

Seneca Schools Spring Newsletter 2022

Important Upcoming Dates

Band Trip to the Kalahari: 6/6

Board of Education Meeting: 6/20 @7pm

Board of Education Meeting: 7/18 @7pm

Code of Conduct Meeting: 7/25 @7pm

16th Annual Seneca Educational Foundation Gold Tournament: 7/30 9am-3:30pm at Viroqua Hills Golf Course

Board of Education Meeting: 8/15 @7pm

Art Room News

Another Great Year in The Art Room, Seneca Families!

We are having another great year in the Seneca Art room. We will soon pass over 2000 artwork posted to Artsonia. Students have been working very hard to post artwork on Artsonia, which not only lets us share the Artwork with friends and relatives far away, but also offers us a wonderful way to earn funds for the art program through customized keepsakes. The students spend valuable time to make sure their artwork looks good. They also leave great artist statements describing what they may have learned or at least what they think of their artwork. Please take the time to check out your child's artwork and comment on any other artwork you may like. Your children would love for you to show them comments others have left for them on Artsonia.

For any new families to the district or anyone interested in learning more about Artsonia, please contact me. I encourage you to visit the "Seneca Art Gallery (Artsonia)" located on the school home page. Menu at the top of the page, then "Parent links on the left side.

Enjoy the great artwork we created this year!

Author Visit: Carin Thoms

The Seneca Elementary School Library was excited to host an author visit on April 5th for

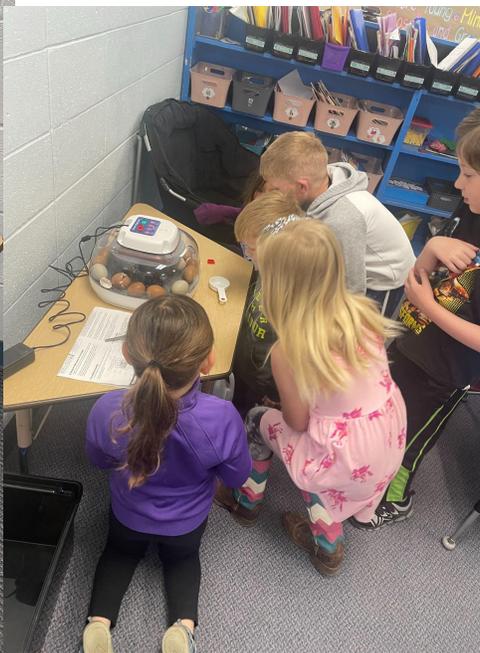
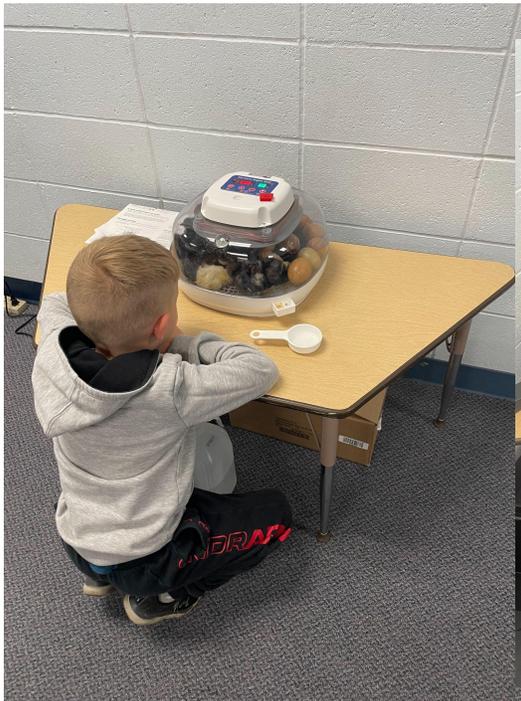


second, third, and fourth grades. Wisconsin author, Carin Thoms, shared her book *Sara Goes Fishing* with each class and discussed what skills and talents it takes to write, illustrate, and publish a children's book. Carin's engaging and informative presentation was very well received by both students and staff. More information on Carin Thoms and her book can be found at her website: <https://www.carinthoms.com/>.

May Red Cross Blood Drive

Student Council and FBLA hosted a blood drive at the Seneca Town Hall on Wednesday, May 11th. It was the third blood drive during this school year. Over the course of the year, 128 units were collected. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated!





Kindergarten

Watches Eggs Hatch

Kindergarten just wrapped up our unit on hatching chickens. The kids got to put the eggs in the incubator, watch and help with the whole process from start to finish.

Middle School Forensics Season

The Seneca Middle School Forensics Team participated in a competition at Wauzeka-Steuben School on March 31st. Congratulations to (back row from left to right) Hayden Alvarado, Aylah Baker, Natalie Wright, Camryn Lenzendorf, and Zoey Aspenson for placing 3rd in Group Interp and to (front row from left to right) Penelope Fisher, Kwynn Sime, Grace Varo, and Kaeli Sime who placed 1st in Group Interp. Great job to all participants!

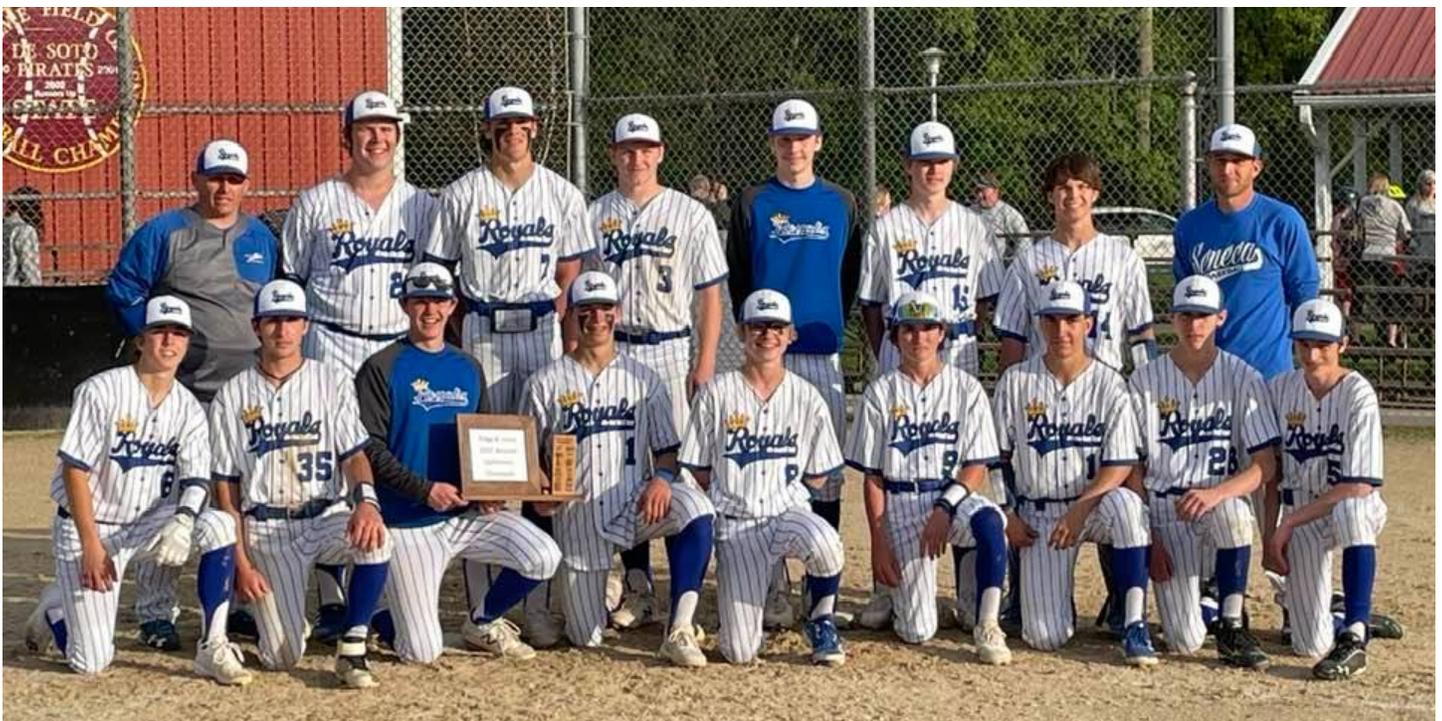


State Spelling Bee Participant Grace Varo

By Grace Varo

“It was Saturday, March 26th, 2022. I couldn’t believe I had made it! The State Spelling Bee was taking place at the Mitby Theater in Madison, Wisconsin. Then before I knew it, I was up on stage spelling away. I ended up getting out in the 4th round and placing in the top 30. I am very grateful for the experience and will always remember it and the people who supported me.”

Seneca Softball and Baseball Win Conference Title



Algebra II celebrates Pi Day

On March, 14, 2022, students in Algebra II celebrated pi Day (3.14) with math and pie. Each member of the class brought in 4 different sized circles and calculated pi. To use a circle to calculate pi, each student measured the circumference and diameter of their circles. Pi equals circumference divided by diameter. Their four answers were then averaged for a final estimate of pi. They also calculated pi using a limit. Choose a large number and then multiply your large number by $\sin(180/\text{your large number})$. The larger your number the

more accurate the number of digits of pi you will calculate. Along with all of the mathematics, students enjoyed 4 different types of pie.



3rd Grade Goes to Norskedalen

The third grade class went to Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center in Coon Valley, WI. While there, we learned about the different animals, trees, and plants in our area. We were able to see the homestead (seen in the background) of Anne Engum, an immigrant from Norway. Before the trip, we read some of her letters she wrote to her friends and family she left behind for a better life. We learned all about her travel experience, how they built their homestead, and differences from Norway to Wisconsin.

3rd Grade Earth Day Field Trip

In April, the second and third grade classes went on a field trip to the Genoa Fish Hatchery and a Viterbo Play. While at the Fish Hatchery, we toured the building, learned about the different wildlife and their habitats in our area, and then we were able to see the tanks of thousands of fish they will eventually release. The play we went to was called “The Elephant Speaks Jazz” about an elephant who learns to dance to Jazz music. Everyone enjoyed it!



7th Grade Geography Class End of the Year Project

At the end of each school year, 7th Grade Geography students are tasked with a final project of 'creating a nation' based on information they learned about various nations and cultures around the world during this school year. The maps they create must include basic elements common to all maps like a title, key, scale, and a compass rose. In their stories about their nations, they must include the eight elements of culture and explanations as to how these elements have helped shape the history of their nation. Students can complete this project individually or in groups of up to 3 students. There are several requirements built into this project the students must complete to receive full credit for their work.

One of the first expectations and most important creations the students need to design is a political map, along with at least one other type of informational map about their nation. The other map(s) they create could be a climate map, a physical map, a land use map, a resources map, or a population density map. Next, the students design a flag to represent their nation. The last part of their project is to create a history and facts story about the nation they created.

The students have 6 - 7 days to complete this project, along with finishing up any unit work from our textbooks. This project gives students a way to demonstrate their understanding of the various aspects of culture while incorporating the 5 Themes of Geography: region, place, movement, location, and human-environment interaction. Get ready to be introduced to the nations of Searock Islands, Acirfa, Canidae, Kit-Kat Kombat, and Cactus Island!

8th Grade Class Trip to the Capitol

The 8th graders celebrated the end of their middle school experience with a trip to the capitol on May 26, 2022.



Administrator's Report

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Ridge and Valley All-Conference Academic Team Named

The Ridge and Valley All-Conference Academic team was named recently, and Seneca High School had three students recognized. Willow Roensch, daughter of Todd Roensch and the late Kara Rosenquist; and Nick Kirchhoff, son of Richard and Annette Kirchhoff; were named Second Team Academic All-Conference.

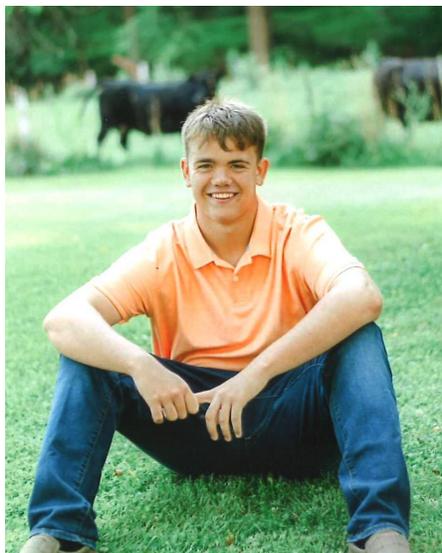
Kadin Wallin, son of Derek and Heather Wallin, was named Honorable Mention Academic All-Conference.

Each year the Ridge and Valley Conference schools recognize their thirty highest academic achievers, and these three students were among that group. Congratulations to them on their outstanding academic achievements during their high school careers!

Senior Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

Nick Kirchhoff, son of Richard and Annette Kirchhoff, has been named Valedictorian of the "Class of 2022". Nick has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school, and has also been very active in athletics. He plans to attend UW- LaCrosse for Pre-Med.

Willow Roensch, daughter of Todd Roensch and the late Kara Rosenquist, has been named class Salutatorian. Willow has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school, and participated in Dance & Cheer, FFA, and Student Council. She plans to attend Salon Professional Academy for Cosmetology.



Officers Present to Elementary Students



On Monday, May 9, Crawford County detective Ryan Fradette, Officer Cody Mullikin, and School Resource Officer Liz Volten visited the elementary students and educated them on use of the emergency 911 system, and how to properly dial 911. They also informed students on how to identify safe and unsafe strangers. The officers were joined by special guest McGruff the Crime Dog at the end of their presentation, who encouraged students to "take a bite out of crime". The students enjoyed the presentation, and came away better prepared to deal with emergency situations.

Thanks to these officers and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for organizing and planning this very worthwhile presentation!

Coach Al Bark Recognized for 25 Years of Service

At the Seneca High School Winter Athletic Awards night on April 6, Coach Al Bark was recognized for his contributions to the Seneca Boys Basketball program over the past 25 years.

Since he began coaching in 1996, Coach Bark won over 300 games, and had 219 team members on teams he directly coached. He was involved with 9 conference champions, 6 regional champions, and 2 sectional champions. Al positively impacted the Seneca community, the basketball program, and his players for a quarter of a century. The dedication and commitment he showed to the program and players is greatly appreciated!

