conversations with them about the possible long-term consequences of their online behavior. We hope that if our young people are getting this message from as many adults as possible, we can help them make smart choices and navigate these difficult issues.

Finally, we want to congratulate Ann Wheeler on being elected to complete the remaining two years of her appointment along with new board members Tyson Grooms, Zak Horn, and Erik Stollard. We would also like to thank Mary Ann Wiley, Amy Fultz, and Roger Bragg for their service to our schools and to the community.

### Important Dates for Parents:

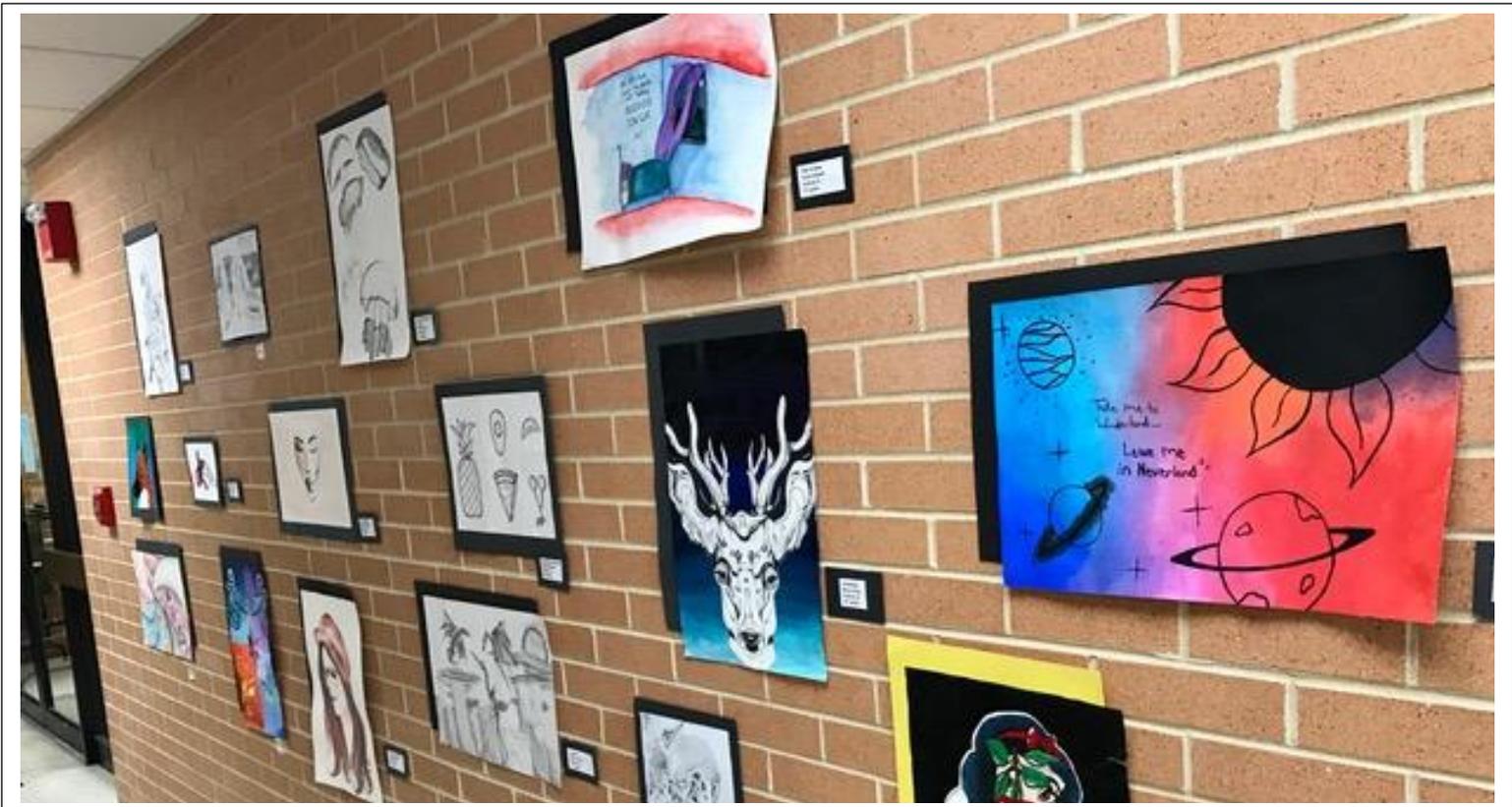
Emergency Day - April 21, Prom - April 22, Emergency Day - April 28,  
Emergency Day - May 5, Emergency Day - May 12, Emergency Day - May 19,  
Graduation - May 21, and Last Day of Student Attendance - May 25



Artwork from Sullivan High School was on display at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library in Sullivan from March 20-March 25. Students were competing in the Sullivan Area Arts Youth Art Contest against other area schools. The winners for the SAArts Youth Art Contest include: 1st Place High School - Alex Menke, "Admiral Blue"; 1st Place Middle School - Emily Simpson, "You Can Take My Life, You Can Take My Soul"; 2nd Place High School - Tiffany Wallis, "Girl With the Glasses"; Honorable Mention High School - Kaleigh Wilson, "Untitled Butterfly Study I"; Honorable Mention High School - Natalie Chance, "Different Hearts; Different Art"; Honorable Mention High School - Cassie Weber, "Fish Deconstruction." Photos provided by Miss Lindberg.



Fine Arts Day Video [https://youtu.be/zMy\\_MkjFwRo](https://youtu.be/zMy_MkjFwRo)



## Congratulations Extended To:

Coach Don Typer and the Sullivan Elementary School students who were able to raise \$11,904.79 for the American Heart Association through their Jump Rope for Heart campaign!

**SES Supports the**

**American Heart Association**



## Want to Make Your High School Memories Last for a Lifetime?

**2016-2017 Yearbooks are now available!**

Please do not miss out on the valuable opportunity to capture memories from the 2016-2017 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:  
 Visit [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)  
 Calling 1.877.767.5217  
 Visit Mrs. Hale's room before or after school!

## We're Raffling Off Chairs. . .

The Sullivan High School Entrepreneurship and Production classes have joined forces offering hand-crafted Adirondack chairs and ottomans to the public in a raffle being held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tri-country Track Meet being held at Sullivan's Victory Field. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 each. You can win either an adult or child-size chair, 2 ottomans are available to go with the adult-sized chairs.

Funds will go to purchase materials to be used in future production classes. A rain date for the raffle will be Wednesday, April 19, at the track meet.

**Save the Date:**  
**Sullivan Singers and Singers Jr. Dinner Theater is May 6 and 7, 2017, in the Sullivan High School Gym!**



Mr. Becker

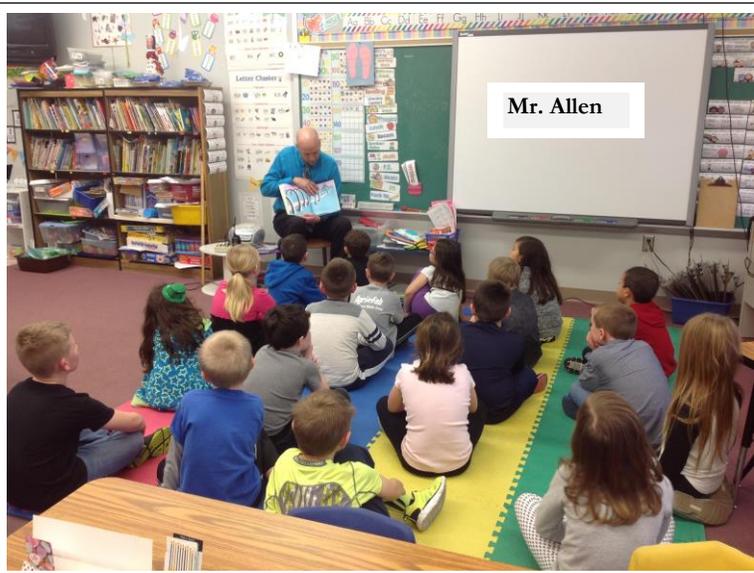
Mrs. Becker's class celebrated Read Across America week by having a different mystery reader come in every day and read a Dr. Seuss book to the class. They would like to send a BIG thank you to Mr. Allen, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Becker, Mr. Campbell, and Alex Fultz. Pictures on this page chronicle the events and were provided by Mrs. Becker.



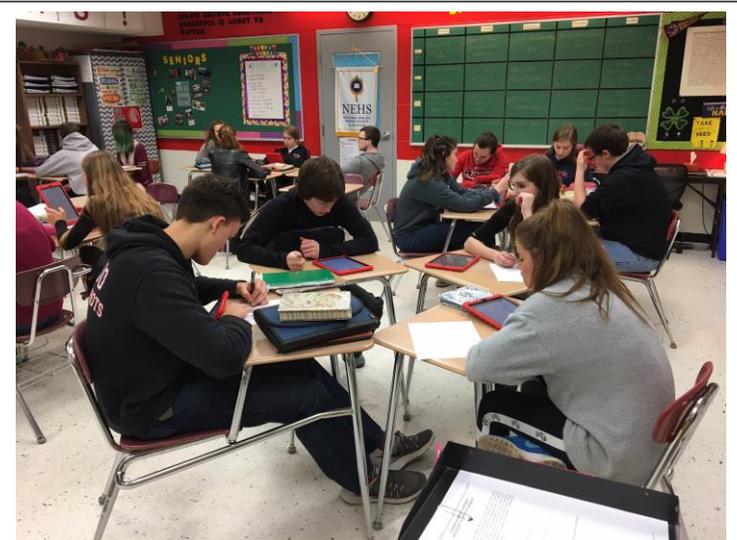
Mr. Ogle



Mr. Allen



Students in Mrs. Badman's junior English classes are currently reading *Of Mice and Men* and working in literature circles once per week. Every Thursday during the unit, students meet with their group and discuss the text. Prior to each lit circle, each student has a different role assignment that allows them to bring productive and relevant discussion to his or her group. During the discussion, students use their iPads to access their role assignment on Google Classroom. Photos provided by Mrs. Badman.





Seniors in Mrs. Badman's AP Language and Composition class spent the day at Booth Library at EIU. Once students arrived at the library, they were given a detailed tour of the facility, then they were given time to work on the library computers to begin their research. Students were able to access the EIU databases and check out books from the library to use for their research. Photos provided by Mrs. Badman.



## EIU's Booth Library Provides Back Drop for Research

# Warren wins State FFA Proficiency Award

Congratulations to Devin Warren for winning the State FFA Diversified Crop Placement Proficiency Award.

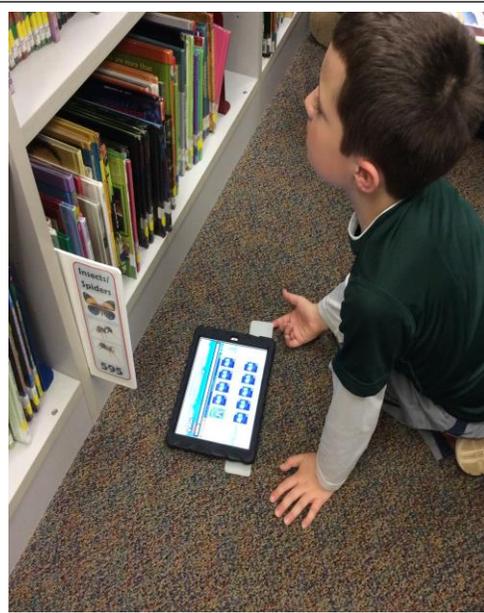
FFA members considered for this award must demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement. Specifically, students competing in this proficiency award area must show records of working for a crop producer that produces two or more different crops.

Warren started learning about managing a successful crop enterprise at an early age, as he started riding in the combine with his grandfather, Frank Warren, at the age of three.

Years of working alongside his grandfather have provided Devin with a wealth of experience, which was showcased in his interviews at the section, district, and now the state finals. As the state winner, Devin will now represent Illinois in the National FFA Proficiency Award Semifinals this summer. Devin is the son of Sherry Warren.



Devin Warren, above, poses while holding his State FFA Diversified Crop Placement Proficiency Award. Warren will represent Illinois in the National FFA Proficiency Award Semi-finals this summer. Photo provided by Don Lockwood.



With the help of Librarian, Mrs. Fleming, students in Mrs. McCain's third grade class use their iPads to search Destiny Quest, the online library database. Students were looking for an animal book for an upcoming research project. Photos provided by Ms. Fleming.

# One Book One Sullivan Celebrates Ten Years

On Thursday, March 16th, One Book One Sullivan celebrated ten years of promoting literacy within the school and community. About 105 community members and students came together to discuss *The Paper Cowboy*. The attendance was one of the best the group has seen in a couple of years. The students did an amazing job 'running the show.' The students not only wrote the entire set of discussion questions, but they also improved their public speaking and conflict resolution skills. In addition, the students have learned how to be proper hosts/hostesses for a large event. I am so proud of the work the kids put into making this program successful. Their hard work helps me to look forward to year eleven!!



**Have A Safe and Happy Break!  
We Want To See You Back On  
April 17, 2017!**

# SHS Students Recognized At March Breakfast of Champions



Two times each semester, Sullivan High School teachers host Breakfast of Champions to honor students who do remarkable things in their respective subject areas. Friday, March 31, 2017, the first breakfast of second semester was held in the Media Center at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Badman, SHS English teacher nominated Trevor Elder, Ms. Banks, SHS English and Journalism teacher nominated Katie Webb, Miss Lawson, SHS English teacher nominated Luke Boyle, SHS Science teacher Mr. Becker nominated Esther Miller, SHS Science teacher Mr. Bertetto nominated Ally Will, Science teacher Mrs. Schaljo nominated Jessica Williamson, Instrumental Music teacher Mr. Feece nominated Aiden Short, Vocal Music teacher Mr. Thomas nominated Tatum Ellis, Business teacher Mrs. Hale nominated Natalie Chance, Resource teacher Mrs. Isaacs nominated Korbin Green, Spanish teacher Mrs. King nominated Madilyn Keller, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Mrs. Schafer nominated Addison Orris and Social Studies teacher Mr. Aikman nominated Tim Lawyer. Photos taken by Lesley Banks.

# SES Students Moving Full STEAM Ahead

During Mrs. Fleming's library class, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades enjoy spending time using SES's STEAM Lab.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. After students check out their library books they may choose from one of many STEAM projects and work with a partner.

In the STEAM Lab, students experience hands-on introductions to blueprints, design, electrical circuits, microscopes, coding, sewing, brain teasers, logic puzzles and so much more.

Some of the STEAM Lab items are challenging. Just like *The Little Engine that Could*, students are encouraged to keep trying, not give up, and tell themselves, "I think I can."

When something doesn't work one way, students should keep "STEAMing" along and think of another way to make it work.

By exposing students to these different experiences, we hope to spark creativity and ingenuity. That creativity and ingenuity will further help students in choosing future career paths.



**FULL STEAM AHEAD**

# SES MIND (Math Is Not Difficult) Winners

## First Grade



## Fourth Grade



## Fifth Grade



## Second Grade



Students who go above and beyond expectations at Sullivan Elementary School are awarded a Gold Slip. The above photo shows the Gold Slip recipients (as pictured from left to right) for the month of March.

Alex Fultz has taken it upon himself to take care of several classroom tasks each day. After watching Mrs. Drollinger greet students at the door each morning, he asked if he could do it. He greets each student by name as they come to class and has been reliable and responsible every day this school year! He is an excellent role model!

Peyton Swarouth helped pick up a kindergarten student's school books and papers as they fell out of her backpack after school.

Elira Halili noticed a 1st grade student's backpack was too heavy for the student as it was falling off her shoulder, so she took the student's backpack and carried it down to her classroom for her.

Jennifer Lofland (not pictured) and Kaylee Smith have helped other students complete challenging work in a patient, helpful, and kind manner in class.

Landon Willoughby always helps with the weekend food bags; he jumps right in and is eager to pick up and pass out the bags to help children in our community.

Natalie Stinson also volunteers to help Mrs. Graham with the weekend food program. Way to go students and thank you for making SES such a great place to be!

## Third Grade

