

Friday, October 20, 2023

SCS Newsletter

During the second grade studies of civics and government, students were asked to "campaign" for class president. After presenting their speeches and answering questions from the audience, staff and students of the Southport Central School voted to elect Theo Kurtz as our first president of 2nd grade. Here, Theo is presented with a certificate from his teacher (and principal) Ms. Lisa Clarke.



Winter Concert season has arrived!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Practice recordings can be found at this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sllik0i0FJSNDyjdOuqT7B2Ddjw7PDjG?usp=drive_link

Extra copies of music and lyrics can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jFqcS5g6PKD2k_4IHb8zZ1-Pf_JxjOj2?usp=drive_link

Happy practicing!

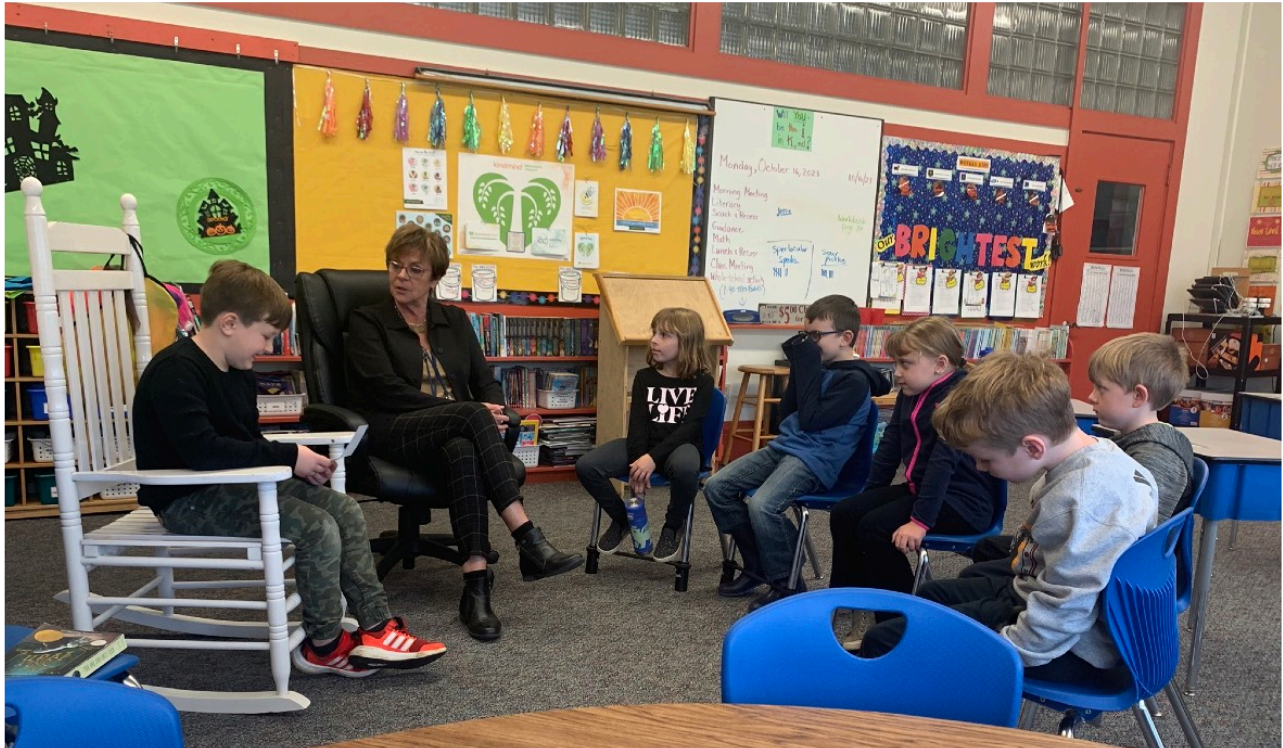
Ms. McIvor

Ms. Tibbett's K/1 Classroom

To kick off our first science unit, we learned all about why leaves change color in the fall. Students practiced leaf printing and then we made nature crowns during forest school! Ms Tracey taught us that trees slow down their chlorophyll production to prepare for winter and that's why leaves turn color and eventually fall off.



Ms. Clarke's Grade 2 Classroom



Students in second grade hold their first class meeting with newly-elected class president Theo Kurtz presiding. Theo is shown sharing a letter from classmate Aiden Nunan, who has proposed that Forest School continue into second grade. Aiden's letter contained several logical reasons why this should be approved; in the end, a class vote was taken, with 100% of the class in favor of Aiden's proposal...naturally! :)

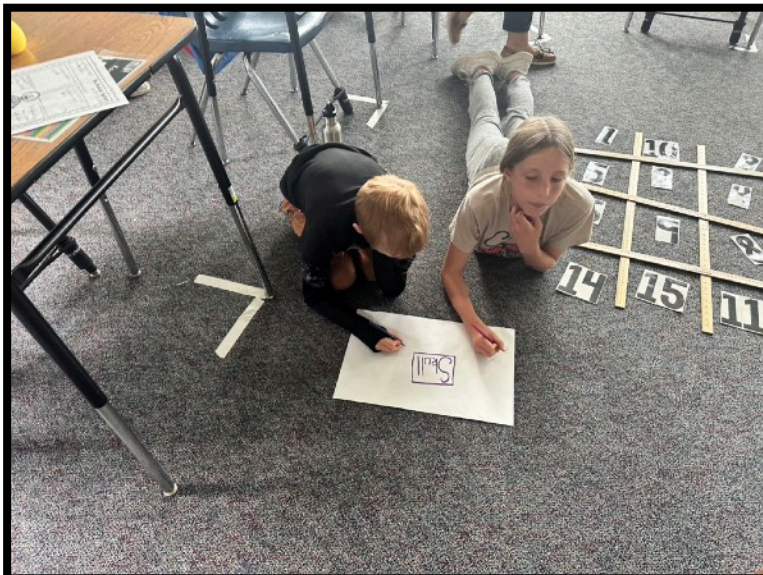
Ms. Clarke will be consulting with Miss Tracey (Hall) to see if we can make this happen. This was a great lesson in democracy, and the children were wonderful participants!

Mrs. Browne's class was dressed so beautifully for today's pictures, we couldn't resist taking a class picture!



Mrs. Browne's 4/5/6 Classroom

Mrs. Browne's class has begun learning more about the human body. We began by getting together in pairs to discover what we already know about the skeletal system.



OF IMPORTANCE

1. **HOLIDAY CONCERT** - Please mark your calendars for this year's holiday concert to be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 6pm at the town hall. The snow date is December 20th at the same time.

2. SWIM AND GYM AT THE YMCA IS RETURNING!

Beginning on November 7th and continuing every Tuesday through April 30, 2024, students at SCS have the good fortune to participate in swim & gym at the YMCA. On Tuesdays, please be sure your child comes to school with the following:

a swimsuit, towel, a water bottle, sneakers that have not been worn outside that day, and comfortable clothing suitable for exercise and active play. We encourage you to write your child's name or initials on these items, as it has been our experience that sometimes the children don't recognize their own belongings. As well, having them participate in the packing of these items helps them to know what is theirs. Suits and towels for swim should be in a bag that holds wet items securely.

On swim and gym days, students will be gone from the school from app. 10:35-1:15, and will have a lunch immediately upon return. We will ensure the children have a big snack in the morning on these days.

Please be in touch with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

3. **SOUTHPORT BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION** is due to begin Monday, Oct. 30th. Although we don't know how this will impact bus transportation, we know it is sure to. Please be aware that there will be one-lane traffic expected for a long time, and with that comes uncertainty. All we can do is maintain our routine, but we fully expect delays, and we ask that you plan for this, as well. Thank you for your understanding.

4. **DOES YOUR CHILD NEED AFTER-SCHOOL CARE?** The YMCA's Fit Kids program has openings for kiddos in grades (k-5). For more information, please contact Erin Gray at: 633-2855 or egray@brymca.org.

Fire Safety Week at Southport School



Fire Chief Gerry Gamage, Assistant Fire Chief Adam Harkins and Captain Matt Thibault taught the children all about fire safety. They learned what to do in case of a fire in your home, and the importance of knowing your address and calling 911 to tell them where you are, so they can help you in case of an emergency.

They sprayed the big engine's hose, which was a big treat for the K students who had never seen that before.

We extend a huge thank you to these firefighters for coming and teaching the children of Southport School about fire safety!

See more pictures on the Southport School Facebook page.

