



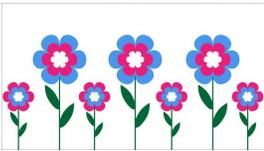
# Sedgwick Scene

## April 2017

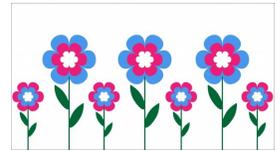
Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Ms. Melissa Behrens, Asst. Principal



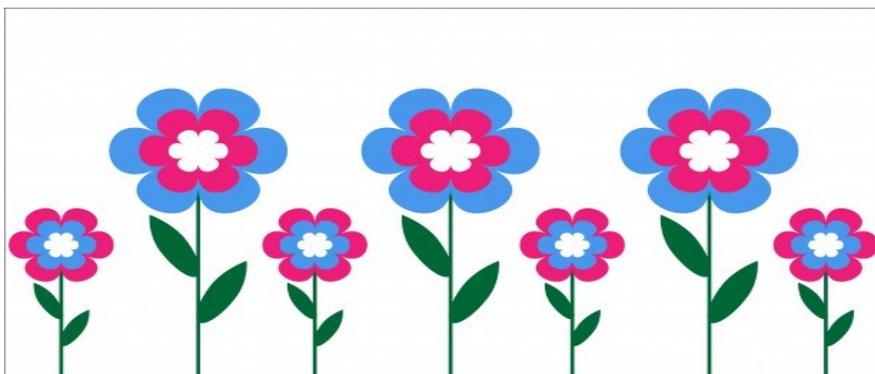
### Upcoming Events



- 4/10 - 4/14 - Vacation Week
- 4/19 - SEPTO Meeting: 7:00 pm - MPR
- 4/26 - "Aladdin" Dress Rehearsal
- 4/27 - 4/30 - "Aladdin" Performance

**ESOL Student Of The Month :**

**Ryan N. - Team Brown**





## Sedgwick's Celebrity Chef!

The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools is proud to have Sedgwick's own **Andrew Clapsaddle** as a Celebrity Chef for our annual *West Hartford's Cookin'* event on Saturday, April 1st from 6:30 – 9:00 in the Town Hall.

*West Hartford's Cookin'* is the Foundation's annual fundraiser. All money raised supports grants awarded to teachers to implement their creative and innovative ideas that enhance students' education.

The theme this year is "No Foolin', it's a FACT!" Committee members are excited to uncover facts from the schools and share them with guests. For example, did you know that the honorary chair, Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Van Winkle, attended Duffy Elementary School's first Kindergarten class?

All are invited to join Andrew and other celebrity chefs as they delight you with their signature dishes. Enjoy an evening of food sampling and fun with live and silent auctions and a chance to Raise the Paddle for the Foundation!

For more information and ticket purchases, please go to <http://fwhps.org/>

# Water for South Sudan

How can we help the people in South Sudan?" This was the question asked of so many sixth graders during a presentation by former "Lost Boys" after the students finished reading *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. The students found the answer to this question themselves.

A group of thirty-eight students began meeting at lunch to come up with a plan. They decided to focus on supporting the charity Water for South Sudan and enter the Iron Giraffe Challenge, which could win them a visit from the book's author or main character. Within this large group two students, Mary L. and Sydney M., organized a raffle. They walked West Hartford Center to solicit donations and organized five beautiful baskets. The raffle raised over \$500, and to date the students have raised over a \$1000 toward the cause.



**Mary L, Sydney M. and Lyba N. collecting donations for the raffle.**

# Aladdin, Jr.

**Show Dates:** April 27-30

Rehearsals for the Sedgwick Drama Club's production of Aladdin Jr are in full swing.

**Tickets will soon be available online.**

Please check the Drama Club site for all of the latest news.

<https://sites.google.com/a/whps.org/sedgwick-drama-club/>



## Robotics Club

**On March 11th the Sedgwick Robotics Club competed in the state tournament and won the Judges Award!**

**This award goes to the school with the most spirit and consistently cheers on other teams, as well as our own.**

If you see any of the students listed below, please feel free to congratulate them!!

Enrique M., James A., Michael S., Ricardo R., Garrison L., Paul O., & Ben D.

## Sedgwick Students Perform at Regionals

On March 24 and 25, some of our performing ensemble students completed a long musical journey at the Northern Region Middle School Music Festival. Twenty-one members of band, choir, or orchestra came together with students from surrounding towns in the Northern part of Connecticut to perform music they have been preparing since January. They started this journey back in the fall when they prepared an audition which was held at King Philip MS. These students took their learning and skills they gained in the performing arts and general music programs, and applied them in a real-world situation. After being accepted to the festival and practicing their music both at home on their own and in separate rehearsals before or after school, they came together with dozens of other students they have never met to make music. Coming together in this way, is what music is all about and sharing this gift is what makes music alive and contagious.

These students also got to work with renowned conductors from award-winning schools, universities, and prolific children's ensembles. Working with these inspiring directors is one of the ways their passion is fueled.

Below is the list of students and into which ensemble they were accepted.

**Band:** William M., Christina C., Emma K., Shirah M., Juliet P., and Grace W..

**Orchestra:** Rachael B., Nina D., Christopher H., Samantha K., Ryan L., Elizabeth L., Andrew M., Tyler N., Romy R., and Arianna R..

**Choir:** Marlena B., Grace B., and Elijah R..

**Jazz Band:** Isabelle B., Julia K., and Max R..





## Sedgwick History Day

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Pride is evident, excitement is brewing, research skills are sharpened and creative juices are flowing. Last year was the first Sedgwick History Day with rave reviews and 100% participation. Again this year, students have stepped up to the plate with their best historical arguments based on the theme, "Taking a Stand in History".**

## **Connecticut History Day weekend**

**33 of our Quest students, as well as a few others, have already presented.**

**Connecticut History Day weekend results:**

### **Fairfield:**

2nd Place Ind. Website - Braden F.

### **Hartford: Senior Division (former Quest Students at Conard)**

1st Place Ind. Performance - Lindsay M.

1st Place Ind. Website - Miles B.

### **Junior Division**

2nd Place Historical Paper - Maura F.

1st Place Ind. Documentary - Emma S.

2nd Place Ind. Documentary - Katrina G.

3rd Place Ind. Documentary - Lucy B.

2nd Place Ind. Website - John H.

2nd Place Ind. Performance - Marlena P.

## Sedgwick Jazz Band works with Jazz Percussionist



Jazz and Latin percussionist and educator, Ed Fast, conducted two workshops with the Sedgwick Jazz Band. The students are learning to perform some of Dizzy Gillespie's Latin Jazz music with authentic Afro-Cuban rhythms and instruments.



## Summer Jazz Jam 2017

The Summer Jazz Jam is a two week jazz ensemble program for middle school students through first year high school students (rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders) performing on traditional big band instruments (saxophone, clarinet, flute, trombone, trumpet, bass, piano, guitar, drum set). The program is being offered through the West Hartford Continuing Education Summer Life Learn Program. This is a great opportunity for Sedgwick music students to improve their jazz chops, as soloists and ensemble players, and all students are encouraged to take part as we are looking to fill up to three big bands!

Students will benefit from quality group and individualized instruction, jazz improvisation and small combo experiences, while learning from experienced jazz educators and professionals on a variety of instruments. This is a unique opportunity to learn with other students from multiple school districts in the greater Hartford area, while benefiting from a regional level ensemble experience.

The program will culminate in a performance on the concert stage at Elizabeth Park in July. There are no auditions, but students should anticipate a brief five minute placement interview on the first day of the program.

To register: [www.whlifelearn.org](http://www.whlifelearn.org)





## News from the Nurses - April 2017

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

All students entering 7th grade next year MUST have a physical exam performed *after July 1, 2015 and up to date vaccinations. The State of CT physical assessment/vaccination form needs to be given to the nurses' office at Sedgwick BEFORE the first day of school. The State of CT required vaccinations for 7th grade include:*

- Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap vaccine)
- Meningitis (Menactra vaccine)
- Chicken pox (Varicella vaccine #2)

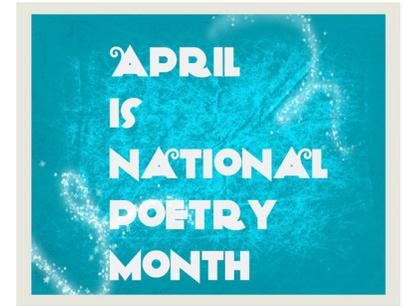
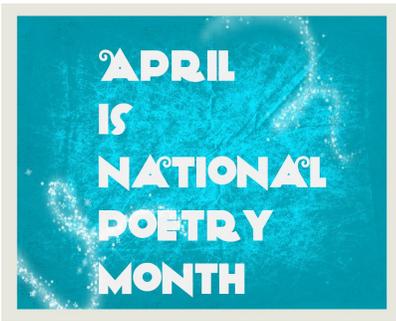
If you are unsure if your child has already met these requirements, please contact the health room and we can let you know.

### **To all parents:**

Seasonal allergies are on the rise! We highly recommend that students start taking their allergy medication if they are having frequent symptoms of red, itchy eyes and nasal congestion. We routinely provide students with cool compresses if they are experiencing eye discomfort, however, we cannot give any allergy medication to students without a doctor's order. If a student needs to take any medication during school hours, please provide the Sedgwick nurses' office with the medication and a copy of the Medication Authorization Form, which needs to be signed by a parent/guardian AND physician.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have concerns regarding your child's health.

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**Here are a few of the ways Sedgwick is celebrating National Poetry Month during April:**

- Daily poem on the morning announcements (professional poems recommended by students)
- Daily poem emailed to students (from the library)
- “Poem in Your Pocket” day celebration 4/27
- Morning Advisory activities
- Library Makerspace Poetry Activities (Magnetic poetry, found poetry, etc.)
- After school poetry workshop for serious poets (see librarian)
- Visit the American Academy of Poets website for more information about National Poetry Month

## **Sedgwick Mock Trial Team**



**Last month the Sedgwick Mock Trial Team had an outstanding performance at the Regional competition held at Kingswood Oxford School. The attorneys made excellent arguments and the witnesses gave great testimony. Both the prosecution and defense teams performed well, but the prosecution was slightly outscored in their round. Unfortunately that wasn't enough to move on to the state quarterfinals.**

**Congratulations goes out to the entire team! They worked so hard preparing for this competition and have so much to be proud of. The Defense team consists of Molly A., Rushil Y., Avery B., Aspen R., Emily A. and Olivia S., while Angela P., Eloise M., Annie G., Harry R, Maddie J., and Alexa W. made up the prosecution. The team thanks their attorney coaches David Kenna and Ronald Apter for their extensive time and support. Thanks also goes out to Hunter M. for contributing to the team as bailiff.**

## 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 will start their visits to Sedgwick in April and 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**

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

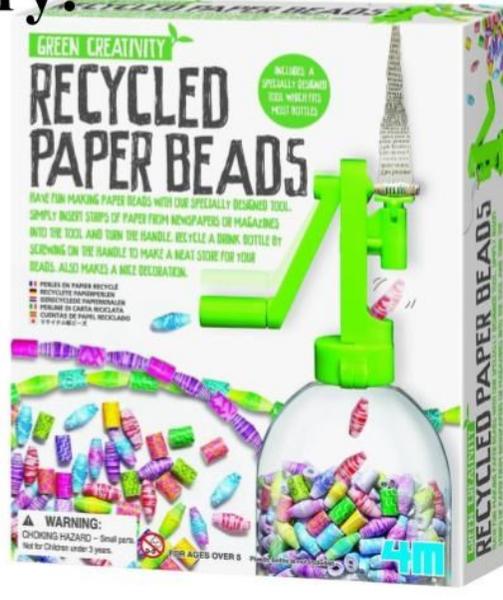
### **Grade 8-9 Transition**

In 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.

# APRIL MAKERSPACE

## Newspaper Creations @ the Library!



## The West Hartford Libraries Teen Department Is Celebrating National Poetry Month With Its Annual Teen Poetry Contest.

Visit the library website for more information!

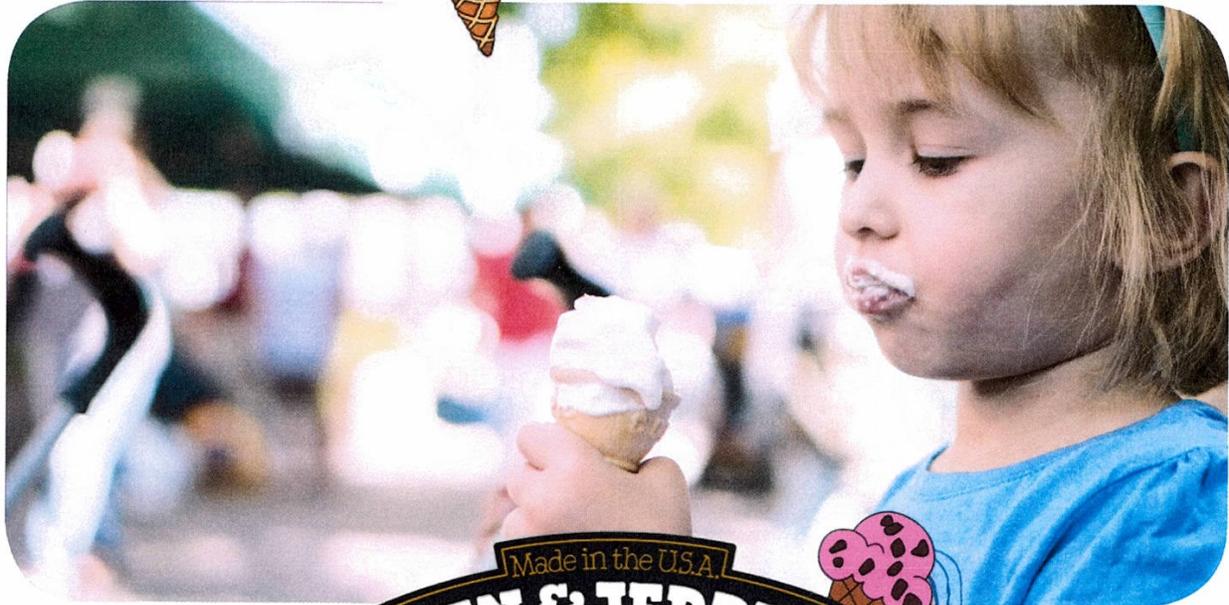


There will be three winners and they will win gift card prizes.

### Rules

1. You must be in grades 6-12 and be a West Hartford resident. You may enter 2 poems.
2. Poets must submit two copies of their poems, one copy with no identifying information (title and poem only) and one copy that includes: Title, author, age, grade, school, Language Arts/English teacher's name, and e-mail address.
3. Entries must be submitted to [teenpoetry@westhartfordlibrary.org](mailto:teenpoetry@westhartfordlibrary.org) and must be in .pdf, .doc, or .docx. By April 30th

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