Sedgwick Scene
December 2016

Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Ms. Melissa Behrens, Asst. Principal

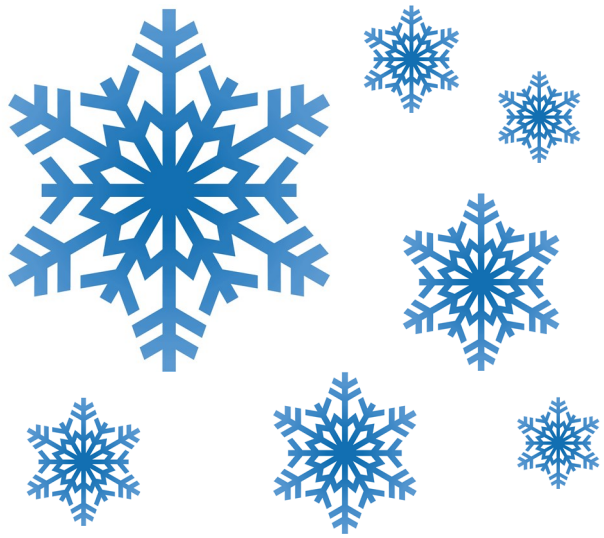
Upcoming Events

12/2 - 7th Grade Dance - 6:30 pm

12/15 - 8th Grade Concert - 7:00 pm

12/19 - 6th Grade Concert - 6:30 pm

12/19 - 7th Grade Concert - 8:00 pm



Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Information Session:

Come and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of West Hartford children by expanding your parental toolbox to include leadership and advocacy skills. The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) trains, inspires and empowers parents to become effective advocates for children. To learn more about this dynamic program, please join us on Friday, December 2nd from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Charter Oak's Family Resource Center.

Call 860-929-5575 to RSVP. Kids are welcome and refreshments will be served.

ESOL student of the month :

Daniela O. - Team Harvard

7th Grade Party

Date: 12/2/2016 (Fri.)

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm EST

Location: Sedgwick Middle School

Parents Sign Up Genius

To sign up copy and paste the link below or go to the Sedgwick Website for an active link.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa4a722a3fb6-7thgrade

UNIFIED THEATER 2016

Rumor has it you don't need POWERS to be a HERO!

The 2016 Unified Theater Group at Sedgwick Middle School, all 190 members strong, sang, danced, acted and spotlighted that theme during their 2 shows on November 17 and 18.

Led by their student leadership team comprised of director Amanda Sagers, choreographer Coco Haverty, assistant choreographer Lilla Delaney, co-producers Ruby Eisler and Madeleine Levesque, assistant producer Ella Tanis, co-inclusion specialists Chloe Starr and Mason Murphy, stage crew set design director Ben Hardesty and stage crew technical director Kaitlyn Puleo, these enthusiastic and hard working students met weekly during the fall to create their personal statements revolving around this important concept!

Choreographer Coco Haverty taught the group 3 dance routines to the tunes of "Superheroes", "Brand New" and "Safe and Sound". Sign language was incorporated into the latter song and a slideshow was created to document the theatrical journey. Sixteen student written scenes were performed showcasing the myriad talents of this diverse group. Former UT alumni from Conard High School visited the weekly Friday practices lending their expertise and guidance to the middle schoolers' efforts.

Unified Theater creates more inclusive communities through youth leadership and the performing arts. Students of all abilities, backgrounds, interests, and experiences come together as individuals and equals to write, direct, and produce their own theater performances. Founded in West Hartford, CT in 2002 by a 15- year-old, Unified Theater is currently celebrating 15 years of empowering young people to change their schools and communities through acceptance, creativity and inclusion.

"We're All In This Together" making a difference in the world today in our own special ways!!

Middle School Cross Country State Championships

It was an exciting day at the Middle School School State Championships on

Saturday, November 5th at Wickham Park in Manchester. The Sedgwick Wildcats competed in a 1.7 mile race and the championship race which was 2.3 miles.

Girls and Boys 1.7 mile race

Leonne B, Kaili W, Serena R, Gianna G, and Emily F (above from left to right) took on the hilly and challenging course in a field of over 400 runners! Danny F, Evan B, Ryan S, and Greg H, (above from left to right) raced over the steep and rolling hills of the Wickham Park course in a field of over 500 runners! Each runner finished the season strong as they made the final push up the infamous Wickham Park hill to finish the race.

Emma S and Isabella P took on the 2.3 mile course along with over 300 runners. The girls gave the race everything they had as they made their way through the incredibly challenging course. Both girls ended the season with incredible dedication and strength as they crossed the finish line.

Girls 2.3 mile championship race

Boys 2.3 mile championship race

Ben R, Callum S, Tyler R, Gavin S, Jude S, Andrew M, and Matt S, (above left to right) ran in the very competitive championship race in a sea of over 400 runners!

Gavin S tore up the course to win the championship race with a time of 12:11! It was incredible to watch Gavin become the State Champion while representing Sedgwick.

Tyler, R. and Callum S. dominated the course to finish fourth and eighth overall with times of 12:39 and 13:03, respectfully.
They were soon followed by Jude S., Ben R., Matt S., and Andrew M. The dedication and hard work of these seven boys earned them 10th place overall out of 58 teams from across the state!!

You can find a complete list of results here: Middle School Championships Results

It was absolutely amazing to watch all of the runners work through their races on Saturday. Sedgwick certainly knows how to end the season with excitement and some bragging rights ;)

When you see any of these runners, please congratulate them. They have worked so hard all season to represent Sedgwick proudly!

The Foundation for WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Great Holiday Gift For Teachers

The Foundation for the West Hartford Public Schools' *Teacher Thank-You Gift* program is a great way to acknowledge wonderful and talented teachers.

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation of $10 or more per teacher. Teachers receive a special card indicating a gift has been made in their honor. These gifts support our Teacher Grant program investing funds back in our schools for various educational programs.

The Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to raising money from the community to invest in our schools. For more information, visit our website at www.fwhps.org, call 860-561-8755 or email us at fwhps@westhartfordct.gov.

Teacher Gift Order Form

Enclosed is my gift of $_____

Parent's Name _____Student's Name _____

Street Address:_____City/Zip_____Phone_____

Email:_____

Teacher's Name(s)_____

School_____

☐ Send certificate to me OR ☐ Send to my teacher

Please make checks ($10 minimum per teacher) payable to Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools and send to 50 S. Main St., Room 420, W. Hartford, CT 06107. Contributions are tax-deductible. **DEADLINE: 12/15/16**

21 Push-Up Challenge

Thank you to all those who participated in the 21 Push-Up Challenge. We had over 20 pictures submitted and over 40 staff members participated in the voting process.

The top three advisories who will be receiving a bagel breakfast are the following:

1st Place = Mrs. Rowlson (17 votes)!!

2nd Place = Mrs. Perry (15 votes)!!

3rd Place = Mr. Bombara (11 votes)!!

News from the Nures
December 2016

NEED A FORM? NEED INFORMATION?
Check out the Sedgwick Nurse Blog at
http://blog.whps.org/sedgwicknurse/

This is where you can download medical forms, get information on what is happening in the health room and find general information on Middle School health.

WINTER
Snow days and winter illness can result in many missed days of instruction for students. Please open the attached flyer on the importance of school attendance and when you should or should not keep your child home from school. If you have any questions about when to keep your child home, feel free to call the health room and speak with us.
http://atschool.alcoda.org/files/healthflyer2013.pdf

6TH GRADE PARENTS
All 6th grade students must have a physical exam performed *after July 1, 2015 and up to date vaccinations in order to enter 7th grade. The State of CT required vaccinations for 7th grade are:*

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.

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Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have concerns regarding your child's health.
Lisamarie Vitelli, RN and Melissa Wren, RN
860-929-5310(direct line) 860-929-5309 (direct line)
860-929-5315 (fax) lisamarie_vitelli@whps.org melissa_wren@whps.org

Disney's Aladdin JR.

If you have questions about

Aladdin, Jr. see below for the link.

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

The School Counseling Department News

Counselors Begin 9th Grade Transition activities; Choice/Tech High Schools visits:

Counselors will deliver a lesson in preparation for choosing Conard elective classes in January/February. More presentations about the course registration process for Conard will take place in January during an assembly with Conard counselors.

Save the date:

Conard Open House for parents is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th starting at 7 P.M. Snow date is February 1st. This will be held at Conard.

Choice School Fair

The Choice School Fair was a success!! Students had an opportunity to hear the presentations by representatives from the area choice schools. The following schools/programs were represented: Technical High Schools, CREC High Schools and Hartford Magnet Schools.

Grade 6:

Presentations on Careers will be made on the teams. Counselors will be discussing: “How do my skills and interests relate to my future career goals”

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a Sedgwick Middle School program where Sedgwick families assist other families, within our school, who during the Holiday Season may be experiencing difficult times or have exceptional needs. This program has been successful in the past years because many families share their resources with those in need. We hope that you will welcome the opportunity to make a positive difference for a child and/or family in your own school community by making a donation to the Helping Hands program. ALL gifts will remain anonymous and all names of the recipients will be kept confidential.

This year besides contributing via check (made out to Sedgwick Middle School), you can pay on line using the Sedgwick Pay Pal Account. Also gift cards are welcomed.

If you have any questions please contact either
Christine Welch-Meier at (860)929-5312 Christine_Welchmeier@whps.org or
Renee Kleinman at (860)929-5313 Renee_Kleinman@whps.org.

We would like to have all donations collected by Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

All donations are tax-deductible.

We look forward to working with you and making this a joyous holiday for all of our families.

Christine Welch-Meier , Social Worker

Renee Kleinman , Social Worker

To Donate: http://sedgwick.whps.org/

BRAVE Girls Leadership Inc.

GIVING A BRAVE GIFT

As families across our nation gather around the table this Thanksgiving, the BRAVE Team is most thankful for families like yours. Without your support of BRAVE, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

We cannot put a cost on the impact your caring kids make in our communities, their amazing personal growth, or the kindness they spread. Over 300 kids and 13 schools work with BRAVE each year, and our communities benefit from their growth. Students who participate do not have to pay, and we hope that never changes. However, there are program costs that limit our ability to have BRAVE in every school.

We hope you will consider giving to BRAVE! We would appreciate any kind of support you can offer: gift cards/certificates from your business; allow us to put flyers and/or brochures in your place of business, financial support of any amount; advice and ideas of how to improve what we do; and/or donation of your time, products you make, services that you can offer, etc. With your kindness and generosity, we can continue to grow, purchase materials, and provide opportunities to help young people become mentors and leaders!

Thank you for supporting BRAVE and our mission. You and your families are what make BRAVE meaningful; your compassion and honesty keep us humble.

Sincerely,

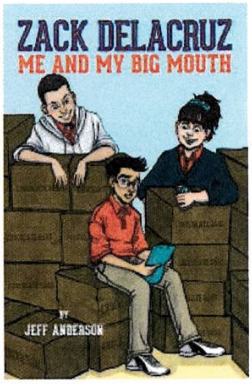
Meaghan Davis and The BRAVE Team
CEO/President of BRAVE Girls Leadership Inc.

learn ..lead ..lend ..love.

From the Sedgwick Library

Jeff Anderson Author Visit

Jeff Anderson visited Sedgwick's 6th graders in November and regaled them with his hilarious stories. After teaching middle school for many years, Mr. Anderson has a fine ear for authentic middle school voice when writing. The library has a few autographed copies of Zack Delacruz left for $5.00 each. (Cash or check.)



Neal Shusterman Author Visit

On December 13th, National Book Award Winning Author, Neal Shusterman, will visit Sedgwick and present to 7th graders. He is currently on a book tour for his new novel, *Scythe*, a dark, dystopia that will have readers on the edge of their seats! Students from other grades may attend the presentation by stopping by the library and picking up a special pass. The library is selling copies of Scythe to be autographed for a deep discount, $10.00. The book order form is also included in this issue of the Scene.

Notes from the Library Makerspace

Sedgwick students have been creating a multitude of Lego sculptures this month at the library, demonstrating traits of creativity, perseverance, and innovation. Special thanks to Mr. Clapsaddle, Ms. Currier and the Nicholson-Gauvin Family for their generous donations!

This month, the library makerspace will feature Duct Tape projects! Stop by and get a blue pass to create with duct tape! Models and instructions available, or create your own design! Donations of any type of duct tape or washi tape would be appreciated!

Hour of Code

is Coming to Sedgwick!

Learn basic computer coding skills, along with millions of other people around the country, during Hour of Code week!

Sign up in advance to come to the library on **Tuesday, December 6th**, from **3:00-4:00 pm**. Complete your choice of Hour of Code Modules with a lab full of friends! Earn a certificate for your achievement.

Spots are limited, so students should check their email for a link to the sign-up sheet!

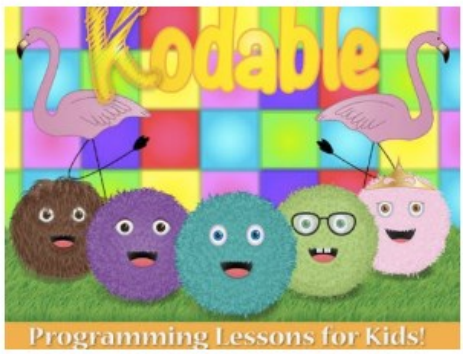
Moana: Wayfinding with Code
Grades 2+ | Blocks, JavaScript

Minecraft Hour of Code
Grades 2+ | Blocks

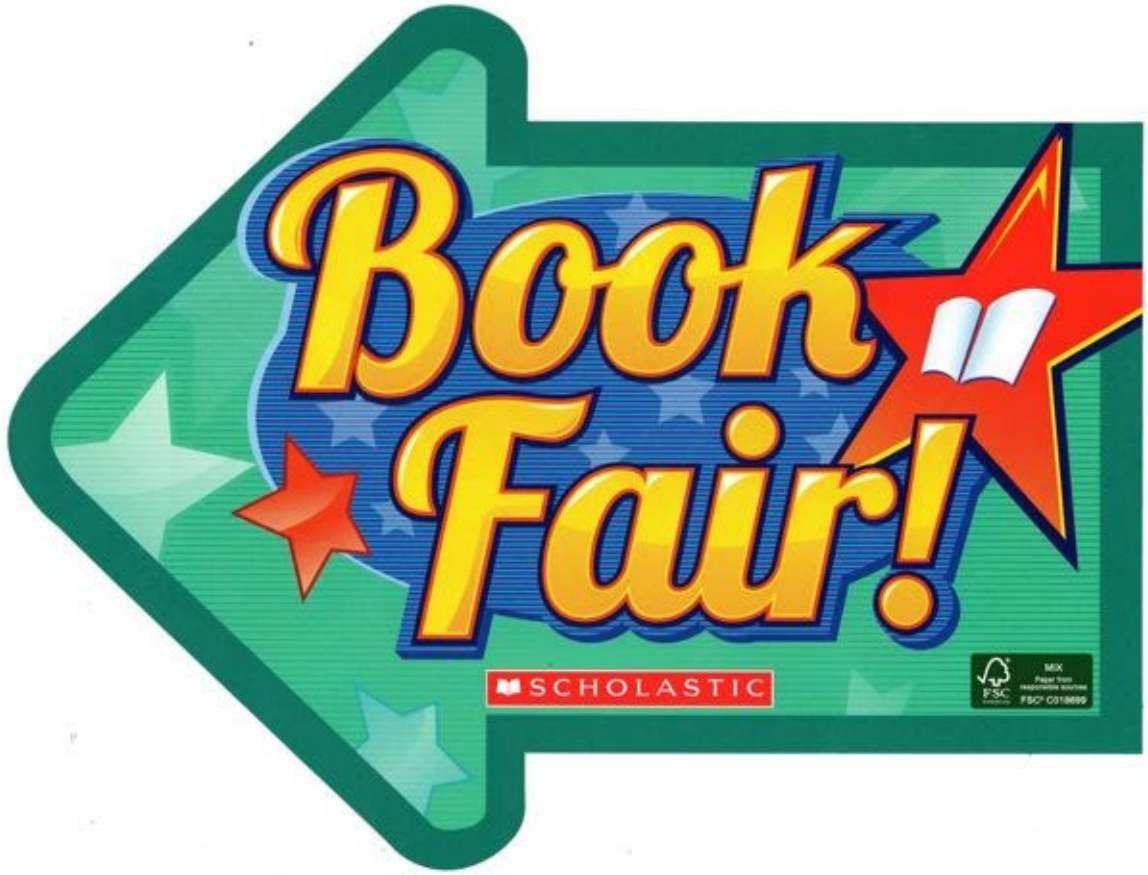
Make Music with Scratch
Grades 2-8 | Blocks, Scratch

Gumball's Coding Adventure
Grades 6-8 | Blocks, Scratch

Vidcode: Code the News
Grades 6+ | JavaScript



Kodable (pre-readers welcome)
Pre-reader - Grade 5 | Blocks | All modern browsers, iPad app



The library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair!

December 5th - 9th (School hours)

Evening hours Tuesday night from 4-7pm!

Please consider volunteering at our book fair! Thank you!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ea5a629a0f58-december

Neal Shusterman:

School Author Visit Book Order Form

Dear Parents,

The Sedgwick 7th grade has a last minute, awesome opportunity for students to meet author Neal Shusterman on December 13th, who is currently on a book tour for his latest novel, *Scythe.*

Scythe Description From Simon and Shuster:

Two teens are forced to murder—maybe each other—in the first in a chilling new series from Neal Shusterman, author of the New York Times bestselling Unwind dystology.

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Scythe is the first novel of a thrilling new series by National Book Award–winning author Neal Shusterman in which Citra and Rowan learn that a perfect world comes only with a heavy price.

If you would like to purchase a **SIGNED** copy of one of his books for your child, please complete and have your child return this form to his/her English teacher by: **Friday, December 9, 2016.**	Please make checks payable to: **Sedgwick Middle School**
Student Name:	**Teacher:**

Cover	Title	Price	Quantity	Personalize book to: (please print first name)
	Scythe	$10.00 (Hardcover)		

Sedgwick Middle School Yearbook

Ordering Information

Believe it or not, it's time to order your 2016 – 2017 Sedgwick Middle School Yearbook! The color yearbook includes portraits from all grades and candids of students throughout the year. It is a great memento of your child's year at Sedgwick Middle School. The cost of the yearbook varies based on when you order.

If you order your yearbook early ***(before January 31st),*** *you pay only* ***$10.***

If you order your yearbook in ***February or March,*** *you pay* ***$15.***

All yearbook orders end on March 31st.

Payment can be made by credit card, check, or cash. Yearbooks will be distributed in June through homerooms to anyone who placed an order in **advance**. If extra copies are available, they will be sold to for **$20** on a **first come, first served basis, *cash only.*** *However, we* ***strongly*** *recommend ordering yearbooks in advance using the online ordering system.*

The **EASIEST AND MOST EFFICIENT** way to order is directly through Coffee Pond's online ordering system.

Payment is made with a **credit card**. Here's how:

⇒ Log on to www.coffeepond.com

⇒ Go to "Place an Order" and click on "Yearbooks"
⇒ Enter School Password: **SMILE**
⇒ Check the box **"On-Line Order"**
⇒ Follow instructions and place your order

Or you may order with a **check**:

⇒ Log on to www.coffeepond.com

⇒ Go to "Place an Order" and click on "Yearbooks"
⇒ Enter School Password: **SMILE**
⇒ Check the box **"Mail-In Order"**
⇒ Follow instructions and mail in your order

OR: Pick up a copy of the yearbook order form in the school office. Fill it out and bring it with exact cash to Ms. Nagler or Ms. Elliott.

Any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors:

Ms. Nagler Ms. Elliott
diana_nagler@whps.org laura_elliott@whps.org
860-570-6500 x2450 860-570-6500 x2523

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