



Winter 2016-2017

MSAD 55 SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Hawks Corner



WCSH 6 INSPIRING EDUCATOR AWARD

Congratulations to
Sacopee's own

Joanne McKenney for being selected as a WCSH 6 Inspiring Educator. In February a film crew came to Sacopee to video Mrs. McKenney in action and interview her. Mrs. McKenney is a high school special education teacher and the dropout prevention coordinator who says, "I am passionate about these "at risk" kids, even though my job title is a special education teacher, those are the kids that steal my heart." Joanne works hard to help all students find success in high school, and she fights for each student to have a safe place at school. Thank you to Joanne for all you do for our students.



You can see the TV clip by scanning the QR code or using the following link:

<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/outreach/inspiring-educators/inspiring-educator-joanne-mc-kenney-of-sacopee-valley/386843011>

2017 MSAD 55 TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Janet Harriman for being named the 2017 MSAD 55 Teacher of the Year. The MSAD 55 Teacher of the Year program honors outstanding educators who serve as an inspiration to teachers, students, and community members. Janet currently teaches algebra 1 at Sacopee Valley High School, and has dedicated 28 years to our students teaching both math and science at the middle and high school levels. She is a teacher who embodies the same characteristics that she works

to instill in her students such as determination, drive, and accountability. Her passion for her students and subject is still evident each and every day, and her ability to meet the needs of each of her students continues to inspire the teachers and staff with whom she works. Congratulations Janet!

2017 EDUCATOR SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

On March 10th, Pamela Eastman was announced as the first ever SAD 55 Educator Support Person of the Year to a standing ovation! Pam has been a district employee for 22 years and has spent the last nine years as the SVES Technology Technician. Previously, Pam was the District Elementary Secretary. Pam has taught multiple professional development and early release trainings. She has coached SVMS softball and basketball and is a member of the Technology Committee. She currently is volunteering as the SVES Hawks Helpers Coordinator. Pam's nomination noted that she performs above and beyond expectations, including volunteering for numerous activities outside of her job responsibilities. During her speech, Pam said that those fortunate enough to love what they do never work a day in their lives. She concluded by saying that she considered herself one of those people! Congratulations Pam on a well-deserved honor!



NEWS FROM SVHS

MODERN WORLD HISTORY COMMUNITY SERVICE - It's that time of year again! World History students are fundraising for a global organization. This year, the students chose to benefit the educational classroom of San Vicente Foundation Hospital in Colombia. This classroom supports 5,000 hospitalized children every year and helps prevent setbacks in their learning due to their illnesses. So far the class has raised over \$145.00. Fundraising efforts will continue until May.

POETRY OUT LOUD - Sacopee Valley High School held a Poetry Out Loud competition in December. Students in grades 9-12 were eligible to participate. Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation contest created in 2006 by the National Endowment for the Arts. Students recite up to two poems, and the school winner is sent on to the regional competition. Regional champions continue on to a state competition. Sacopee's school winner was Sierra Miller and runner-up was Jordan Miner. On February 28th, Sierra represented SVHS in the regional competition. Although she did not place high enough to go on to the states, she did not make any mistakes in her recitation and was an excellent representative of our school.

CLASS OF 2018 TRAVELED TO QUEBEC - On March 4th, sixty-seven Juniors returned from a trip to Quebec funded generously by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation. The students toured the Observatoire de la Capitale, Chateau Frontenac, Basilica, Musee de l'Amerique Francais, Sainte Anne de Beaupre, and a walking tour of Le Vieux.



NEWS FROM SVMS

2017 Sacopee Valley Spelling Bee Champion - It was once again a pleasure to witness Sacopee Valley students showcasing their spelling talent at the SVMS Spelling Bee! Twenty-four spellers correctly spelled words such as bemused, clodhopper, quashed, equestrian, bedraggled, marionette, compatriots, epithets, implacable, austere, tenaciously, vulpine, and the winning word habanero. Congratulations to our winner, sixth-grader Brooke Landry and our runner-up, eighth-grader Emma Brearley! Special thanks to our Bee Master Stephanie Dixon and Judges Sylvia Pease and Susan Ray.

2017 Maine Regional Scholastics Writing Competition - Congratulations to eighth grader Jack Jordan for winning a Gold Key award in the 2017 Maine Regional Scholastics Writing Competition. He submitted a short story entitled "The Similarities". Maine students sent a total of 465 submissions and only forty Gold Keys were awarded. All Gold Key winners will be forwarded to the national level of the Scholastic Writing Awards. Jack will be honored at an awards ceremony on March 17th at the University of Southern Maine.

2017 Maine Regional Scholastics Art Competition - Congratulations to eighth grader Eli Small for an honorable mention award in the 2017 Maine Regional Scholastics Art Competition. He submitted a photo entitled "Adorned". He was honored at an awards ceremony at the Maine College of Art on February 11th!

NEWS FROM SVES

The SVES Hawks Helpers facilitated our first annual Fill A Sock For a Hawk Drive to help families in our school community with stocking stuffers and holiday dinners. We are very thankful for the students, parents, and community members who donated items and knitted hats and mittens for every child receiving a stocking of goodies. Mrs. Englund, SVES Art and ESOL Teacher, was able to obtain a \$250 grant, which helped the drive tremendously! When the drive was completed, the Hawks Helpers were able to fill 29 holiday stockings for every student in our Pre-K program, provide holiday dinners with all of the fixings to 21 families, and holiday stockings full of goodies for 45 students in our school community. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and made this community project such a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Harlem Superstars will be on Friday, March 31 at 7 PM at SVHS. Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- Empty Bowls will be on Thursday, April 6 from 5 PM - 7 PM



WINTER SPORTS

Boys Varsity Basketball: The team was led by five seniors: Cameron Cyr leading the team in scoring, Brandon Sloan led in free throws, Alex Mudgett led in three point shooting, Maccoy Reinhard led in two point field goals, and Kris Mason. Underclassman rounded out the team with Michael Murphy, Tyler Weeks, Troy Hendricks, Tyler Fenderson and Josh Hart all playing significant roles. We are excited to work together as a team during the summer schedule and into next season.

Girls Varsity Basketball: The team had another challenging year competing in Class B. Despite being a much smaller school than our Class B counterparts, the girls competed night in and night out right to the final buzzer. Highlights of the season included putting up 57 points in a home win against Traip Academy; Helen Ruhlin setting the single season record for three pointers made at 36; and, in the final game of the year, a buzzer beating shot by Stacie Barton to put the Waynflete game into overtime. The five seniors will be missed greatly; however, some young talent is ready to step in next year.

Varsity Cheerleading: The cheerleading team had a great season this year. The team consisted of 20 members, four of whom were boys, making this the largest squad in 14 years. For the first time, the team earned a 1st place finish at Cheers from the Heart in Biddeford. They ended the season placing 4th at Regionals and 9th at States and received the Sportsmanship Award for the 4th year in a row!

8th Grade Girls Basketball: The team was fun to watch this year! The girls played extremely unselfish basketball as they were always looking to pass and help each other out. They ended with a winning record and had fun doing it.

7th Grade Girls Basketball: The team had a tremendous season! Every day saw great improvement right up to the last game where the Lady Hawks, made up of a combination of 6th, 7th, and some 8th grade players, won three out of their last four games, ending the season on a high note.

8th Grade Boys Basketball: The team started the season with a new coach and implemented the varsity strategy of basketball. As the season progressed, the boys played very hard and improved a lot. The team was competitive in every game and they gained a lot of experience that will help them at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

7th Grade Boys Basketball: The team finished a successful season on a high note with a win at Waynflete Academy. The boys made tremendous progress and growth over the course of the season, making every contest more competitive week by week. The Hawks finished with three wins on the season. There was growth from each and every player from November through February.

Middle School Cheerleading: The team had many new cheerleaders come out this season with a lot of veterans too! Bayleigh, Caitie, and April continued to show amazing leadership in their last year of MS cheering and led their team to new heights! The team competed in three local competitions and surpassed all individual goals that were set! Their confidence truly shined this season.

Unified Basketball: Sacopec's unified basketball team opened their second season with a 70 - 52 win over Thornton and will end the season March 15th with a festival at Fryeburg Academy. The team worked hard over the course of the season on their passing and defensive skills, which contributed to a 20 - 20 tie against Cape in the least regular season game.

SACOPEE SPOTLIGHT ON.... SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR, DON ISAACS

Don Isaacs' term as a School Board member from Baldwin just ended on March 11th. He served on the MSAD 55 School Board for five years. During April of 2013, his second year on the Board, he was elected to the role of Vice-Chair. As a demonstration of his standing with other Board members, he was elected as Chair eight short months later. During Don's time as Chair, the District successfully negotiated a new three year contract with the Tri-County Teachers' Association. Because of Don's collaborative nature, the negotiation ended with both sides leaving the bargaining table feeling positive and appreciated. Don has truly been a very committed Board member for the past five years. In addition to the numerous meetings, he attends many district events to show support for students and staff members. He has created a culture of professionalism and teamwork that has propelled the district forward in many areas. We are thankful to Don for his time on the Board and his steadfast commitment to the MSAD 55 school community.



MSAD 55 Sacopee Valley Kindergarten Registration Fall of 2017

SACOPEE APPAREL



New Sacopee Pride apparel is in! If you don't have yours yet, contact Tammy McNulty at tmcnulty@sad55.org or at 625-3208. T-shirts are available in children's and adult sizes for \$15 each. We also have new inventory of tech shirts for \$20 each and sweatshirts for \$25.

What to bring:

- Child's birth certificate with a state seal
- Child's immunization records
- Proof of residency (i.e., utility bill, copy of a mortgage or rental agreement)

All incoming Kindergarten students must turn five (5) by October 15, 2017

Sacopee Valley Elementary Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm

This is a parent night, so your child does not need to attend.

What will parent(s) do at this event:

- Complete student registration forms
- Schedule an appointment for Kindergarten Screening on May 17th, 18th, or 19th.
- Meet the Kindergarten teachers
- Visit stations learning about various supports available at school and in the community and receive free gifts

ELEANOR JORDAN - YOUTH FESTIVAL

Eleanor Jordan, a 7th grader at Sacopee Valley Middle School, has always had a passion for playing the cello. She started taking lessons when she was in the third grade and has always worked hard to improve her skill. This past May, she auditioned with the USM Portland Youth Symphony and was excited to be accepted to the Portland Young People's String Consort. She will play her second concert with this group in April at Merrill Auditorium.



Show Dates and Times

Friday, March 24th at 7 pm

Saturday, March 25th at 7 pm

Sunday, March 26th at 2 pm and 7 pm

Presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company The Wizard of Oz RSC Version by L. Frank Baum with MGM motion picture score by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg Courtesy of the Tams-Whitmark Music Library/Inc.

EMOTIONALLY LITERATE CLASSROOMS

In the summer of 2015, our district leadership team comprised of TCTA leaders and administration determined the need for professional development on Trauma Sensitive Schools after hearing Jim Sporleder speak in St. Louis. The leadership team went on to develop a 45 hour course around trauma and poverty, which fifty staff members participated in this year from September to December. In October, twenty educators and three administrators participated in the RULER approach training at Yale University with Marc Brackett, PH.D. The RULER approach focuses on the importance of emotions on learning. Since being in a positive emotional state is critical to learning, teachers need to understand the power of emotions as educators to help educate our students about the power of emotional intelligence. The RULER trained educators have spent professional development days this year educating their peers on understanding and regulating emotions. RULER will be implemented in all K-12 classrooms during 2017-2018.

TECHNOLOGY PD DAY

While our students enjoyed an afternoon off on Friday, January 27th, the staff of Sacopee Valley went back to the classroom to learn from their peers! Teachers were able to choose from over twenty sessions that offered exploring the world through Google Expeditions, taking a class on a virtual fieldtrip, QR codes, or learning to write code, just to name a few! Thank you to all the staff that volunteered their expertise in running a session. The day was such a huge success that we will be offering a similar event this summer!

