

December 2019



SES News

Every Voice Counts... Every Voice Counts... Every Voice Counts...



Friday, December 13, 2019

Wear your PJ's to school!

Donate \$1.00 (or more) in exchange for the privilege of wearing PJs for the day! All proceeds benefit the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

*Thank
you*

thank them.

Colonial Florist generously donated red carnations that were distributed to all veterans in attendance during our Veteran's Day Celebration! On behalf of the SES Family, we want to

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Somers PTO for sponsoring the Prismatic Laser Show. Students in grades PreK-5 enjoyed the sights and sounds of their winter presentation on December 4th.

To learn more about the presentation, visit the website below:
<https://www.prismaticmagic.com/>

No School

December 23rd - January 1st



Celebrate *the* Season

Help us celebrate the season by contributing to our display of holiday photos!

Send in ONE copy of your family's holiday photo card or ONE photo showing something your family does to "celebrate the season".

Exciting things are happening in Mrs. McEvoy's art class.

Grade 4 students are working hard adding paper mache layers to their 3D recycled animal sculptures. It is a long process from start to finish but quality art work takes time. Art is not a race, it's a journey. Sometimes artists have a specific vision of the finished art work and other times the art is transformed during the process of exploration. Both products are being produced, some students have a specific animal in mind and others are letting their ideas develop. It is always exciting and the innovation is wonderful.

Grade 3 will be starting their cellophane stain glass windows. They will be learning about stain glass and stone tracery.

Grade 1 just completed their collage cityscapes. The process of overlapping various shapes and cutting an angle helps produce a 3 D affect. The students are gaining confidence each class, which helps them be self-assured as they develop their ideas. Great job!

Kindergarten has been working on compound word art. We have completed Rainbow, Scarecrow, Outline, and recently Skyscraper. Be on the look out families for some adorable 3D model magic Turkeys.

Pre-School Mrs. Reardon's class has been working hard developing cutting and gluing skills. They come into the art room excited to create. They will be working on a Thanksgiving placemat soon.





SOMERS PTO NIGHT



Order Online

www.groupmatics.events/DOISomers2020

or

Complete the form below and return to school office

Somers PTO Fundraiser

January 16, 2020 – 7:00pm – XL Center

ORDER DEADLINE: January 10

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

_____ Tickets @ \$27.50 each = _____

Total Due:

\$ _____

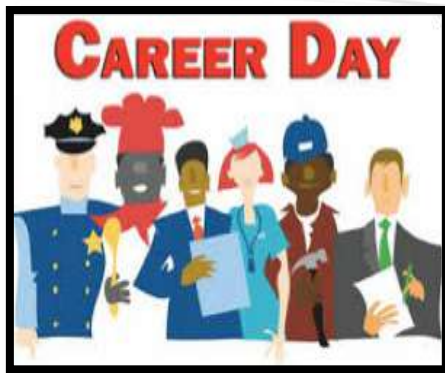


SPECTRA
SpectraExperiences.com

Return completed form to school office – Make checks payable to Somers PTO

Tickets will be e-mailed to e-mail address above by January 14.

Questions? Contact Brittany – brittany1102@gmail.com



Our Career Fair on November 11th for grades 3, 4, and 5 was a huge success this year! We want to thank our staff for their flexibility and our students for being respectful and responsible, especially with younger kids working. Most of all we wanted to send a huge thank you and recognize our presenters. They did an amazing job with all

of the kids. Thank you again for donating your time and expertise this year.

Renata Bowers, author of Frieda B. books

Lisa Bonacker of Lisa Bonacker's Studio of Dance

Stacey Colton of Stacey Colton Photography

Kevin Huss of Kevin Lee Studios

Joe Groves & Nancy Ingram of SmarHunts

Kenny St-Sauveur-Dandurand

Kathy Devlin

William Meier Jr.

Leigh Litz

Bruce Devlin

Tammy Bordeaux

Mike Maynard

Chris Thiesing

James Stephenson

Brody Rheault & James Iovanna

Paul Marks

Josh Trifone

Christopher Dennis

Angie Riddle

Shannon Kelleher

Liz Guerin

Brian Czapla

Mike McDonnell

Chuck Hicking

Bill Meier III

Frank Crinella

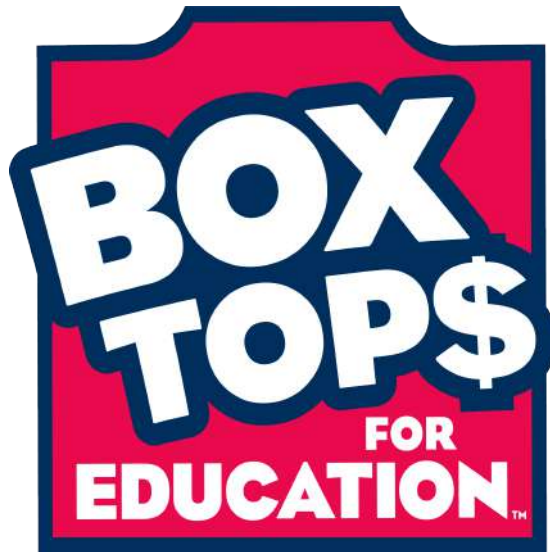
Joe Tarpinian

Linda Messenger

Heather Sykes

Liz McEvoy





No more clipping – scan your receipt!!

The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. **Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school.** Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

SES earned \$2,500 last year!

Keep them coming!

The Mitten Tree



Did you know that the staff and students of Somers Elementary School have been collecting winter hats, mittens and scarves for our “mitten tree” for over 10 years? The idea for our mitten tree came from a book by the same name.

In the story, The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen, an older lady named Sarah notices that kids in her neighborhood do not have warm winter mittens so; she knits some and secretly hangs them from a tree near their bus stop hoping the kids will notice them. Although the kids don’t know where they come from, they are grateful for the warm mittens.

The mittens, scarves and hats from our mitten tree are donated to local kids in need. Mrs. Smith, our Food Service Manager, coordinates the donation and distribution of these collected items.

This year, we are accepting donations from December 2nd- December 18th.



Geissler's Supermarket – "Save Your Receipt"

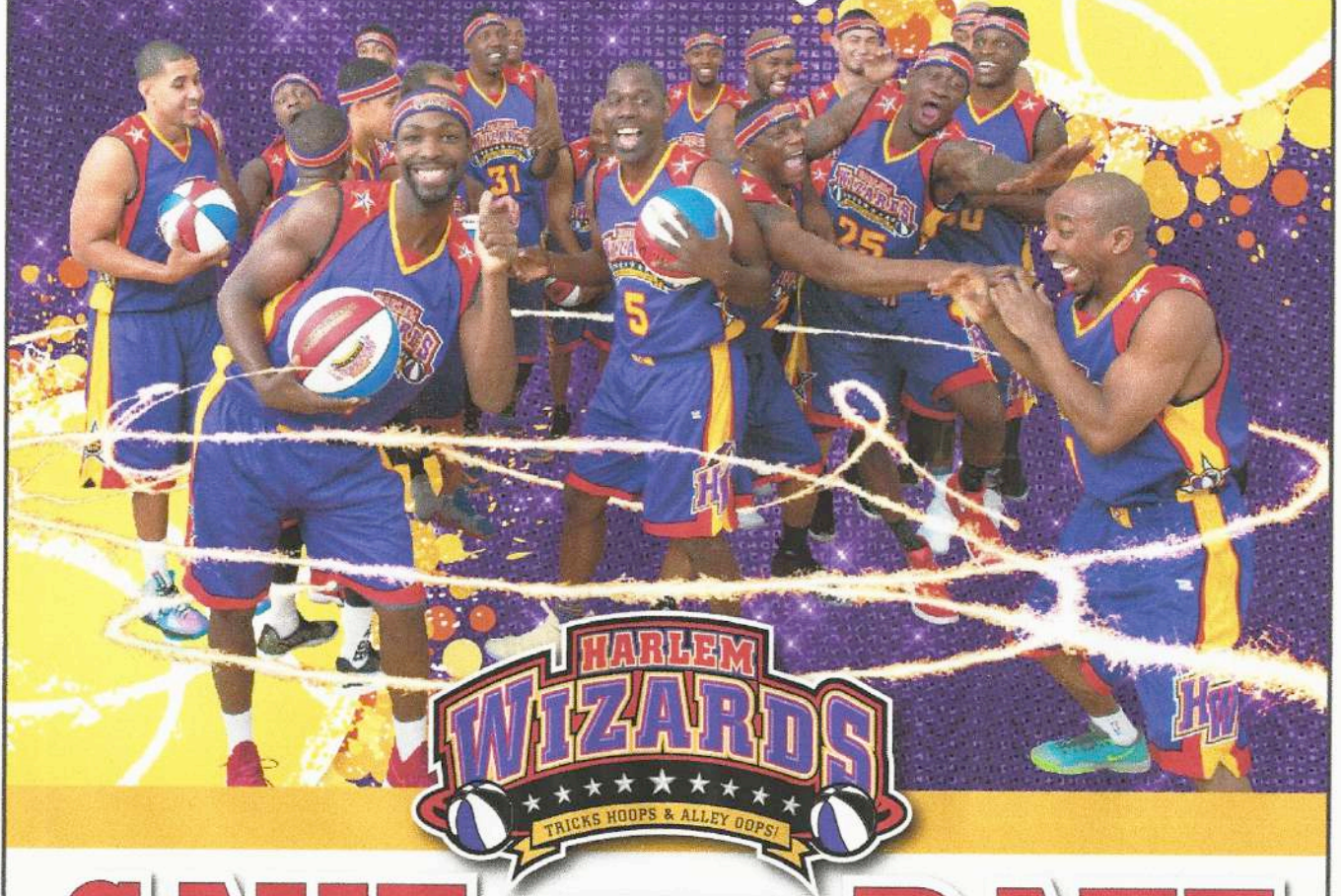
Geissler's will donate a percentage of all submitted Geissler's grocery receipts over \$35 (excluding alcohol and cigarettes) to the Somers Education Foundation. You can submit receipts by having your child drop them off at the donation box located in the SES Main Office.

The **school bus** is an extension of school. Students are expected to be safe, respectful and responsible on the bus. Students are reminded that they should...



- Stay seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
- Speak in a respectful tone.-Keep hands and feet to themselves.
- NOT** eat or drink on the bus.

THE HARLEM WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!



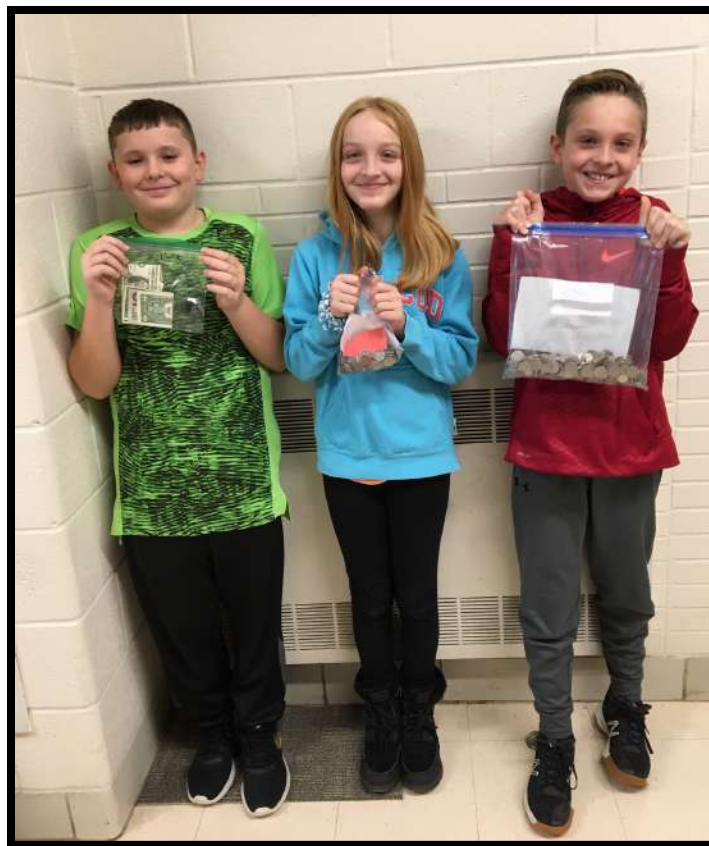
SAVE THE DATE

HARLEM WIZARDS VS. THE TEACHERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020
6:30PM
SHS GYM
Check them out at Harlemwizards.com
More information to follow

Chores for Charity

Throughout the fall, 5th graders have been exploring the themes of empathy and gratitude in reading. Through interactive read-aloud of picture books such as Lily and the Paper Man by Rebecca Upjohn and The Crane Girl by Curtis Manley, students have been taking part in meaningful discussions about the struggles many people face around the world, especially at this time of year.

Students were so inspired by these conversations that they wanted to find a way to help. As a result, 5th graders are taking part in a service project called “Chores for Charity”. Students will be seeking opportunities to complete chores in return for change, which will be collected on December 11th and donated to help those less fortunate. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something meaningful for others, develop an attitude of gratitude, and make a difference in our very own community!



Physical Education News

Happy December Everyone! Welcome to the winter sport season! There are so many great games and sport competitions to watch on TV that many of us wish for multiple screens. Instead of turning into a couch potato try going outside and taking part in the seasonal activities. Winter brings us sledding, skiing, ice skating, hiking and snow shoeing. So many great individual and family activities that there is no excuse not to be active.

Most authorities recommend that the ice be at least 3 or more inches thick to skate. Another way to look at it is at least a week of freezing or below temperatures. When skating on a pond or other open water be sure to check for under ice springs or moving water that can weaken the ice. It's always a good idea to skate with a buddy. Helmets are now suggested for skaters along with knee, elbow and wrist guards. If parents don't skate it's always fun to have them pull the younger children around on a sled. Traditionally hot chocolate should be served after a busy day on the ice.

For grown ups looking for gifts during the holiday season, we have a few suggestions: a jump rope (for boys or girls), hula hoop, pogo stick, frisbee, beginning lacrosse sets, (fiddle sticks), any style or size ball. Encourage children to be active and enjoy movement of all kinds.

In class students have been working on a variety of sports and activities too. The younger grades just wrapped up their soccer unit and will be starting a jump rope unit that will lead us up to the new year. The upper grades are beginning their bowling unit. Which may come in handy for any family outings to the bowling alley this winter!

We look forward to checking in next month and sharing what's going on both in and out of school. As always stay active, and please make sure dress for the weather when planning any outdoor activities!

SES PE Dept.

Mrs. Messenger

Mrs. Tarpinian



Notes from the Nurse's Office

It's Flu Season!

Every year in the U.S. an estimated 20,000 kids between the ages of 2 and 4 are hospitalized with severe cases of the flu. Doctor's say one of the best ways to stay protected against the flu is to get vaccinated. Connecticut state law mandates that students between the ages of 2 and 4 receive a flu vaccine during the flu season.

As a reminder, **all Pre-K students at Somers Elementary School must provide proof of receiving their flu vaccine by December 18, 2019** in order to be permitted to return to school after the holiday break.

National Hand washing Awareness Week 2019 December 1th- 7th

80% of all infectious diseases are transmitted by touch. The CDC recommends washing your hands for at least 15-20 seconds to prevent the spread of germs and illness.

Protect yourself, friends, and family by always washing your hands after using the restroom, after touching garbage, before eating or preparing food, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

Proper technique is important to ensure germs don't get left behind after washing. Always wash for at least 15-20 seconds using soap and warm water. Scrub palm to palm paying special attention to fingernails and fingertips. Rinse well under water and dry completely with a clean towel.

Infection control is in your hands! Be a Handwashing Hero!





PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS

Friday, December 13, 2019

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF
SOMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR PJs TO SCHOOL IN HONOR OF
KIDS BATTLING CANCER AT CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S.

Make an optional donation of \$1 or more and wear your PJs!

For more information and to locate your team/school online to make a gift, visit:
give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday



Please make checks payable to Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation.

All proceeds benefit the Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's.

Wear appropriate attire for school/weather. No slippers, please.

