Sedgwick Scene
May 2017

Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Ms. Melissa Behrens, Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 12 - 6th Grade Dance - 6:30-9:00 pm

Monday, May 15 - PTO Meeting - 7:00 pm- MPR

Wednesday, May 17 - SEPTO - 7:00 pm

Monday , May 22 - Pops Concert SMS - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day - No School

Wednesday, May 31 - 8th Grade Concert - 7:00 pm

ESOL Student Of The Month :

Ashley R. - Team UPenn

ART SHOW

Kieran D. (8)

Lila P. (7)

Ewan M. (6)

Nam N. (7)

Grace W. (6)

Sedgwick Middle School

Mai B. (8)

PIZZA! REFRESHMENTS! ART! FUN!

2017 Annual Art Show

RECEPTION

May, 16th 4-6pm

SMS FOYER &
SURROUNDING HALLWAYS

Sedgwick Middle School

7th Grade Family Badminton Night

What: Enjoy an evening of Net Sports and Family Fitness.

Who: Grade 7 students accompanied by Parent(s) or Guardian(s).

When: Wednesday, 5/10 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 5/17 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Sedgwick Gym Facilities
Enter through side doors by gyms.

Goal: Promote Community Fun and Fitness.

For Further Information:

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allison_rowlson@whps.org
steve_garneau@whps.org

"WEB"

Where Everyone Belongs

We are very excited to introduce a new program to our school, WEB. WEB, "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders to our school in order to help them feel comfortable throughout the first year at Sedgwick.

The WEB kickoff is a 6th grade orientation prior to the start of school led by 8th graders, known as WEB leaders. Incoming 6th grade students will meet their fellow classmates, become oriented with the building through a tour, and most of all, have fun! But the experience does not end there. WEB leaders and 6th grade students will continue to interact throughout the year during Advisory period and various school sponsored social events.

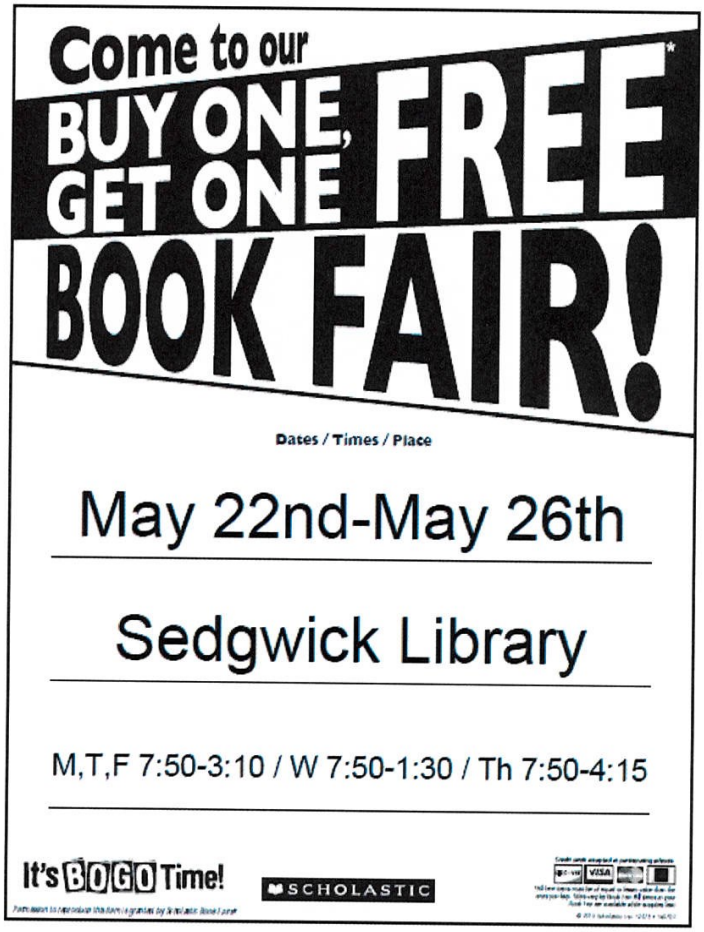
WEB is not just a 6th grade thing. Built on the belief that **STUDENTS** can help students succeed, the program will train scholars from our current 7th grade, soon to be 8th grade class, to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors who guide the 6th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to Sedgwick.

If your child is kind, enthusiastic, willing to help and lead others and be someone's superhero, please encourage them to apply to be a WEB leader. Students can contact Mrs. Matway or Mrs. Almon for more information. WEB leader applications are available in Advisory, throughout the building, or online at http://goo.gl/forms/zj3GPWeuaX.

Math4Success Team

Our Math Intervention Team won the Regional Math competition with a late entry on the last day of a week long competition. Sedgwick Middle Math4Success Team pulled through to sweep the region with 8 students in the top ten overall in the competition. **Great work Sedgwick!**

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair at Sedgwick

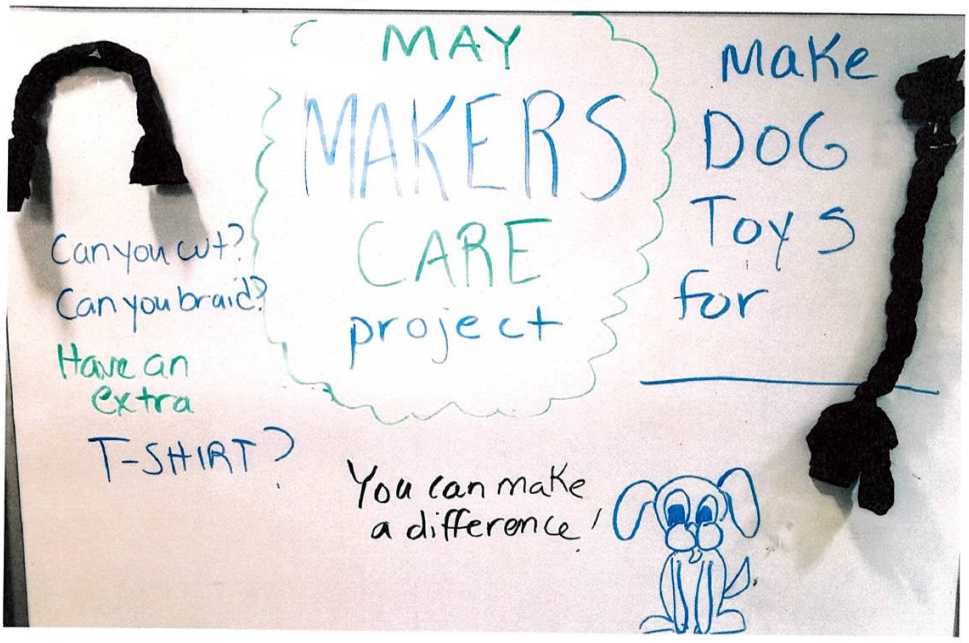


There will be a Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair in the library from May 22nd to May 26th! Students can stop by the library to stock up on summer reading choices.

Parent volunteers are needed to be cashiers for the fair! You can sign up here if you have an hour or two! https://goo.gl/e5JivZ Or Scan this QR Code to get to the sign up!

Library MakerSpace May Activities

May is our "Makers Care" month! Students will be turning old t-shirts into dog toys to be donated to the CT Humane Society. If you have any old t-shirts, please send them in!



Keva Planks

The library will also have a set of Keva Planks for one week in the library for students to experiment with!

Nutmeg Battle of the Books

The third annual Sedgwick Nutmeg Battle of the Books was held in the Library Media Center on Thursday, April 20th after school. Four teams battled for the championship title. One team rose above the rest by a very thin, one-point margin, and there was a two-way tie for second place! Congratulations to Ryan L., Braden F., Rushil Y., and Jayanth K. for their victory! New Nutmeg Nominee Titles will be on May 1st. Check it out!
http://www.nutmegaward.org

NEWS FROM THE NURSES
May 2017

Some reminders from the health room:

- Please ensure that your emergency contact information is up to date and you have a plan for picking your child up from school if necessary.

- We can **not** give your child any medication - including over the counter - without a doctor's written order and parent permission. The needed paperwork can be found on our blog (see below) under Medication Administration.

- We can **not** excuse your child from PE class by parent request only. Please have your child examined by a doctor if they have an injury requiring physical restrictions.

- We try to put important information in the Sedgwick Scene newsletter each month. You can also access information and download forms from our Nurse's Blog at: http://blog.whps.org/sedgwicknurse/.

Spring Allergies

We have begun to see an increased number of students with symptoms of Spring allergies. If your child suffers from allergies, this is a good time to start their medication.

Some helpful reminders:

Wash face and hands every time you come in from outside - this will remove any allergens.
Don't sleep with windows open - this will prevent allergens from being blown into your room.
Wear a hat and sunglasses when outside - this will prevent allergens from falling on face and eyes.
Change pillowcases frequently - allergens in your hair and on your clothing can end up on your sheets.

Attention 6th grade Parents!

All students must meet the State of Connecticut requirements for 7th grade before the start of the school year. Please send documentation of your student having met these requirements to school as soon as possible.

These requirements are:

1. An updated physical - done after July 1, 2015

2. Mandated 7th grade vaccines - a Tdap (tetanus booster) and Menactra (meningitis)

Students who have not met these requirements will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities and may be excluded from school.

BRAVE Girls Leadership Inc.

www.girlsarebrave.org

BRAVE Service Learning Trip

July 2, 2017 - July 9, 2017

Support BRAVE students in their partnership with local communities in Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic. Together, we will be working to achieve sustainable, positive change.

On this trip BRAVE will:

- Learn and grow together
- Participate in programs that address the needs of local children
- Contribute to the construction of a school for children in the community

Visit https://www.gofundme.com/braveservicelearning to make a donation.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Grade 5 to 6 Transition

Welcome to all future Sedgwick Families

Sedgwick continues to plan a series of activities to welcome fifth graders and their families to Sedgwick.

1. Sedgwick-bound fifth graders started their visits to Sedgwick in April and will continue through May during the school day. They will be meeting staff members and touring the school in small groups.
2. Fifth grade teachers will share information with school counselors in the spring.
3 Questions? Concerns? Please call your child's future counselor using the following student assignment breakdown. Please note that Mrs. Passafiume is filling in for Mrs. Lopez while she is out on maternity leave for the remainder of this school year.

Main number: (860)570-6500

A - D	**Alison Passafiume (ext 5320)**
E - L	**Bob Lorenzo (ext 5319)**
M - Q	**Maxine Smith (ext 5318)**
R - Z	**Brenda McKeown (ext 5317)**

Grade 8-9 Transition

On May (19th, 22nd and 23rd) eighth grade students will participate in the "Day in the Life" event at Conard High School during the school day. Students will receive tours of Conard and attend presentations given by current Conard students and Conard faculty.

In the beginning of June, the 8th grade Sedgwick counselors will meet with Conard counselors to finalize the transition process.