



**Winter 2018**

MSAD 55 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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# Hawks Corner

## District Learning Team

The District Learning Team (DLT) was developed in June of 2017, when the opportunity arose for any educator interested to apply for this ground breaking team comprised of teacher leaders and administrators from all three buildings.

The District Learning Team is a continuation of the strong partnership that has developed in SAD 55. The goal of the DLT is for teachers and administrators to work collaboratively with the objective of continuing to improve student outcomes while building capacity as we listen and learn together. The team met over the summer and has had several productive meetings to date, and will continue the work for the foreseeable future. It is clear that the educators of SAD 55 are deeply committed to student learning.

### Sacoee Circle

Please visit our new Sacoee Valley Middle School online newspaper at  
<https://sites.google.com/a/sacopeevalleyschools.org/svms-newspaper/home>  
or by scanning below



## 2018 Sacoee Valley Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Jaci Ritter, Sacoee Valley Middle School Grade 8 Mathematics Teacher, on being named the 2018 Sacoee Valley Teacher of the Year! Jaci has been an active educator in Sacoee Valley for the last twelve years. She is currently the Tri-County Teachers Association Vice-President and participates on the District Learning Team. She is a Nationally Board Certified teacher and has also coached other educators through the process. Jaci also coaches Varsity Field Hockey and Unified Basketball. Congratulations Jaci!

## 2018 Sacoee Valley Education Support Person of the Year

Congratulations to Lorraine Boutot, Sacoee Valley Elementary School Title One Educational Technician, on being named the 2018 Sacoee Valley Education Support Person of the Year! Lorraine Boutot has been a Title One Educational Technician at Sacoee Valley Elementary School for the last 16 years. Lorraine is a member of the Student Assistance Team, the Response to Intervention Team, and the Number Worlds Lead Educator. Congratulations Lorraine!



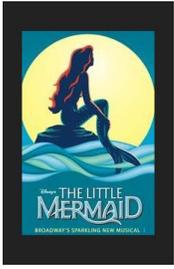
We will be honoring Jaci and Lorraine at an evening celebration on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 pm in the Sacoee Valley Middle School Cafeteria. Please email [sdlay@sad55.org](mailto:sdlay@sad55.org) if you would like to attend.

## Where in the World are Sacoee Graduates?



Sacoee graduates are all over the country and world doing incredible things and we would like to share! Please visit the following web address <https://goo.gl/forms/LSeC393qASYHgX9s2> or scan the QR code to share your exciting news!

## Upcoming Musical Production



Please join us for The Little Mermaid, our latest production by the Sacopee Valley Music Department under the direction of Jennifer Fletcher. All shows will be at Sacopee Valley Middle School.

Friday, March 23 ~ 7 pm

Saturday, March 24 ~ 2 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, March 25 ~ 2 pm

Adult tickets are \$7

Student tickets are \$5

Children under 5 are free

## Lynn Plourde Visit

Sacopee Valley Elementary School had a great time during our author's visit with beloved Maine children's author Lynn Plourde. She began her



visit with a whole school assembly and a reader's theater performance of her book Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud. She spent the remainder of her two days working with classes on how to be great writers and authors. Everyone truly enjoyed Lynn Plourde's visit to SVES!



## ME Model United Nations

Thanks to the efforts of social studies teacher Tim McLaughlin, SVHS now has a team participating in the Maine Model United Nations Conference (MEMunc). MEMunc is a three-day conference of high school students which takes place in the spring at USM. Each team represents a different nation, and the conference acts as a mock United Nations, with discussions about selected global issues like the water crisis, climate change, atomic weapons proliferation, and many other things. MEMunc students meet once a week after school to prepare for the conference.

## Pre-K Enrollment 2018 - 2019

We are now accepting applications for the thirty-two available slots for the two 2018-2019 Pre-K classrooms. Students must turn four by October 15th, 2018 and families must meet an income requirement (i.e., a family of four must make under \$49,200) in order to be eligible. Applications are available in the Superintendent's Office, schools, town offices, and online at [www.sad55.org](http://www.sad55.org). Two screening days have been scheduled for Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Suzanne Day at [sdlay@sad55.org](mailto:sdlay@sad55.org) or 625-2490 with any questions or to enroll.



## Sacopee Valley Spelling Bee

It was a pleasure to witness students showcasing their spelling talent at the Sacopee Valley Middle School Spelling Bee. Twenty-three spellers correctly spelled words such as sinewy, boisterously, annoyance, exasperation, conspiracy, Hispaniola, grandiose, marmalade, dexterity, and the winning word truculently. Congratulations to our winner, seventh-grader Thomas Brearley and our runner-up, fifth-grader Emma Sanborn! Both Thomas and Emma will represent Sacopee Valley at the Oxford County Spelling Bee on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Sacopee Valley Middle School. Special thanks to our Bee Master Stephanie Dixon, and Judges Sylvia Pease and Luanne Mudgett!

## Musical Scholarships

The Saco River Festival Association is offering two summer scholarships for students who live in SAD 55 to attend a music camp! Please visit [www.sacoriverfestival.org](http://www.sacoriverfestival.org) to download the application. SRFA donates instruments to SAD 55 and provides financial support that brings puppet shows and musicians to our schools and allows our students to attend concerts. We appreciate their support of the arts and our students!

## Substance Abuse Prevention

Recently, Linda Dutil, an emergency room nurse, presented one assembly to SVHS students and one assembly to 7th and 8th graders regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Students were able to ask questions and see some very powerful images of the effects of drug use. On March 15th, SAD 55 will sponsor an evening for families about talking with your children about substance abuse. More details will be posted soon!



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## Hawks Fall Sports

**Golf:** Sacopee Valley Golf Team had a great season with the best fall weather conditions we've seen in years. As always, we are thankful to Province Lake Golf Club for the use their facility as our home course. It is certainly one of the nicest courses we play and the staff is top notch. Our team was small, yet we had a number of individual wins. Sophomore Hunter Marshall has come a long way since last year. He has the ability to hit the ball long off the tee and his short game has improved. Senior Justin Reed played in the #2 position this year and his game has improved a great deal since his freshman year. Senior Captain Tyler Fenderson is a strong, consistent player and has been the team leader for four years. He is an excellent all-around player and was recognized this year by making the 2017 All-Conference Team. ~ Coach Orr

**Field Hockey:** The 2017 Field Hockey Team had a great season this fall, ending the year in 3rd place with a 10-4 regular season record. Season highlights include a second half comeback win at NYA, posting six shutouts over the 14 game schedule, and six different players scoring 29 goals. The team lost a tough battle in the first round of the playoffs, losing to Mountain Valley 3-1 in the quarterfinals. The team was proud to have Megan Hebert selected as Miss Maine Field Hockey for Class C; Haiden Sawyer, Megan Hebert, and Isabelle Eldridge selected to the All Conference 1st team; and Savanna Marlowe, Grace Sanborn and Olivia Barriault to the All Conference 2nd team. ~ Coach Ritter

**Boys Soccer:** The 2017 Boys' Soccer season followed a successful preseason with a lethargic start to the regular season. Finding ourselves battling through several forms of adversity, we found ourselves halfway through the season without a victory. We often played hard enough for stretches to win, but not well enough for long enough. Following a few personnel changes and formation adjustments, we began to find our stride, and although our 3-4 overtime loss in Buckfield eliminated us from playoff contention, we rallied for victories in our final two games. I am full of optimism as we move forward together. ~ Coach Bowers

**Girls Soccer:** The 2017 Girls' Soccer had a transitional season as Coach Murphy retired after 12 years with the program. With a few returning seniors and a very strong underclassman class, the Lady Hawks ended their season 5-11. Five of the games the Hawks came up short by one goal. The Hawks got into the playoffs with a preliminary match at Old Orchard Beach where the Hawks won 3-1 to advance to the quarter final game vs. Traip. The Hawks lost to Traip, ending their season in the quarterfinal game like the previous year. The Lady Hawks are graduating four seniors who will be missed, but with the underclassman ready to step up, Coach believes the team will go deep in the playoffs next year. ~ Coach Hink

**Football:** The SVHS Hawks Football team of 30 players, was lead by tri-captains: Kyle Cordasco, Travis Weeks, and Randy Gonyea. Competing in the newly formed Class E division, the Hawks faced the challenges of playing at the Varsity level as well as the geographical difficulties of traveling several hours to play some opponents. Highlights included an opening night win vs. Traip Academy and an upset of Stearns High School in a game played at Husson University. In the playoffs, the Hawks played Boothbay ending the season with with a very tough loss. Travis Weeks and Kyle Cordasco were selected as Class E All-Stars, while several senior players were nominated for the Shrine Lobster Bowl All Star game. ~ Coach Walsh

**Cross Country:** The Hawks cross country team ran great this past fall. Troy Hendricks led the team with three individual wins. He set course records at St. Dominic's, Lake Region, and Sacopee Valley. Troy finished 2nd in the Class C Southern Maine Regional Championships, 3rd in the Class C State Championships and 97th out of 250 at the New England Championships. Lucas Lavoie improved greatly as the year went on and looks like a future star. Luke Schwierzke and Alex McNulty ran consistently well throughout the year. On the girls' side, Aleksa Natola led the team with Isabelle Keim and Hazel Hodgdon steadily improving throughout the year. ~ Coach Murphy

## SVHS Hiking Club

SVHS once again has an active hiking club thanks to Tom Johnson, Bonnie Houghton, and Britt Wolfe. Fall activities included two local day hikes and participation in the Teens to Trails conference. Winter plans include snowshoe hikes in the White Mountain National Forest. The group received a \$400 mini grant from Teens to Trails, which is a non-profit dedicated to supporting outing clubs in Maine high schools.



## Upcoming Events

**Teacher and Education Support Person of the Year Celebration:** Weds., February 7 @ SVMS @ 6 PM

**Oxford County Spelling Bee:** Mon., Feb. 12 @ SVMS @ 6:30 PM

**Empty Bowls:** Thursday, February 15 @ SVMS @ 5-7 PM

**Barn Dance:** Friday, March 9 @ SVES 6-7 PM

**Substance Abuse Prevention Discussion for Families:** Thursday, March 15 @ SVMS @ 5:30 pm

**Sacopee Scholars:** Thursday, May 3 @ 4-8 PM

**SVHS Chorus/Band Concert:** Tues., May 15 @ 6-7 PM

## Spotlight on School Board Member Margaret Hoxie



Our spotlight in this edition features Mrs. Margaret Hoxie. Maggie is a graduate of Gorham State Teachers College. She started her career at the Little Red Schoolhouse before becoming teaching principal at Cornish Elementary. She ended her career in MSAD 55 at Baldwin Consolidated in

2000. Not being able to stay away from the classroom, Maggie began substituting in MSAD 6, but her service to MSAD 55 has continued as she enters her 14th year as a member of the SAD 55 School Board as a Cornish representative. In addition to being on the Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee, Maggie is currently the Vice Chair. Her commitment to the students of SAD 55 has been unparalleled over the course of her career as an educator and School Board member. We are extremely grateful for her service and dedication.

## Google Certified Educator

On January 11th, seven MSAD 55 educators met to begin the process to become Level 1 Google Certified Educators. The Level 1 Google Certification takes approximately twelve hours and culminates with a three hour Google exam indicating an educator is able to successfully implement the Google Suite for Education to enhance teaching and learning. The team will be meeting monthly to continue work on the process and will take the exam at the end of May.

Upcoming Professional Development:

February – Edpuzzle, March – Epic and Buzz Math  
April – Google Earth, May – Seesaw, June – Pear Deck

## Achieve 3000

Achieve 3000 is an online literacy program that is being piloted in grades 3-8. The program has over 15,000 nonfiction articles that can be read by students. Each article is written at 12 different reading levels, so all students can read the same information, but at his/her reading level. We are anxious to see the results!

## New Educator Opportunities

Beginning in the fall of 2016 the TCTA and Administration initiated a New Teacher Breakfast to sit down and reflect on how things are going and what we could do to make things better, as well as then having the opportunity to visit another colleagues classroom to observe new ideas. This opportunity became so popular last year that our first year teachers asked to continue as second year teachers. This year we have been able to offer this to both groups of early educators as they continue to hone their craft in the classroom. Professional learning such as this in turn benefits student learning.

## RULER

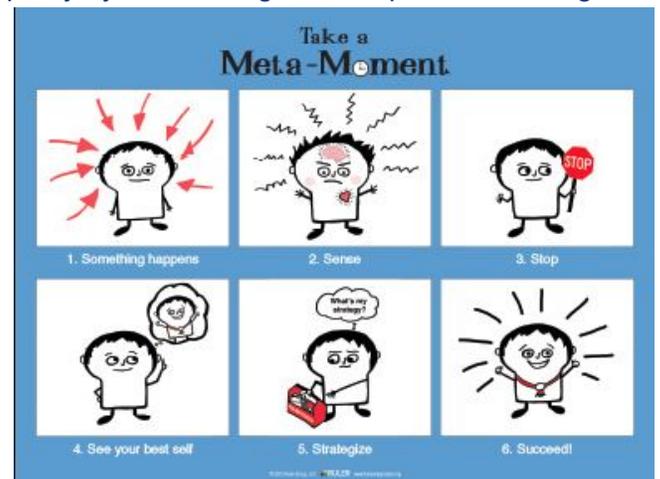
Our students and staff continue to immerse themselves in the RULER Approach to have a common language K-12 to help students learn emotional skills. Training has been continuing with the Meta-Moment teaching students to pause after an emotional moment and think how they should handle themselves as their “best self.” This is also a training for staff, as everyone has the same emotions at times. The Blueprint, the last of the four tools of the RULER Approach, teaches a way to manage conflict effectively in the classroom, allowing more time to be spent on learning. Students develop empathy by considering another person’s feelings.

## Young Writers USA

Recently, Young Writers USA held a contest for suspenseful 100-word Spine-Chillers. Of the over 4,500 entries Young Writers USA received, three SVMS



students (Billy-Jo Chesley, Taylor Garland, and Hailey Capano) had their mini sagas selected to be published in their upcoming anthology. Congratulations to our newest published authors!



## Sacopee Apparel

Sacopee Valley Apparel makes great presents. Please visit [www.sad55.org](http://www.sad55.org) to download an order form to purchase items and show your Hawk Pride!