

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL



Upcoming Events

Memorial Day-No School
May 30

Grade 2 to New England Aquarium
June 2

Grade 1 Musical Performance
SCS Gym
June 2 at 5:00pm

Grade 3 Immigration Day
Simulation Event
SCS Gym
June 3 at 12:30pm

School Board Meeting
SCS Library
June 6 at 6:15pm

Camp Lincoln Field Day-Grades 1-5
June 9

Incoming Kindergarten Visits
June 9

PFG End of Year Celebration
All Are Invited
SCS Back Field
June 10 at 3:30pm

Grade 4 UNH Trip
June 14

Grade 5 Boston Trip
June 15

Grade 5 Celebration Ceremony
SCS Gym
June 16 at 6:00pm

Last Day of School
June 17

Happy Summer!!

Principal's Message

Hello SCS Families,

I want to thank all of you for partnering with us here at Swasey. Together, we hope to ensure that your children have an exciting and positive learning environment. We are making plans for next year, and during the summer I will be sure to reach out to you with information about the beginning of school. The letter you receive will provide information about your child's classroom teacher, and will invite you to attend our Meet and Greet Event that will take place on Thurs. Aug. 25th at 2pm.

We have a few staff members that won't be with us next year. Jamie Marcello, (Grade 1) and Pat Peterson, (Grade 2), are both retiring. Through the years they have dedicated time, energy and love to students here at Swasey and they will be missed. Kim Bell, our guidance counselor, will not be returning to Swasey. Her kind and generous nature will be missed very much. We also send best wishes and farewell to Carolyn Johnson and Pauline Doris, both are paraprofessionals that have been a tremendous support for our students and staff. Also we wish to thank Dr. Steve Lebel for his work with us this year as Curriculum Coordinator, as he is returning to teaching in the fall. We thank you all for your dedicated service and work here at Swasey.

For our 5th grade families, it is time to celebrate the wonderful experiences and memories students have made here at Swasey, as we wish them well on their journey. Best wishes to you all, and be sure to call or visit us over the summer with any questions. Thank you!

As always,



Hawk Highlights

Family Handbook and Swasey Website

Be sure to visit our school website. <http://scs.sau16.org/> On our website you will find links to classroom pages, lunch menus, minutes from the school board meetings and connections to SAU 16. Our [Family Handbook](#) provides details about our practices at Swasey. We hope you use the website as a reference for upcoming events and for information you need to support your child at school. We are always happy to answer questions over the phone too, so please call 642-3487.

Feedback for Us

Please follow this [link to provide us with feedback](#) or to make a suggestion about our school. Mr. Kew will be sure to review what is provided here. If there is something you would like to address specifically, be sure to contact your child's teacher or Ron by [email](#).

Grade 3

Third grade classes celebrated their learning about Native Americans by inviting parents in to view their museums and see their performances. We also visited the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner to see artifacts and hear about how Indians used various items in nature. We also learned about the history of slavery in the United States and famous black Americans. Our math curriculum continues to focus on fractions in various forms. We continue to work on multiplication facts and hope they will be solid by the end of the year! We have begun working with simple machines, learning about how they work and finding in our everyday lives. This unit is hands-on and fun! Our final Social Studies unit will be focused on immigration. Students will explore their own heritage, the waves of immigration arriving here, and the contributions various ethnic groups have made. Our culminating activity will be a simulation of arriving at Ellis Island as an immigrant. We continue to include writing as part of all of our learning.

Grade 4

Swasey Fourth Graders in Mr. Schroeder, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Woods' classes have enjoyed a terrific few months of learning! We toured the NH Statehouse in Concord,

the NH History Museum, Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth and hiked to the summit of Mount Major. In each location, we learned so much about New Hampshire's history, government, economy and geography. We are proud to get rave reviews about our field trip behavior from all the places we visit! In the classroom we have been preparing to take our science NECAP tests with some great experiments.

Investigations were on adaptation, force and motion. Students have done a wonderful job taking the practices seriously and thinking hard about each experiment design. Our Oregon Trail unit begins in May. We are looking forward to heading outside to play pioneer games, cook over an open fire, watch blacksmith Bob Gilbert on his forge, learn to rope cattle and build sod house models with the Marcoux family. To end our day we will watch an oxen demonstration and hear about life on the trail from historian Al Belanger. Thank you to all the community and parent volunteers who make this day happen!

Grade 5

We the teachers of fifth grade, in order to form the most perfect year end, establish fun, and insure classroom tranquility, provide for the middle school transition, and promote positive attitudes, and secure the blessings of completion of Swasey school years for ourselves and our families do ordain and establish the final weeks of fifth grade. During the second week of April, the fifth grade joined classrooms from East Kingston, Newfields, and Kensington at Sargent Center in Hancock, NH. The weather was beautiful and allowed us to enjoy outdoor activities all week including the canoe odyssey across the lake and travel back in time to New England pioneer. Upon returning to school before vacation, students experimented with Green Screening technology and created infomercials convincing others to move to their colonial region. This led to a discussion about the causes of the Revolutionary war. Since the April break, we've enlisted into our armies, tie dyed matching shirts, and are looking forward to our June visits from the Newmarket Militia and to historic Boston for a trolley tour.

As fifth graders, we are also looking forward to the transition to the Cooperative Middle School. The guidance team from CMS visited us earlier in May. Next, we'll be divided into four pods and traveling to CMS to preview next year. Before we know it, it will be June 16th and we'll be celebrating our time at Swasey, and moving on to a new building!

Art News

We have just finished decorating and building our kites in first grade. We will be flying them on May 20th, so exciting! We will be continuing our focus on the concept of symmetry in the mediums of paint and cut paper. Our second graders have begun a stained glass ocean project and then we will close out the year exploring fish printing. Third graders are currently learning about the life and artwork of Vincent Van Gogh. We are creating our own sunflower paintings in a style like Van Gogh. Our fourth graders have been exploring a unit on color theory. Next we will be learning about the life and artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe. The giant flowers they will be creating in her style are amazing. In fifth grade we have explored a variety of painting techniques and now we are collaging an ocean with the paintings. We will be creating tall ships to put in the ocean collages. All of our Swasey students are excited to create a unique spin art painting in June. Portfolios will be coming home in June so get ready to see all the masterpieces!

Music

As our year end approaches, there are still songs to learn, units to complete, and performances to perform! So much more to do and so little time left! Grade 1 will celebrate spring with a performance on June 2nd at 5:00 in the evening. In the two weeks that follow, they will spend their class time with songs and games that include instrument playing, (always a big hit), and a review of the year (it's always fun to look back AND vote on our favorite songs/lessons of the year). Grade 2 will continue their studies of instrument families and finish the year with a lesson that will take them into the ocean with songs and movement. Grade 3 continues with their unit on songs of immigration. Grade 4 students were a huge hit at our most recent shin-dig as they performed Rap of the States for the school! We will finish the school year with songs & dances from the Oregon Trail. Last, but not least, I sadly say good bye to fifth graders after five years of music with most of them...what a great class of students they have been. They have just selected a song which they will perform at their Fifth Grade Celebration. We are also wrapping up our studies on music of Colonial America. On May 25th "The Sounds of Swasey", (our school chorus), performed a repertoire of pop songs through the decades, and the 4th & 5th grade Band and Violins will also be performing under the direction of Ms. Erin Murphy. I

sincerely hope that you will be able to include music in your summer activities; it's a great time to learn a new instrument, sing on the long car rides, and take advantage of all the free outdoor concerts that take place in our towns and cities. Have fun, and I'll see you in the fall!

End of the School Year/ Next Year 16-17

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 17. We are making plans for next school year. Student placement letters will be sent home during the summer and will provide information on classroom teachers for next year, and beginning of school dates. We have a Meet and Greet scheduled for all students and families on Thursday, August 25th. The first day of school for students grades 1-5 will be Monday, August 29th. Students in our full day kindergarten will have a different start. Half of each class will start on Aug. 29, the other half only will come on Aug. 30, and then the entire class will be together on Aug. 31. Placement letters for kindergarten families will inform of you of your child's specific start dates. Be sure to check the website for bus and lunch information. Thank you.



EXETER FILM CAMP IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

The Camp is open to anyone entering 6th grade through 12th grade. We will write, direct, act and shoot a film together. We will create our story, develop our characters and design sets. Then we will get a crash course in camera work and filming techniques using digital video equipment. Putting all the skills together we will spend the week making our film. All participants will spend time in front of and behind the camera with the opportunity to focus on the parts of film making they enjoy most.

Film Camp will take place at the Exeter High School Film/TV Studio and is being held June 27th-July 1st from 10:00-3:00.

Bethany Constance, Talent Manager/Acting Coach and Doug York, Director & TV Channel Coordinator, SAU 16/EXTV 98 are the instructors for this camp.

For more information please contact Bethany Constance at a713production@comcast.net or 603-978-3662.

You can also find a flyer and registration form on the Exeter High School and Cooperative Middle School websites.