

SES News

February 2020



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Harlem Wizards Game last week to support your SES Teachers and raise over \$10,000 for the PTO!



Dates to Remember!

February 17th - No School President's Day

February 18th - No School Professional Development Day

February 26th - PTO Sponsored Presentation; "Anti. Bullying Stand Up, Step In"
<https://www.mobileedproductions.com/stand-up-step-in-anti-bullying-school->

News from the ART ROOM

Mrs. McEvoy

Kindness is our Motto here at Somers Elementary School and students are excited about being the "I" in Kind in a new mural painted on the wall outside our cafeteria. Kindness is one key to a successful learning community. We all learn together with patience, perseverance, and a kind heart. Congratulations SES students for being the "i" in Kind!



Square 1 ART: Be on the lookout for your students SQUARE -1 Art Design



Our PTO sponsors the Square 1 Art as a fundraiser for enrichment programs at SES. Every student in art class creates a nice design that is then made into a sheet of 20 stickers of the design, which is free to the artists. Each student has been working hard to create a beautiful design. Once the entire school has completed this, by mid February, Mrs. Marks will send the forms back to SQUARE-1 and they will process the work and send out the final order form. Families can purchase merchandise including mugs, water bottles, aprons etc with your students design on the item. Thank you in advance for considering helping the PTO through this art fundraiser. Please note there is no purchase required.

Kindergarten

Registration

Information



March 9th-13th

10:00am-2:00pm

**At the Somers Elementary
School Office**

March 12th

4:00pm-7:00pm

Registration Requirements

The items listed below must be provided to the SES Main Office in order to register your child. In addition to these "paper copies" there are online registration forms you need to access via the Somers Public Schools Webpage.

1. Student's Birth Certificate

2. ONE of the following:

Rental Agreement showing tenant's full name(s) and physical Somers address.

OR

Signed lease agreement; warranty deed or mortgage deed or certificate of occupancy showing resident's name(s) and physical Somers address.

OR

Current gas or electric bill showing resident's name(s) and physical Somers address.

OR

If building a home and not yet a resident, a binding building contract indicating that occupancy will be established within 60 days.

3. If your child had a 5-year physical, please bring a copy of their immunization record and physical form.

Somers PreK Information and Screening Sessions

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00am-10:15am and 10:45am-12:00pm



Do you have questions or concerns about your child's development?

In accordance with federal regulations, state statutes and local board of education policy, Somers Public Schools assumes the responsibility for the location, identification and referral of all children requiring special education and/or related services of children residing in the town of Somers.

Our PreK staff will **conduct two Information and Screening Sessions on March 20, 2020** as part of our Child Find obligation. The sessions will be **9:00am-10:15am and 10:45am-12:00pm**. Please note that if you have concerns in regard to your child's development at any time, you are encouraged to contact staff in order for us to determine eligibility for special education services.

In addition, the Somers Early Start Pre-K has half-day options and openings for peer role models for the 2020-2021 school year. The Somers Smart Start Pre-K is our full day school readiness program. Early Start Peer role models and Smart Start openings will be chosen by lottery and the following criteria have been established:

- **Must participate in one of the PreK Information and Screening Sessions on March 20.**
- **Must be between the ages of 3 years and 4 years,8 months by September 1,2020. Children who turn 5 before January 1,2021 are kindergarten eligible.**
- **Parent must provide transportation to and from the program.**
- **Early Start monthly tuition is \$300.00 for AM or PM (4 days per week).**
- **Smart Start monthly tuition is determined on a sliding scale (full day, Monday - Friday)**

If your child meets the above criteria and you are interested in having your child registered for the Information and Screening Session, please contact the Somers Elementary School Office at 749-2270 Ext. 3102 & 3101. Final selection will be determined by lottery, with anticipated notification to parents about three weeks after the screening. If your child is not selected as a peer, you have the option of placement on our waiting list should a slot become available.

100th Day of School Food Drive

The third grade classes of Somers Elementary School are sponsoring a food drive for the 100th day of school. We are asking each grade level to help by collecting 100 items of nonperishables for each grade level. When the drive is finished, the third grade classes will collect the items and make the donation to the food pantry at the Somers Congregational Church on Main Street.

We chose this organization because they serve members of our own school family. If each grade level collects 100 item, SES will donate 600 items to this worthwhile organization!

Each grade level is asked to bring the following items below:

Kindergarten: tuna fish

First Grade: soup

Second Grade: canned fruit

Third Grade: canned vegetables

Fourth Grade: boxed macaroni and cheese

Fifth Grade: cereal



Please send donations in the week of February 17th .

Thank you for your help!
The SES Third Grade Team!



FOOD DRIVE

We Need Your Help!



Many parents ask, “when is my child sick enough to stay home from school?” This is not always an easy question to answer! I hope that these tips can help!

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Our school practice suggests that you should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- If your child has a fever over 100.0 they **MUST** stay home for 24 hours. They can return when they are fever free for 24 hours without Tylenol and/or Ibuprofen.
- If your child has vomited they **MUST** stay home for 24 hours.
- If your child has diarrhea they **MUST** stay home for 24 hours. For example if our child is vomiting and/or is having diarrhea at 9:00 PM, they are not to come to school the next day; they need to remain out for a full 24 hours.
- If your child has strep throat they **MUST** stay home until he/she has been on antibiotics after 24 hours.
- Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night.

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that you update your phone numbers where you can be contacted during the day and any emergency numbers in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness.

Please call us at 860 749-2270 ext 3110 if you have any questions or concerns.

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