



SVES



Newsletter

April 2018



A Community of HAWKS!

HAWKS HELPERS

Sixteen third grade students at SVES form the HAWKS Helpers service club. They meet weekly and talk about what they want to do to help the school. To become a HAWKS Helper, students had to write a short essay explaining the HAWKS attributes and what it means to be HAWKS.

This year, HAWKS Helpers have worked on various projects and activities including stuffing holiday stockings for preK students, drawing and displaying kindness posters around the school, creating anti-bullying skits, and collecting food for holiday food baskets.

Upcoming projects and activities include presenting their anti-bullying skits to the whole school, hosting a school wide kindness contest, and reciting a kindness pledge to the whole school every morning over the school intercom/loud speaker.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. It was established over 40 years ago as a national day focused on improving the environment. Activities include planting a tree, picking up trash in a local park/playground, and taking a shorter shower. Check out this link for more information:

www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/



PERSEVERANCE

Many children give up and/or ask for help when they are faced with challenging tasks. Perseverance is not giving up when faced with difficulties, failures, and opposition. We can teach students the strategies and skills they need to be successful in school and life. Check out this link for more information:

www.parenttoolkit.com



CALENDAR

April 3-SVES PTC Meeting at 5 pm

April 6-Early Release at 1 pm

April 13-Voucher Day (No School)

April 16-20-Vacation (No School)

April 24-Principal's Coffee @8:15am

April 26-Student Led Conferences

April 27-Count ME In Assembly

May 3-K Registration @6:30pm

May 4-Early Release @1pm

3rd Grade eMPower Testing:

March 28, 29, 30 & April 3, 4, 5, 6

TECHNOLOGY

Our students in K-3 have weekly computer classes taught by Mrs. Eastman, our technology instructor. Activities differ by grade level and include:

Kindergarten: Learning how to use a track pad and keyboard, practicing math skills with Tumblebooks and problem-solving with Marbleous Coasters

1st Grade: Learning how to code, practicing subtraction and addition facts, and conducting Internet research for Animal Research Projects

2nd Grade: Learning how to type, code, tell time, and count money; problems solving with Invention Engines and Marbleous Marble Coasters

3rd Grade: Practicing typing skills, learning how to code, practicing how to configure area, perimeter and functions, and practicing for eMPower testing (Reading and Writing)



BIKES FOR BOOKS

Our annual Bikes for Books program began in March and is continuing until May 16. Students in grades K-3 are participating in a reading program sponsored by the Drummond #118 North Parsonsfield Masonic Lodge. Students will have an opportunity to win a free bike if they read a book.

Two bikes at each grade level will be provided. In addition, two additional bikes will be awarded to the top boy and girl reader for each grade level.

Students enter their name into the drawing for every book that they read between March 14 and May 16. The winners will be announced at an assembly on May 18. A box is located in the library for students to deposit their completed book tickets. Extra book tickets are available in the office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!!!!

Student led conferences are scheduled for April 26. This is a great opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning throughout the school year. Students work very hard preparing for these conferences.

Although Spring is in the air, it is still chilly in the mornings and students need to wear warm clothing on the playground. In addition, students need to wear sturdy and closed-toed shoes because the playground is muddy and wet in several areas.