

CAN YOU FIND THE PATRIOT?



## SEA GIRT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# *PATRIOTIC PRESS*



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### **WE DID IT!**

Thank you to our administrators, faculty, and staff for making the opening of our school a reality.

To our students, it was a pleasure to see all of you on September 3rd. Although you cannot see our faces, we are smiling from ear to ear and we are so happy to have you back! You have all grown so much over the past few months and we look forward to watching you grow even more during the 2020-21 school year. This year may seem a little different, but we will get through this. We are better together than apart. We are Patriots and we are #SEAGIRTSTRONG!

To our parents, thank you for your support, understanding and patience during this challenging time.

To our new students, welcome!

**(Pre-K)** Elizabeth, Max, Carson, Joseph, Luca, Maisie and Hannah.

**(Kindergarten)** Emily, Samuel, Alice, Constantine and Julia.

**(1st Grade)** Quinn, Skylar, Gabrielle and Violet.

**(2nd Grade)** Elle.

**(3rd Grade)** Oscar.

**(4th Grade)** James, Olivia, Teagan and Remi.

**(5th Grade)** Thomas and Julia.

**(6th Grade)** Gabriel.

**(7th Grade)** Madison and Sarah.

**(8th Grade)** Justin.

We are so happy you are all a part of our Patriot family.

We look forward to October 13<sup>th</sup> when we will begin our Phase 2 full day in person schedule!



### September

3	Alexa	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
7	Oscar	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
9	Jonathan	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
11	Samuel	Kindergarten
12	Ellery	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
12	Zoe	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
19	James	4 <sup>th</sup> grade
20	Luca	Kindergarten
20	Andrew	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
25	Chloe	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
30	Skylar	1 <sup>st</sup> grade



### October

5-9	Week of Respect
8	PTO Meeting
22	BOE Meeting

### **WELCOME**

Please join us in welcoming to our staff Mrs. Michelle Holthusen, pre-K Aide, Mrs. Anita Rothery, Hall Monitor and Custodians Mr. Rich Connard and Mr. Filamon Bruno.

## **HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?**

Kindergarten- 2nd grade artists are creating "Kandi-Apples" inspired by the famous Wassily Kandinsky, and his colorful Concentric Circle paintings!

Students will learn about the Shape of an apple, and draw their own apples with silly details like a worm, a bite mark, or light reflection! Then, they will practice creating colorful Concentric Circles around the inside or outside of their Apples!



# BELL PLACE BEAT

## What made you smile today?



Jack- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-During snack, I made a play date with my friend for Friday.



Nick- 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Seeing Rooney.



Remi 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Seeing my dog on my mom's bed.



Olivia- 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Seeing Mrs. Genis



Michael – 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Having fun competing in my surf competition.



Quin- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- Getting 100 on my spelling test.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Pencils can also be used in zero gravity, upside down, or even underwater!



### DID YOU KNOW?

The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write about 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long!



# CORNER

## COUNSELOR'S



Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is underway, and although our start is not the typical start, I am excited to begin this September at Sea Girt Elementary School! This year, I will continue to provide individual and small group services, as needed and upon request, as well as classroom guidance.

The focus of classroom guidance this year will be on the 5 core competencies of Social Emotional Learning according to the CASEL framework. These competencies include: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. In addition, we will continue to focus on anti-bullying efforts with the Week of Respect kick-off during the first week of October.

I look forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,  
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## WEEK OF RESPECT

Next week, the Week of Respect will be celebrated throughout schools in New Jersey. Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, is World Day of Bullying Prevention. We encourage everyone to wear blue. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade ambassadors voted on our other theme days listed below.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p data-bbox="126 766 332 802">October 5th</p>  <p data-bbox="142 1184 318 1266"><b>Blue Shirt Day!</b></p> <p data-bbox="126 1306 337 1423"><i>World Day of Bullying Prevention™</i></p>	<p data-bbox="386 821 602 856">October 6th</p>  <p data-bbox="347 1127 605 1205"><b>Put Bullying to Bed!</b></p> <p data-bbox="367 1249 625 1371"><i>Wear pajamas or comfy clothes</i></p>	<p data-bbox="708 821 914 856">October 7th</p>  <p data-bbox="662 1131 959 1213"><b>Team Up Against Bullying!</b></p> <p data-bbox="656 1253 966 1413"><i>Wear your favorite jersey or sports team attire</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1011 835 1218 871">October 8th</p>  <p data-bbox="1029 1125 1198 1207"><b>Sock It to Bullying!</b></p> <p data-bbox="1016 1249 1214 1325"><i>Wear crazy socks</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1276 766 1482 802">October 9th</p>  <p data-bbox="1266 1211 1494 1293"><b>Patriot Pride Day!</b></p> <p data-bbox="1266 1333 1494 1434"><i>Wear red, white and blue or Sea Girt gear</i></p>

## GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

Have you seen our new improvements? The basketball courts were milled and resurfaced and patio pavers were added to the west side of the campus along Route 71 and north side near the garden. The parking lot was sealed and important updates were made to our security system.

We also have new temperature screeners, disinfecting tools and social distancing reminders to help keep everyone healthy during the pandemic.



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELA?

Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Lehmann and Mrs. Bakerian will be modeling off of This I Believe.org website Developing "This I Believe" narratives to share with our SGES community as stories of hope.

This I Believe is an international organization engaging people in writing and sharing essays describing the core values that guide their daily lives. This I Believe is revived from a 1950s American radio program of the same name. During a very challenging time in our nation, Americans would listen to inspirational essays on their radios from Eleanor Roosevelt and Jackie Robinson to cab drivers, nurses, scientists, etc.

Today, over 125,000 essays have been shared on the website, and communicated through radio, books and weekly podcasts.

