



Sedgwick Scene

January 2017

Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Ms. Melissa Behrens, Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

1/16 - Martin Luther King Day - No School

1/18 - POPS concert - 7 pm



Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Class of 2017:

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of West Hartford children by expanding your parental toolbox to include leadership and advocacy skills? Then, we have a great opportunity for you. The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) trains, inspires and empowers all parents to become effective advocates for children. To learn more about this dynamic program which begins in January, please contact Sara Barczak at sbarczak@bridgefamilycenter.org or call Charter Oak's Family Resource Center at 860-929-5575. There is no cost to participate in this leadership training program.

ESOL Student Of The Month :

Mai B. - Team Yale



**LET US
HELP YOU!**

LATE TO SCHOOL

- If you think your child is **close to being late**, please give him/her a note or call the office to let us know so we can excuse them.

DISMISSALS

- **If you are planning to pick up your child early**, please send them in with a note . We will give him/her a pass so they will be waiting for you when you arrive. (This will avoid us having to interrupt a class or try to find them in



#WeHa ROCKS PROJECT

For the months of November and December, the Sedgwick Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) began the #WeHaRocks Project. Inspired by the Kindness Rocks Project, the GSA wants to spread the message of kindness and acceptance throughout our town. For the past two months, students have been hard at work painting rocks with positive messages and beautiful designs. The rocks are currently in the main office and in the teacher's lounge. The group is looking to spread the rocks throughout the town and hoping other schools will join in.

Please stop by Sedgwick to take a rock for motivation. Share one with a friend for inspiration or add your own to spread the kindness.

Take One – Share One – Leave One – Inspire Others – Be Kind

#WeHaRocks





Do you want to get NEWS ALERTS?

If you would like to be alerted when we add something to the SMS website you can sign up with “News Alerts”. See below for an example of the window that will pop up when you click on the “News Alerts” button on our main webpage.

SITE ALERTS (Example)

In order to sign up for Alert Notifications please login.
If you are a new user please register below.

Login Or Register to Receive:

Newsletter Subscriptions

News Updates

Athletics Results, Postponements, Cancellations

Calendar & Athletic Event Reminders

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Site Login

Please provide your username and password to log in:

username

password



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS



Grade 5 to 6 Transition

5th grader parents and students are invited to Sedgwick for an orientation/Information Session on Monday, **March 13th** and **March 20st**. Please join us on the following date assigned to your child's current school:

March 13th – Parents and students currently attending Braeburn, Charter Oak and Webster Hill

March 20st – Parents and students currently attending Duffy, Wolcott and eligible Smith students

You will have an opportunity to meet with several sixth grade teachers and our administration in the auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m. This night is for parents and students. If your child will be attending Sedgwick, they will have an opportunity to visit and tour our school during the school day with their current class later in the spring.

Grade 8-9 Transition

The transition process to Conard High School begins in January. The following activities are included in the process:

- School counselors from Conard will be making presentations during an assembly on January 17th. Students will be provided with Conard High School's Program of Studies book and information about overall high school graduation requirements.
- Students will register for their 9th grade courses during the week of February 6th with counselors.
- Students will receive confirmation of courses that they registered for in the mail during the spring.
- Please contact your child's current counselor if you have any questions about the high school transition process.



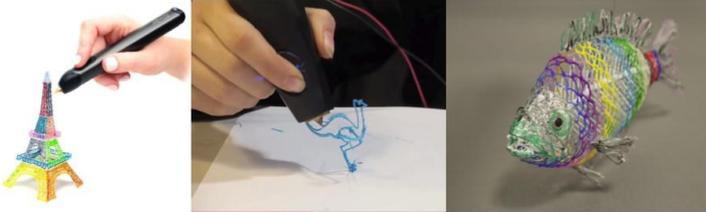
Minecraft Club Meets on FRIDAYS In January

Library News

January @ the Sedgwick Library Makerspace

3Doodler

What will you doodle? Stop by the library's Makerspace, funded by the Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools, to try our 3Doodler pens! Get a blue Makerpass and sign up for a slot, as daily spots are limited!



Thank You!

Library Book Fair Volunteers:

Jenni Ferney, Julia Sauter, Susan Aliberti,
Jen Asadow, Katie Thibault, Norma Mohamed,
Barbara Hodgson, and Kristine Doyle.

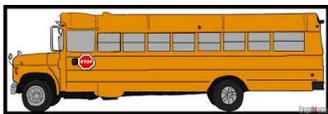
The library could not hold a book
fair without your support!



Sedgwick Library News and Notes



National Book Award-Winning Author Neal Shusterman visited with Sedgwick's 7th Graders on December 13th. He ran a Question and Answer session and was very impressed with the questions asked by Sedgwick students. His newest book *Scythe*, is flying off of our shelves, as are most of his other titles! Thanks to Barnes and Noble for providing this opportunity!



Transition Planning

Pre School-Elementary-Middle-High-Post Secondary

February 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Sedgwick Middle School, 128 Sedgwick Road.

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**INSPIRATION MEETS
IMAGINATION**

**PLAYHOUSE
ON PARK** 

Young Actor Training Program

ACTING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS GRADES K-8

We offer exciting opportunities for students interested in furthering their theatrical talents and abilities. We welcome students of all levels of experience! Our acting classes strive to teach the basics of acting techniques in a comfortable, educational, professional and fun environment! Students are placed into classes based on their current grade level. We conclude each session by inviting friends and families to a final share day!

Class sizes are limited. Advanced registration required.

**Winter session begins as early as January 9th!
Sign up today!**

Also Offering...

Professional Theatre for Young Audiences

THE CAT IN THE HAT: JUNE 3-11, 2017

Get Your tickets now to see professional actors bring these energetic and exciting plays to life! We also offer in-school workshops!

MONDAYS

4:30-5:30PM Grades: K & 1
5:45-6:45PM Grades: 1 & 2

TUESDAYS

5:30-7:00PM Grades: 5 - 8

WEDNESDAYS

4:00-5:00PM Grades 3 & 4
5:15-6:15PM Grades 4 & 5



To register for either program and for more details and tickets, please see our website www.playhouseonpark.org or call the box office at (860) 523-5900 x10.

244 Park Road, West Hartford, CT 06119 www.playhouseonpark.org (860) 523-5900, ext. 10

West Hartford Special Education PTO

January/February 2017 Events

Friday, January 6 from 9:30am to 10:30am

Coffee & Conversation" at Panera in Bishops Corner

The first Friday of the month, parents of children receiving special education services meet for coffee and a chance to talk & make new friends in a casual setting. We generally meet in the back of the restaurant.

Wednesday, February 1 at 7pm

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Location: Sedgwick Middle School, 128 Sedgwick Road, West Hartford (Enter through Wardwell Rd entrance)

Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm

Monthly Meeting – Topic TBD

Save the date for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Sedgwick Middle School at 7pm in the multipurpose room.

Ongoing Membership Drive

It's always the right time to join West Hartford SEPTO! Please register online at www.whsepto.org/membership.html

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TURKEY BOWL 2016

THE ASCENSION: ERICKSON MIRACULOUS IN TURKEY BOWL VIII AS STUDENTS DROP FOURTH STRAIGHT, 56-42

West Hartford, CT (AP)-Fans stuffed the stands of Clapsaddle Coliseum under spring-temperature sun-kissed skies to view the eighth incarnation of Turkey Bowl, the pre-Thanksgiving pigskin paean featuring Sedgwick's staffers and eighth grade students. The educators were in search of a fourth straight title in the storied championship series that takes place upon the gridiron's grandest stage early each eleventh month. Kyle Erickson's multifaceted MVP performance led this year's group of twenty teachers to the Promised Land and a 56-42 victory in Turkey Bowl VIII: The Basting. Behind Erickson, the staff showed why they have become a perennial Pro Bowl powerhouse to be reckoned with, trouncing another talent-rich squads featuring Team Columbia's, Princeton's, and Yale's finest.

Mario T. took the opening kick-off back to the fifty year line and had the student team thinking seven on their opening offensive series until Pete Pfeffer's difference-making defensive play, jumping the route of a short fourth down swing pass for an easy interception. He then guided the teachers downfield, finding Steve Kay streaking down the sideline for a score and an early 7-0 edge. Braden F. received the ensuing kick-off, weaving his way into the staff red zone with a nifty return, and was rewarded for his efforts when southpaw Isaiah P., looking like an early eighties era Jim Zorn, hit his bud with the tying touchdown pass, knotting the score at 7. Erickson fielded the kids' kick-off and used a series of XBOX-worthy spin moves to wind his way to the end zone for a 14-7 adult advantage before the Richie A.-to-Amari H.-R. combo struck pay dirt from short range to even things up at 14. Pfeffer once again sidled under center, executing a brilliant pump fake that allowed Amanda Pace to get behind the defense for a fifty-yard touchdown that put the teachers on top for good, 21-14. Erickson recovered a fumble, putting the explosive educator offense back in business in a shortened field situation and Andrew Clapsaddle stuck strictly to the Social Studies Stephens with a pass to Camberis and a point producer to Kay for the 28-14 lead. Luke W. got down to brass tacks, hooking up with Connor O. and Rowan S. before finding Charlie K. in the back-middle of the end zone to creep back into contention, trailing the teachers by a seven-point margin, 28-21. Cardona put his team on his shoulders defensively with the students knocking on the door of the end zone, first with a sack and then with a bull rush that forced an interception that fell directly into Erickson's mitts. The proverbial sea parted and the "Ponytailed Prophet" returned the ball to the Pearly Gates, again giving the teachers a two-score cushion at 35-21.

In the second half, Clapsaddle found Erickson deep, making reservations for seven with a scoring strike that doubled up the students by a score of 42-21. With short time and long odds against them, the apprentices started one last comeback attempt on the arms of Emmett C. and Richie with the latter eventually finding an open Rowan to trim the lead to fourteen. Pfeffer connected on a pair of passes to Tom Lucey, a whirling dervish who put on a ballet performance that would have made Baryshnikov blush, pirouetting his way through a crowd and leaving learners lunging in his wake. Completions to Erickson and Jonathan Baldwin pushed the pros back into the red zone where Pfeffer found Camberis on a pinpoint touch pass that pushed the lead back to twenty-one, 49-28. Luke valiantly attempted to keep things close, deftly matriculating his team down field with tosses to Tyler R., Mario, and Cooper S. before finding Jude S. for a score that trimmed the deficit to two touchdowns. Clapsaddle worked underneath with passes to Pam Matway and Meghan Gaignard, but young Andrew was able to grab an errant pass and return it to the teacher seven yard line with a chance to trim the lead to seven. Nick U. took the snaps for the students and hit Ryan O. for a short gain before finding Charlie T. to make it a one possession game with just under two minutes to play. Pfeffer returned for a final time and found Lucey for a short gainer that ate up much of the remaining clock and then controversially dropped a sixty-yard dime to Kay as the students searched in vain for an irrelevant flag on an offside infraction against Baldwin as time expired and the teachers were once again victorious, 56-42.

The hirsute and humble Social Studies teacher stated to a roomful of reporters postgame, "Great team effort by the staff, though the students deserve credit for making a game of it. The teachers showed the heart, grit, and determination that have become benchmarks of Sedgwick's staff in these ballgames. We fought the good fight, we finished the game, and kept the faith." This season's ascension is complete: the Wildcat workers once again hoisted the Pfeffer Trophy heavenward after being baptized in the football fire known as Turkey Bowl.