

CAN YOU FIND THE PATRIOT?



## SEA GIRT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# PATRIOTIC PRESS



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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Here we are again with *The Patriotic Press*. December is in full swing with all the excitement that this season brings. It is a busy time filled with the hustle and bustle of gift giving, decorating, singing, and visiting friends and family. It's great to watch the Peer Leader "Giving Tree" donations rolling in throughout the past few weeks. In this final week before break, the fourth and fifth grade play was a success. I enjoyed the Christmas Tree Lighting and I look forward to my first Sea Girt Holiday Sing-A-Long. I have been told that this is one of the favorite SGES traditions.

On behalf of the staff at Sea Girt Elementary School, I wish all of our families a most peaceful, happy, and healthy holiday season. Thank you all for being so supportive and committed to our school and community. I look forward to what lies ahead in 2018!

Sincerely,

Mr. Papera



## CORNER

MIX IT UP DAY was such a success back in October, we decided to have a special HOLIDAY themed MIX IT UP DAY. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, students will once again be randomly assigned to a lunch table. They will be provided certain holiday themed questions and exchange their answers with students they otherwise would not be familiar with.

**DECEMBER**

- 2 Calvin Sidway
- 14 Sam Sarzen  
Matthew Reffler
- 15 Brooke Loughlin
- 18 Millicent DiFeo
- 21 Mrs. Boyer
- 28 Mrs. Luttmann
- 30 Mrs. Vanderspiegel

Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,  
**he thought.**  
*doesn't come*  
**FROM A STORE.**  
 Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,  
*perhaps,* **means**  
**A LITTLE BIT MORE.**  
 — The Grinch —

**DATES TO REMEMBER****December**

- 12 Progress Reports
- 15 Patriot Pride Day
- 19 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade play
- 20 A Christmas Carol-Algonquin  
Grades 3, 4 & 5
- 21 BOE Meeting
- 22 Holiday Sing-a-Long-  
12:33 Dismissal

23-29 School Closed Christmas Break

**January**

- 1 School Closed
- 2 School Re-opens
- 4 BOE Meeting
- 5 Patriot Pride Day
- 10 Geography Bee
- 15 School Closed  
Faculty Development Day  
Blue Ribbon Celebration Week
- 19 Patriot Pride Day
- 23 PTO Meeting

**SPORT SHORTS**

The cheerleading season is underway with four new girls joining the team. Mrs. Schimpf advised that they have already begun stunting.

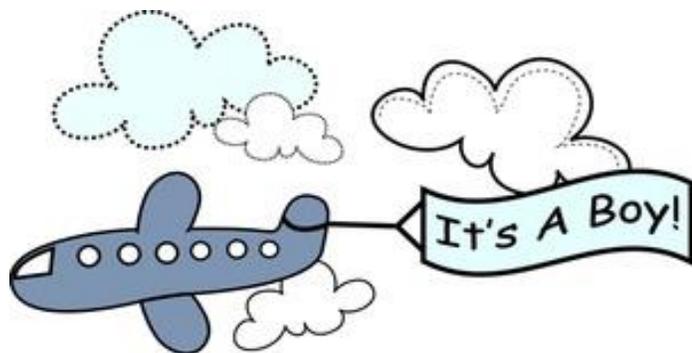
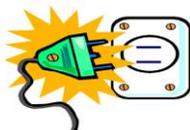
The Boys record so far is 1-4. It's still early in the season with 11 games to go. Girls started out strong with a 4-1 record so far.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR SUPERVISOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

### **SGES IS AWARDED GRANT FROM THE CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION**

Schools can help the environment and their community when they compost their food scraps. Our school is in the initial phases of developing a composting program. Our program will reduce our solid waste stream, recycle natural resources, educate our school community about the benefits of composting, and continue to develop a healthy garden for farm to school activities. With the funding provided from the Captain Planet Foundation along with the Sea Girt Board of Education, we will purchase a compost tumbler, vermicomposter, and WORX trivac and leaf pro collection system for our Grades 5-8 students to use within their Environmental Stewardship cycle course. Students will begin actively composting material discarded at lunch as well as the leaves around the property.

Sea Girt Elementary has also been selected to participate in the PowerSaves school program funded by New Jersey Natural Gas. This is a unique fundraising opportunity for our school. How it works is that community members are encouraged to complete NJNG's CTP Dashboard, a free online home-energy survey that helps customers save energy and money with no-to low-cost recommendations. Community members include the name of our school in the dashboard and NJNG will reward \$5 – up to a total of \$1,000 to our school for each NJNG customer who successfully completes the Dashboard. Visit [njng.com](http://njng.com), go to Quicklinks and Conserve to Preserve Dashboard to get started. Help us reach our \$1000 goal and we will help you save energy and money along the way!



### **LOGAN LOUIS VANDERSPIEGEL**

Mother's Name: Elyse  
Father's Name: Lou  
Date of Birth: November 23, 2017  
Time of Birth: 3:41 p.m.  
Weight & Length: 6 lbs. 2 oz. 18 ¾ inches

Congratulations to the Vanderspiegels!  
We are so happy for you.

## CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Our reporters have some fun information to deliver about their classmates and teachers.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR ELF ON THE SHELF'S NAME?

### KINDERGARTEN

Christian-	Elmer
Will-	Badger
Quin-	Quinn
Katie-	Elfie
Andy-	Thomas
Ryan-	Chippy
Randy & Teddy-	Ginger
Joseph-	Hermie

### FIRST GRADE

Abby-	PJ
John-	Green
Michael-	Little Fella
Lexi-	Duke
James-	Chippy

Q: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE REINDEER?

### SECOND GRADE

Caden-	Rudolph
Matthew-	Comet
Val-	Vixen
Katie-	Dancer
Charlotte-	Rudolph
Julia-	Dasher
Caden-	Rudolph
Matthew R-	Rudolph
Matthew M-	Rudolph
Charlie-	Rudolph
Jude-	Rudolph
Chris-	Dancer
Sean-	Vixen

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE?

THIRD GRADE

Ella- The Grinch  
Henry - The Night Before Christmas

FOURTH GRADE

Nicholas- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Millie- Elf

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Zoe- Home Alone  
Chris- A Christmas Story

Q: WHAT IS YOUR TREE TOPPER?

SIXTH GRADE

Emily- Nothing (The dog knocks it over).  
Jack- Fire Hat

SEVENTH GRADE

Michael - Star  
Kelsey- Star

EIGHTH GRADE

Peter- Angel  
Riley- Angel

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG?

Mrs. Genis - All I Want For Christmas Is You  
Mrs. Lehmann- Mistletoe  
Mrs. Belott- It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas  
Mrs. Lawlor- O Holy Night  
Mrs. Masco- The Christmas Song  
Mrs. Reuter- White Christmas  
Mrs. Masto- I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas  
Mrs. Luttmann- You're a Mean One, Mrs. Grinch



# PATRIOT'S PALET

## PUMPKIN CAKE

**Nolan McCarthy-7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ingredients:

- 1 lg. (28 oz.) can of solid pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice or (1 tsp. Cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg & 1/2 tsp. cloves, all minced)
- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 & 1/2 sticks melted butter
- Pecans (chopped) 16 oz.  
\*optional, but yummy if you like/can have
- 2 tbsp. coconut oil to grease pan or use Pam baking spray

Preheat oven to 350°

Mix by hand, in a large bowl until well blended: pumpkin, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and evaporated milk.

Lightly grease a glass 9x13 baking dish with the coconut oil or Pam baking spray. Pour mixture into dish. Next sprinkle cake mix evenly over top. Then pour the melted butter over cake mix. Coat well! Bake uncovered for 1 hour. Take out and top with the chopped pecans, and bake another 20 min. or until pecans are toasted. Serve hot or cold with ice cream.

Refrigerate leftovers.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COOKIES

**Max Karp-7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ingredients:

- ½ lb. butter (2 Sticks)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 cups flour sifted
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- ½ cup strawberry jam )or your favorite jam

Heat oven to 325°. Grease 8 x8 glass pan. Cream butter well, add sugar-blend until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks one at a time and blend well. Add flour slowly and mix thoroughly. Add nuts. Divide dough in half. Spread half in bottom of baking dish (using clean wet hands to spread works well). Spread the jam evenly across the surface of dough but not too close to the edge. Cover jam with remaining dough. (using clean wet hands to thin small amounts of dough and place on top of jam). Use a fork to lightly blend surface together and leave a nice texture on the surface. Bake for 45 minutes or until surface is a light golden color. Let cool and cut into squares. Enjoy!



## CHOCOLATE CHIP

## COOKIE DOUGH DIP

**Mrs. Gray**

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of unsalted butter
  - 1 (8 oz.) package of cream cheese
  - 1/3 cup of sugar
  - ¼ cup packed light brown sugar
  - 2 ½ teaspoons of vanilla extract
  - ½ teaspoon of salt
  - 1 ½ cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips
1. In a bowl of a stand up mixer cream butter, cream cheese and sugars until combined (about 2 minutes)
  2. Add vanilla and salt and continue mixing, then add chocolate chips, blend until combined.
  3. Serve dip with pretzels, fruit or vanilla wafers

## SKILLET COOKIES

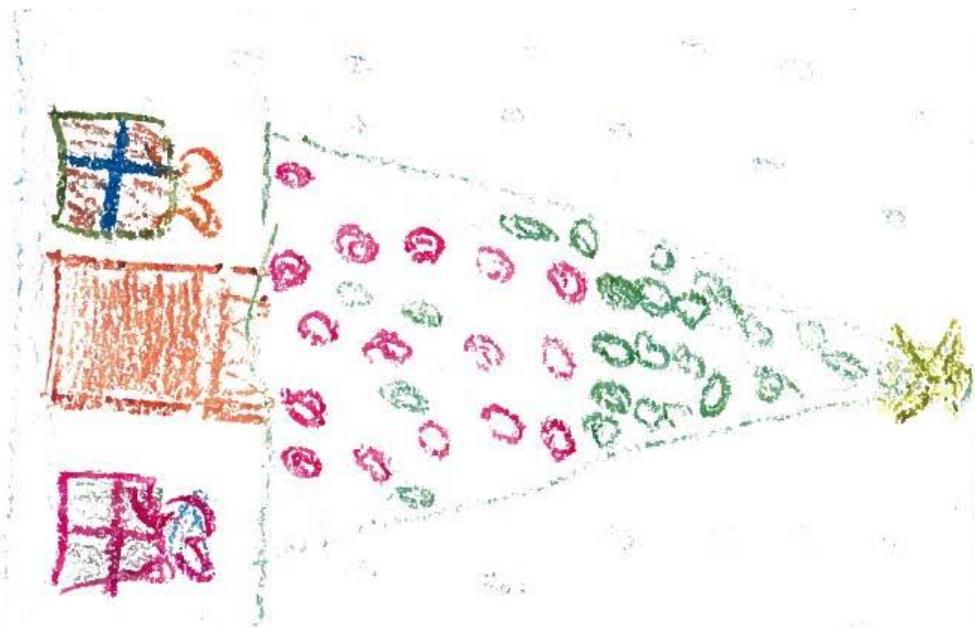
**Ryan Gierak-7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ingredients:

- 1/4 lb. margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 lb. dates chopped
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 1/4 cup nut meats
- confectioners sugar

Mix margarine, sugar, dates and egg yolks together in skillet. Cook 10 minutes over low heat. Remove from heat. Add vanilla, Rice Krispies and nut meats. Roll into small balls and then roll in confectioners sugar.

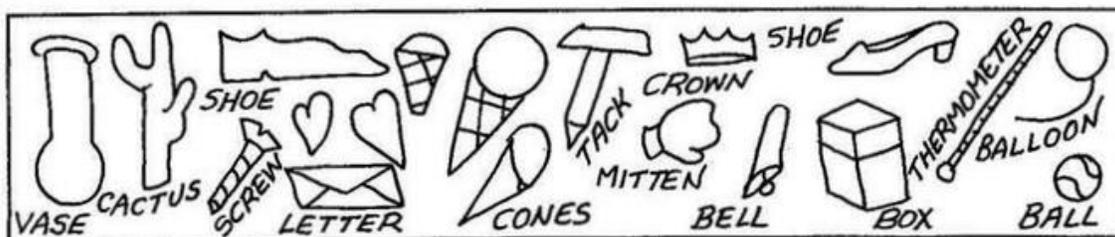
# *PATRIOT'S PALETTE*



MICHAEL KEEFE-1ST GRADE



JACK CERAMI-3RD GRADE



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Donner means thunder and Blitzen means lightning?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Jingle Bells was the first song sung by astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra in space on 12/16/65?