Seeds of Kindness!

This past week was Random Acts of Kindness Week. Second graders read announcements encouraging kindness and compassion in our Primrose community. On Friday, we wore blue to show that we’re true blue friends. But our kind words and deeds did not stop there.

Some classes took up the kindness challenge by completing random acts of kindness at home or at school. In Mrs. Gaudio’s class, students were inspired by the book, Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler. The children worked to complete five acts of kindness at home and in the community! Mrs. Stietzel and Ms. Smith’s classes completed acts of kindness and were hoping to rack up at least a dozen each in their Kindness Challenge!

Compliments spread kindness and joy! In Mrs. Maliniak’s room, students picked names of classmates at random and paid each other compliments. Mrs. Oliva’s first graders wrote one compliment for every classmate and exchanged them at a Valentine themed celebration. Mrs. Paperman’s class has made the art of the compliment a weekly occurrence; spreading compliments every Friday!

Finally in Mrs. Cardona’s class, each student picked the name of a classmate, made a kindness bracelet for him/her. The student presented the other child with the gift by paying him/her a compliment and wishing the classmate a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Primrose is a kind community where adults and students lead with their hearts!

This Valentine’s Day, the classrooms and offices of Primrose were overflowing with the flowers purchased by families through the annual Destination Imagination fundraiser. The staff was very grateful for your kindness and generosity. We feel lucky to be working with such amazing children and families! Many thanks!

Valentine, You’re Crazy!

Ms. Genez’s first grade class showed their love for a little friendly competition by playing “Minute to Win It” inspired activities! I heard that even the class parents got into the action with a head to head competition amongst the adults! There’s only one way to win it; you have to have your whole HEART in it!

Winter Olympics at Primrose

In physical education classes, students are warming up for class by playing Winter Olympics Tag. When students get tagged by the ball, they can freeze like an athlete participating in the Winter Olympics; a figure-skater, skier, snowboarder, hockey player, curler, speed skater, or a bobsledder. To get back into the game someone with a Gold Medal (a yellow ring) must pass it along to unfreeze them. Can you identify the event from this pose? Go Team USA!
PTA Announcements

Primrose Yearbook on Sale!

Cherish the memories! Purchase your Primrose yearbook today! Visit www.schoolannual.com and click on "Buy Student's Yearbook" at the top. Search for Primrose in the "Get Started" search bar. Click on "2018 Yearbook". Be sure to input your child's teacher. Yearbooks are $20 + tax. Order by FRIDAY, MARCH 23. No extra books will be purchased, so order yours today! If you have any questions, please contact our Yearbook Chair, Tara Duffy, at taraeliseduffy@gmail.com.

Photos for Yearbook - ReplayIt.com

If you attend a school or classroom event this year, please help us by taking photos for the Primrose yearbook! We need candid shots of students and would love to have as many students represented as possible in the yearbook! It's easy to upload photos straight from your phone through the ReplayIt app!

Please visit www.schoolannual.com/replayit-app for information on how to upload photos to this site. Please be sure to indicate which class/event the pictures are for. If you would prefer, you can email photos to Tara Duffy at taraeliseduffy@gmail.com.

Need a Somers Vineyard Vine T-shirt? Luckily the PTA is selling them!

Primrose PTA wants to take YOU out to the ballpark! Celebrate the end of the school year with us at the Hudson Valley Renegades!

Do you shop at BJs? Looking to join? The PTA receives a donation for every Primrose family who joins. See the flyer for details!

Don't forget!
Upcoming Events:

2/17-2/25 February Break – Schools are closed.
2/26 – Schools are back in session!
3/1 – Read Across America - Read Aloud Sessions at Somers Library [3:30-4:30]
3/2 – SEF Carnival – Primrose [6:30PM]
3/9 – Professional Learning Day
No School for Students
3/16 – Colored in Character Day!
   Wear green for cooperation!
3/22 – Report Card Conferences – Early Dismissal
   [ 10:50 Parent Pick up, 11:10 Buses Depart]

Volunteers Wanted!

Primrose needs you! The No Place for Hate Committee wants to do a spring project in each classroom, but we're a little shorthanded. Can you lend a hand? If so, please email Mrs. MacDowell at ali.weisman@gmail.com or Mrs. Sable at leenie16@aol.com.
**Community Announcements**

**SYSO**


Somers Lacrosse is for girls, too! Registration for the 2018 Girls Spring Lacrosse Season is NOW OPEN! Please go to [https://somersnyglax.siplay.com/site/](https://somersnyglax.siplay.com/site/) to register.

**Girls Softball Registration is open!**

Come join the fun on Saturday mornings!

- Preschool - Ages 3-5
- 6u (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
- 8u (2nd and 3rd Grade)

If you have any questions please contact katie.dichiaro@gmail.com

http://somersnysb.sportssignup.com/site/

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**SEPTA Announcements**

**General SEPTA Board Meeting – Monday, February 26 7 PM in the SMS Library**

All are welcome to attend the next SEPTA board meeting. Meet members of the current SEPTA board and discover ways that you can get involved. Find out the plans SEPTA has for the rest of the year and share your ideas for the future. If you would like to attend, please send an email to rsvpforsepta@gmail.com.

**Anxiety and Depression in Children and Teens**

**Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 PM in the SMS Library**

Even in the best of situations, all children experience some anxiety or sadness at various times throughout their development. However, these conditions are considered a “disorder” based on how much distress and interference these feelings are causing and whether they are preventing a child from fully participating in the typical activities of their daily life including school, friendships, and/or academic performance. SMS School Psychologist, Dr. Samantha Morrison will provide a brief overview of anxiety and depression and will discuss ways for parents to be able to identify these conditions in children and adolescents. In addition, she will review broad strategies to help children work through any difficulties they may be experiencing. Dr. Morrison is asking for parents to come prepared with any questions they have so that it may allow for a question-and-answer, open dialogue format, in discussing these issues. To view the SEPTA meeting flyer, please click on the link: [https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/1186/Dr.Morrison2.28.18.pdf](https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/1186/Dr.Morrison2.28.18.pdf)

**8th Annual SEPTA Magic Show: Friday, March 23 at Somers High School**


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**SEF Announcements**

Come join us for the Carnival and Ice Cream Social! Kids can play carnival games and win prizes! When? Friday, March 2nd from 6:30-9 PM.