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Building Report November 2017 BOE Meeting

Schedule Change: Because of football playoffs and the resulting need to reschedule the opening performance of the SHS musical, the time of the 3rd grade music program has been changed. The program will begin at 6:00 pm in the SHS varsity gym, rather than 7:00 pm. This should allow audience members to attend both programs.

Appleseed Innovation Grant Recipients: SES was excited to hear the news that members of our staff were recipients of three of the Appleseed Innovation Grants. A summary of these grants are listed below. Thank you to the USD 113 Foundation and Kent & Donna Saylor for making this opportunity available to our staff members in order to enhance our educational environment.

- Standing Desks: Six (6) Standing desks, which will allow for alternative student posturing in the classroom. Requested by Ms. Lorinda Strahm and Ms. Jennifer Herrmann, 3rd and 4th Grade Classrooms.
- Hands-On Sound Manipulation for Intervention Reading Groups: Tactile letters that can be handled and manipulated by students. Requested by Ms. Shari Frey, Special Education Teacher.
- Nature Sound Scape: A six-foot musical fence, with roof, to be added to the SES Nature Area. Requested by Ms. Holly Meyer, Pre-K Teacher, and Ms. Donna Elder, Co-Teacher.

3rd Grade Trip to Lied Center: On October 24, 2017, SES 3rd graders travelled to Lawrence to visit the Museum of Natural History on the KU campus and attend an educational performance at the KU Lied Center. Students viewed the performance of Jazzy Ash & The Leaping Lizards. This was a very interactive program and students and adults attending thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank Kent and Donna Saylor for their donation to the Lied Center that helped establish this opportunity and also provided lunch for all participants.

KU Lied Center Visiting Artist: On Monday, October 9, the SES 3rd graders had the privilege to participate in a workshop with Paige Hernandez in connection with Lied Across Kansas. This program allows the Lied Center of Kansas to team up with a world-class artist to bring arts education to students of all ages in selected communities in Kansas. Ms. Hernandez, a multifaceted performer, is known for her innovative fusion of poetry, hip-hop, dance and education. Hernandez is a master teaching artist and has taught throughout the country to all ages in all disciplines. To date, she has reached approximately 10,000 students from Pre-K through college level



in over 100 residencies, workshops and performances. *The Huffington Post* also named Hernandez a “classroom hero” because of her outstanding arts integration and work with STEM initiatives. She is a member of Actors’ Equity Association and is a critically acclaimed director and dancer. Recently, she was named by American Theatre magazine as one of six top-teaching artists in the United States. (Source: <http://lied.ku.edu/engagemeneducation/lied-across-kansas-paige-hernandez>) Our students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the informative and interactive program. Our participation was made possible through the generosity of Kent and Donna Saylor, for which we are in great appreciation.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences were held on October 18 -19. Overall, SES had a 96% attendance rate. Parents/guardians of 353 of our 368 students met and discussed student progress with teachers. Many of those who did not attend have rescheduled for an alternative date.

Red Ribbon Week: Each year, Red Ribbon Week provides SES with an opportunity to renew our commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle and to show our dedication to education and prevention efforts in our schools and communities. Mrs. Dana Michael, SES counselor, planned some activities in our building to highlight the work being done to stop the spread of drugs and to draw attention to the growing millions who have pledged to live drug-free. These activities included:

**Tuesday, October 24: SES School has SWAG!
(Students Who Achieve Goals)**

- Students were encouraged to dress up or look nice.

Wednesday, October 25: Wear Red Day

- Students were encouraged to wear red, the national color of Red Ribbon Week.

Thursday, October 26: Team Up Against Drugs Day

- Students were encouraged to wear any Bluejay gear they have.

Friday, October 27: My Future is so Bright I Don't Need Drugs!

- Students were encouraged to wear bright colors.



Fire Safety Day: Fire Safety Day was held at SES on Tuesday, October 10th. The Sabetha Fire Department provided information to SES students on how to avoid fires and what to do if one develops. The students also had the opportunity to view the fire truck and ask the firefighters questions. We would like to thank our local fire department for organizing this activity.

Halloween Parade: Cold weather prompted the Halloween Parade to be held inside this year. However, this did not dampen student spirits. Many family members attended to see the number of creative costumes. PTO parents also hosted homeroom parties for students that included fun games, crafts and sweet snacks.

Kiwanis “I Like Me” Books: The Sabetha Kiwanis organization donated personalized “I Like Me” books to each of our kindergarten students. Doug Clark visited on Thursday, October 26, to pass out the books. Students were very excited to receive them.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 14: SES Site Council
- November 15: Monthly Staff Meeting
- November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break
- November 29: SES SIT Meeting
- December 6: SES BLT Meeting
- December 7: DLT Meeting
- December 8: Early Release