

The Primrose Press

April 5, 2019



Neighborly Hospitality

Four second grade classrooms played host to our neighbors from SHS this week. Two juniors and two sophomores came to start their day with us – Responsive Classroom style.

The SHS students sat in on the Morning Meeting where students greeted each other by name and exchanged pleasant conversation. They played teambuilding games like *Double This, Double That*, encouraging partnership and collaboration. Additionally, they played *A Warm Wind Blows*, a game in which students notice what they have in common and ways they differ. Having never been in a Morning Meeting before, the high school students learned a lot from our PES children!

Next, the high school students were off to another set of classrooms. There they shared the story **Be Kind**, reading aloud to the second graders. They engaged the students in ways to show kindness, even in the face of adversity. The morning was wrapped up as students passed a ball of string to each other and paid each other compliments as they did so. Kindness connects us just like that ball of string. The Primrose students learned that kindness is for every age and you never outgrow it.



Carnivores, Herbivores, Omnivores... Oh My!

The kindergarten classes are wild about science! Well, it's no wonder with guest presenters bringing learning to life in our K classrooms!

Students learned how to classify animals by what they eat: carnivore, omnivore, or herbivore. Scientists can also examine the teeth of animal to learn which type of consumer it is. Kaylee J., from Ms. Sebastiano's class, told us that sharp teeth were the mark of a true carnivore while the herbivore has flat teeth.

The educator from Madden also brought some friends with him. Students were treated to a front row seat with a hawk and a hedgehog. There were also real jaw bones and animal furs to touch and examine. Kindergarten is one wild place!



SDM Saves the Day!

The first week of School Dismissal Manager went extraordinarily well! Families are all signed up and are using SDM like champions. Starting April 8th, we will only be using SDM to indicate dismissal plans. No more paper notes. Also, please make sure that all changes are made before the 11 AM cut off time. Anything after that time will not save.

Did you know that you can also report an absence on School Dismissal Manager? It's true! You don't have to call Mrs. Pond! Just click the absence button and you're done! School Dismissal Manager really does save the day!

SEPTA Announcements

Summer Fun Program

Somers SEPTA is excited to kick off the Summer Fun Activity Program at Somers Middle School beginning the week of July 8th. All students grade K-5 are welcome to attend. Each week will provide a variety of enrichment activities, staffed by teachers, community professionals and teacher assistants. Please click the attached link for registration form and more information. [Summer Fun 2019 K-5](#)

NY Yankees Outing with SEPTA

Baseball season is now underway! Come join other Somers families and watch the NY Yankees take on the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday, August 14th at 1 PM. Fabulous seats are in section 105 and 106 in the right outfield. Cost per ticket is \$43 (regularly priced at \$90). Must provide own transportation. Limited seats available. To reserve your seats and arrange payment details, contact Denise at denisendan26@optimum.net as soon as possible.

SEPTA & PTA Announcements

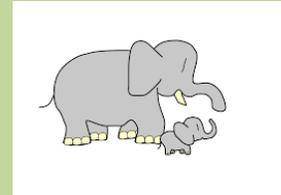
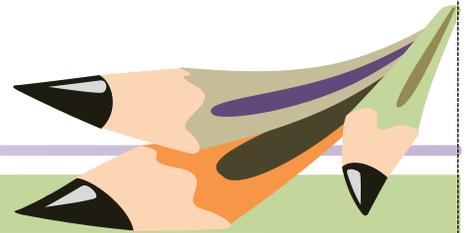
Setting the Stage for Success: Enhancing Executive Functioning at School and at Home Presented by Rachel Z. Haddad, Psy. D.

Monday, April 8th at 7:30 PM in the SMS Library
Somers SEPTA and the Primrose PTA invite parents, school personnel, and community providers to join us for this informative workshop which will focus on practical tips and interventions that parents and teachers can implement at home and in the classroom to improve students' executive functions, including: using a planner, completing large tasks, time management, managing distractions, and organization.

First Annual Tusker Trot

The first annual **Somers Tusker Trot 5K (run/walk) and 1M Kids' Fun Run** will be held on April 27th, 2019 at [294 Route 100 Somers, NY 10589](#) (old IBM campus). All proceeds from this event will be donated to Somers SEPTA and the Primrose PTA. Start time is 8:30 for the 1M Kids' Fun Run and 9am for the 5K.

https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/11/Tusker%20Trot%202019%20Blurb_.pdf



Don't forget!

Upcoming Events:

- 4/9-** Visiting Author for K [School Assembly]
- 4/12** – Colored in Character Day [Wear Red]
When the going gets tough, a Tusker never gives up. Show your perseverance!
- 4/15-4/22** – Spring Recess [Schools are closed]
- 4/23** – Schools are back in session
- 5/1** – Incoming K Parent Orientation [7-8 PM]
- 5/14 -5/17** – DIAL Screenings [By appointment]

SCSD Announcements

Somers Parks and Recreation begins next week – update your child's School Dismissal Manager

If your child is registered for a Parks and Recreation Activity for the spring season it is time to add that activity to School Dismissal Manager. You will need to create a "Recurring Dismissal Instruction" for each activity your child is enrolled in.

- Go to your child's calendar
- On the top bar, choose Recurring Dismissal Instructions
- Choose your child's name from the drop-down menu
- Choose dismissal instruction – select the name of the Parks & Recreation Activity
- Choose the day of the week
- Input the first date of class and the last date of class
- Select SAVE RECURRING DISMISSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please note, there are (2) Yoga classes so please be sure to select Yoga- Tuesday or Yoga- Friday.

Questions? Please call the office at 248-8888.