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## How to Entertain Yourself at Home for 20 Days

by Zoey Lazzaro

This article is going to be about entertaining yourself at home for twenty days. There are going to be many fun options that you can do. Some may be from going outside and playing, to reading a book. Here are some options for things to do at home.

After you finish your work you can bake. You can bake a lot of things, like cookies, cupcakes, a cake, muffins, etc.. I have already baked a lot, and my best so far was a bundt cake. I also made ginger snap cookies, and they were delicious. You can just look up a recipe and start baking. Or you can make dinner for your family and enjoy it.

Another thing you can do is play a family game, color, read a book, or do a puzzle. When you color it might take things off your mind. If you play a family game you can bond with your family instead of not talking to each other. When you do a puzzle it might also take things off your mind, and it could make you feel better about the corona-virus. If you read a book it will probably clear your mind, and you should probably read a book because of school.

Another thing you can do is go play outside. You should probably go outside because we need the fresh air, and we need to be active. There is a lot to do outside: you can play soccer, basketball, or if you have a trampoline jump on that. You could just sit outside and read, but the important thing is that you are getting fresh air.

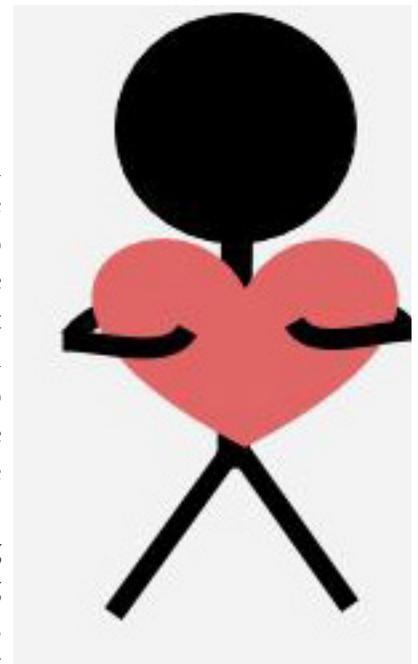
These are some things you can do to entertain yourself at home for twenty days. Have a great day, and stay safe!

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## Remote Learning

by Brayden Boice

I think that remote learning is really cool because you can sleep in, you can decide when you want to do work, and you will get more work done because you are in a familiar space. If you get more rest and sleep, you will be able to be more awake throughout the day. I think it is also important as we become teenagers to get more sleep as we continue to grow. As a result of all the rest you can wake up refreshed and ready to study. When you are at home you can decide when you want to do work and when you don't. This helps students to have less stress throughout the school day. When kids are at home I believe they feel a lot more calm. Less social pressure! Since I have been home I have been getting a lot more done. I think students are able to get better grades because their focus is just on the work and not being disturbed by the kid sitting next to them. When you are hungry you are able to grab a snack while taking a test. Kids also have the freedom to take more time while doing their work, which can lead to better results. One of the main things I like about being at home is spending more time with family. During the day we can take breaks between school work and go out and play a quick game of basketball, or volleyball. Remote learning has been great for me and I hope everyone else has had a great time. I hope everyone has a great time for the rest of the year as we adjust to this new way of attending "school"!



## Remote Learning

I have had to do remote learning for quite some time now, and here are some of my thoughts. First, I think it is quite sufficient and is definitely better than just giving us a bunch of worksheets. It is a good way to learn due to this tough situation. I know COVID-19 is tough for all of us. Although it gets the job done it gets very boring. I know you are probably tired of hearing that, but it is true. We really need face-to-face interaction. A good way to solve this is through video chatting with a friend. On the bright side it is a great time to find new hobbies. As you probably know, SMS has recently shortened the school day. That has helped a lot of students. Some students felt overwhelmed with the workload, and the schedule change really helped with that. Personally, I like the schedule change. You can get it done in the morning pretty quickly. So it gives you a longer time of the day to do what you want and not worry if your school work is done or not. So those are some of my thoughts on remote learning.

*by Ava*



**Mrs. San Murry - Technology Integrator**



## Remote Learning

In general I feel that remote learning is better than I expected and has been improving since we started. What I like about remote learning is the ability to work at your own pace. I have also really enjoyed being able to get up and walk around, or work in your PJ's (when you are not at a meeting). I think that the district has done a really good job being able to make sure that everything gets done, yet it is not too stressful. I am really glad activities like EHP, Chorus, and Student Council aren't cancelled. What I miss about school is being able to see your friends every day. Before remote learning started I took that for granted, but now I am realizing how much I miss even talking to people in general. I also have not really liked having to look at a chromebook all day because it hurts my back and gives me headaches, but I am really grateful for the fact that we have chromebooks. I think the hardest part of remote learning has been communicating with teachers. I think that remote learning and everywhere being closed has helped me as a person get outside more and get more exercise, and I am very glad that I can do that. Remote learning has also really helped me from getting bored and given me something to do during social distancing. I am really glad that I have had more outdoor time, and remote learning has been made really easy, but I am ready to get back to school.

*by Josiah*



Our school, South Meadow School, was happy to have **Mrs. Underwood** join our staff for the school year 2019-2020. As a teacher, Mrs. Underwood is friendly, nice, and welcoming to everyone she meets. Mrs. Underwood is the sixth grade science teacher. During class she takes the time to fully explain assignments and ensures that all of our questions are answered. The reason Mrs. Underwood is such a great teacher is that she keeps the topic of science interesting. An example of this would be explaining the process of how oxygen works. To demonstrate this Mrs. Underwood conducted an experiment with us. She showed us what happens when a flame, in the form of a candle, is deprived of oxygen when a cup is put over it. It was interesting to see how quickly the flame went out. Mrs. Underwood was once a firefighter, so her knowledge of fire science is really cool. She often brings in her helmet from when she was a firefighter.

Everyone loves to put the helmet on and take pictures, maybe thinking about how they might be a firefighter one day. A recent interesting conversation in class discussed how Australia could more effectively fight the massive wildfire that was burning. At SMS, Mrs. Underwood is a very important part of the school, including being the advisor for Drama. One interesting thing is that at the beginning of class she plays soft music while we are getting ready; it helps to calm everyone down and gets them ready to learn. Another interesting fact is that many students call her Mrs. Tunderwood; this is because her email address is tunderwood@conval.edu, as her first name begins with a "T." I am very glad that we had added such a wonderful teacher to SMS. I look forward to learning more about science this year in Mrs. Underwood's class.



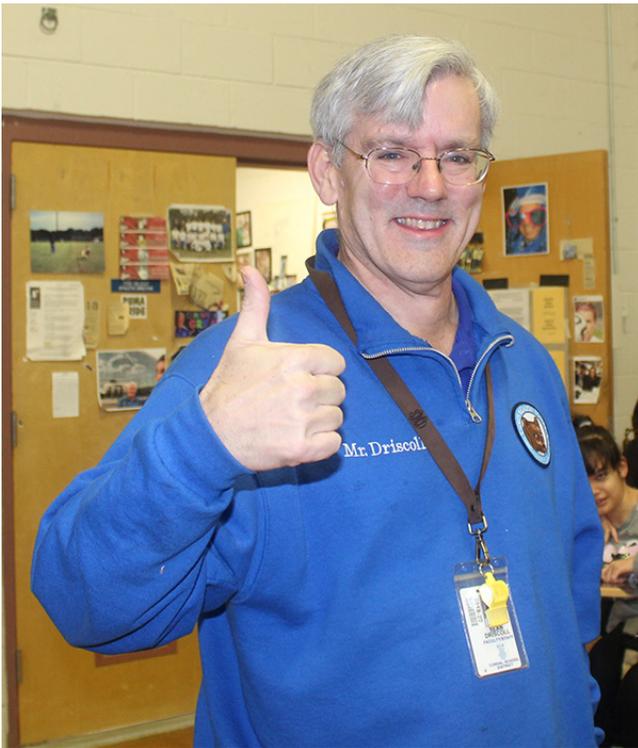
## Mrs. Russell

*by Zoey Lazzaro*

Mrs. Russell is the seventh and eighth grade art teacher. She also has a 7th grade advisory. Mrs. Russell is really nice, kind, and really good at art. In her room she has tables set up by color, so there is a red table, green table, pink table, yellow table, etc.. She has a kiln for the pottery we make, and she has a pottery wheel. I really want to try the pottery wheel. She has three sinks in her room, so if you just want to wash your hands you can just stay in her room.

When we do a new unit, she usually shows us what to do, and then we practice drawing, or doing whatever we are supposed to do. Then we could move onto our final draft. When we did pottery we had to make either a mug, bowl, vase, or a pitcher. If you ask for help, she will help you, and she will help you in a way that you will understand.

Now you know more about Mrs. Russell. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!



## Mr. Driscoll

by Zoey Lazzaro

Mr. Driscoll is a really cool teacher. Even in the 2018-2019 year book they said that about Mr. Driscoll. And misspelled his name on purpose. He teaches social studies and one block of language arts. I have him for Homeroom, Advisory, and Social Studies. Mr. Driscoll is a really nice, and friendly teacher.

Mr. Driscoll has been teaching for a while. He has taught many different grades, at many schools. He has also lived in different places. This year Mr. Driscoll started the Karaoke Contest. It all started because we were just singing in advisory, and then we started the ticket thing where you got a ticket by doing the right thing. After so many tickets we were given a choice of rewards, and Karaoke was one of the rewards. Mr. Driscoll also has BINGO, and sometimes we do that in Advisory, or Homeroom, and it is really fun. He also has the BOX of SWAG, and that has a lot of cool things in it. How you get to pick something from the BOX of SWAG is that he gives you a ticket, and then someone pulls out one ticket, or

more, then that person gets to pick something within ten seconds, after that ten seconds you cannot see inside the box, and then you have to pick something without looking.

Mr. Driscoll has fish and snails in his room. Don't worry, the snails don't come out of the water. He has two fish tanks, which have the snails and fish in them. There are a lot of lockers in Mr. Driscoll's room, also a lot of books. Mr. Driscoll has a decently big room. He has tall tables in the back so you can stand up, or sit down. In Social Studies he sometimes lets us have five minute breaks. At the beginning of the class we usually have five minutes to talk. Then we get started with learning, or just doing whatever we are doing in class.

Now you know more about Mr. Driscoll. Happy Teacher Appreciation week!

**Mr. Morneault** has been a huge part of our school since he joined the South Meadow School teacher community. He has helped not only SMS but the ConVal school district in many ways. First of all, he coaches two ConVal teams, the JV soccer team at the high school and the JV lacrosse team. I know many people who loved having Mr. Morneault as their coach in soccer and lacrosse because he was so supportive and optimistic. Mr. Morneault is also the coach of both the girls and boys B basketball teams here at SMS. I want to thank Mr. Morneault for doing this for our school, especially because if he did not volunteer then multiple kids wouldn't have had a basketball team to play on this year. Mr. Morneault even helped and inspired students who did not play on the SMS team this year by holding a March Madness Tournament. This tournament let kids play basketball on a team with two of their friends and compete to win. The first two days of the Tournament were great. Mr. Morneault even brought in some high school basketball players to help teach skills and referee. Unfortunately, we have been unable to complete the last two days due to the school closure. I know all of us are hoping to complete them in the future. Mr. Morneault has also been helping coach Sil for many years with gym class and coaching teams. I feel like Mr. Morneault is a vital member of our school community. He likes to have fun and makes sure that kids are respectful as well. Thanks Mr. Morneault.

by Brayden





Wanda Knisley  
Paraprofessional



Sean Driscoll  
7th Grade Teacher / Social Studies



**Mrs. Stephanie Smart - Guidance**



Anne O'Bryant  
Principal

## Mr. Iwanowicz

5th grade LA teacher



Mr. Iwanowicz teaches LA for 5th grade and is also the XC coach and Ski Club supervisor. Mr Iwanowicz likes to bike, run, and read. Mr Iwanowicz starts his class with three minutes to talk to your friends and get ready. After that everyone does their journal entries. Every year in Mr Iwanowicz class the entire class reads Journey to a New World: The Diary of Remember Patience, Whipple and Hatchet. After we finish reading the book we do a big writing project on it. This is Mr. Iwanowicz's 4th year teaching 5th grade at SMS and his homeroom has won the Turkey Trot every time. Mr Iwanowicz has been the XC coach since he started teaching 5th grade, which meets four days a week, everyday but Wednesday. Mr Iwanowicz's A team and B team boys won Tri county this year, and the A team boys placed 3rd in the Milford Invitational. Mr Iwanowicz also runs a biking program outside of school called Chain Gang. He really likes the Red Sox and has

posters in his room for the Red Sox. Mr Iwanowicz is a really fun and excellent teacher and XC coach.

*by Josiah*



Kevin Morneault  
Physical Education

**Mrs. Grady** is the Health Teacher at South Meadow School. She is very friendly and makes you feel comfortable talking about health stuff. Mrs. Grady likes to joke around and make students smile. But she also wants you to pay attention and learn what she is teaching because it is important. So in essence she keeps class fun while learning! Mrs. Grady is also in charge of the Turkey Trot each year. She organizes the event and usually gets the gift card for the winner. This year it was an SMS hat or headband. One year she faced a new challenge, as the Turkey Trot had to be postponed due to ice. It became the Bunny Hop and was held in the Spring when the weather was better. Mrs. Grady is an important member of our school. She is always willing to answer questions and has a friendly wave and smile for everyone when you pass her in the hall. Outside of school I know Mrs. Grady loves to hear her son singing in the A Cappella group at ConVal High School. Thank you Mrs. Grady for all you do!

*by Brayden*



**Mrs. Grouleau** wears many hats at SMS. She is the 6th grade social studies teacher, she supports the SMS Ski Club, and she runs the Dungeons and Dragons Club. Mrs. Grouleau is a great teacher who is always excited about teaching her students about Social Studies and current events. The students in ski club have a great time skiing with her. And the newly formed Dungeons and Dragons club has built a lot of excitement with students who like to play. In her class Mrs. Grouleau likes to play a lot of games to keep learning fun. We played Risk to help with our geography skills. A class favorite is Kahoot. We do quizzes on geography and cultures around the world. The students love learning this way and often ask to play. Mrs. Grouleau has two sons, and she loves to tell us about them. One son works for the military and has many adventures. Her other son is a designer of footwear and works for Steph Curry in designing his new sneaker styles. Our school is very lucky to have a teacher like Mrs. Grouleau. She is always ready to answer questions and offer help when needed. I like it when she challenges us to fill out maps, as I think it is important to know about our world. I hope to travel to many of those places someday! I will have to send Mrs. Grouleau a postcard.

*by Brayden*



## Mrs. Cutter

*by Zoey Lazzaro*

Mrs. Cutter is a seventh grade teacher, and she is really nice, kind, and helpful. Mrs. Cutter teaches language arts, in fact she teaches four blocks of language arts. A, B, E, and F block. She has her own little library in her room, and we like to sit in the library, because she has comfortable seating in it.

Mrs. Cutter has many book projects around her room as well. Her room connects with Mrs. Norby's room by a door that goes straight through to the other room. Sometimes Mrs. Norby will come into Mrs. Cutter's room, or Mrs. Cutter will go into Mrs. Norby's room. When my class all turned in their book projects, Mrs. Cutter went to Mrs. Norby to tell her, because she was so excited. Sometimes our class gets off topic and Mrs. Cutter lets us do it because she knows that we can get right back to doing what we were doing. At times we read for a little bit at the beginning of the class. Mrs. Cutter resets her tables about every quarter or so. She also gives us new seats every once in a while.

Now you know more about Mrs. Cutter.





## Mrs Fortin

Mrs Fortin teaches music to 5th and 6th grade, teaches 5th grade chorus, as well as 6th, 7th and 8th grade chorus and select chorus, and is a 5th grade advisor. During Mrs Fortin's class there are many units you go through, starting with listening to music and identifying the culture and music we think we heard. She usually starts out the year with Mongolian throat singing. The next unit Mrs Fortin does is the drums, and you learn the many rhythms including Low High Low and Keep the Rhythm Going. Mrs Fortin also takes out her cow bells and shakers. The next unit is Garage Band in which you take different sound clips and put them together to make different types of music and make a song that is about two or three minutes long. At the end of the three week unit everyone is expected to play their song in front of the whole class. The next unit Mrs Fortin teaches is the keyboards. We usually start with Danny Boy and start to do other songs. The final unit is guitars. Everyone in the class gets a guitar assigned to them and learns a few chords. We learn C, G, G7 and D7. Then we play songs including Home on The Range, and Row, Row, Your Boat.

Mrs. Fortin is also the chorus teacher to all grades. Every group meets at least once a week, sometimes twice, right before the concert, 5th grade meeting on Friday, 6th grade altos and sopranos during Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 7th and 8th grade sopranos and altos on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Fortin meets after school on Tuesday for select chorus until four. Mrs Fortin is an excellent music and chorus teacher and makes all of her classes fun and interesting!

*by Josiah*



## Mr. Mayo

*by Zoey Lazzaro*

Mr. Mayo teaches two blocks of science, and two blocks of social studies. Before he was a seventh grade teacher, he was an eighth grade teacher. Mr. Mayo has a small room, but he has this huge chalkboard, and a SMART board. He has a cool set up in his room.

I only have Mr. Mayo for science, but I know that he does the same things as Mrs. Norby. Mr. Mayo did the fishing pole derby the week after vacation, and it was fun! Mr. Mayo sometimes gives out Jolly Ranchers, and they are so good. He hands them out rarely if you get the question correct. Or if we play a Kahoot, maybe he will give them out.

Mr. Mayo has no natural lighting in his room. He only has light from his windows that look out to the atrium. But sometimes that doesn't even get that much light because it might rain, and it will get dark. Our atoms projects are hanging from the ceiling. They have been up there for a while. Mr. Mayo usually has extra things for projects, like when I did not have a metal object for the fishing derby, he gave me a screw to use.

Now you know more about Mr. Mayo.

# Thank you to the Teachers at South Meadow School

## Mrs. Brezovec

Mrs Brezovec is the EHP teacher, ski club chaperon, and a 7th grade advisor. Mrs Brezovec teaches many classes including Tinkercad, Simple Machines, Mechanical Engineering and Robotics, Mblock, Newspaper, Web-casting, Mind Puzzles and Peer Mentors. Mrs Brezovec has lots and lots of games and puzzles (many Rubik's Cubes) and a jar of mints. To be able to take her class you have to write a 300 word essay about why you want to do that class and tell her about yourself in general. Mrs Brezovec stays after school usually two days a week so that you can catch up on any missing EHP work or get ahead. While most people have to spend their Puma Time in their advisory, many EHP students are invited to spend Puma Time in EHP. The Peer Mentor program that Mrs Brezovec runs is a program where Mrs Brezovec trains students to help the fifth graders on their transition to the new school. In Mrs Brezovec's room you can see on the wall and ceiling the tiles of past EHP students that say the classes they took with art on them. Mrs. Brezovec wants you to learn by experimenting and having the time to fix your work to get it right. This takes time but we learn a lot about ourselves and how to think for ourselves. Mrs Brezovec takes her classes on many trips. For example, last year the 7th, now 8th grade Peer Mentors went to the White Mountains and did a lot of team building activities. Mrs Brezovec is a great, fun teacher who is excellent at her job.

*by Josiah*



**Mrs. Brophy** is a sixth grade math and science teacher. She is nice and has great teaching methods. In science she does fun experiments, and they add a fun twist on science class. She does a new experiment/project so the kids in her class have a visual example of what they are learning. Sometimes, if we have testing or a shorter block, she lets us play games to give our brains a break. One of the games we play is, "Guess my Number". In "Guess my Number" there's one person who thinks of a number between 1-150. Then you go around the room and everyone guesses a number. The person who picked the number tells you if the number is too high or too low. She also plays games in advisory on Fridays. As you probably already know, she is great at math. If any student has a quick math problem she can easily do it inside her head. Mrs. Brophy is a smart, fun teacher that we are lucky to have here at SMS.

*by Ava*

**Teachers  
are  
Special.**





**Ms. McLean** is the fifth and sixth grade art teacher. She is sweet, fun and very artistically talented. Ms. McLean is so nice to all her students and really fun to be around. All of the art projects are great. We do projects such as paper mache donuts, watercolor birch trees, and stained glass. Ms. McLean also makes artwork of her own, and it always turns out great. For R.T.I., wood burning was one of the projects. Another fun thing she does is smileys. All students make smileys which are small circular paper cutouts and put a design in them. Then if your class had done a good job that day she asks one student to put a smiley on the board. If you get ten smileys on the board you get a free choice day. I am also in Ms. McLean's advisory. She does fun activities in advisory too, such as fun greetings and games. She also does something called Good of the Order. Where she tells you all about upcoming events. She is an amazing teacher, and all of her students love her.

*by Ava*

## **Mrs. Norby**

*by Zoey Lazzaro*

Mrs. Norby teaches science, and one block of math. I am in that math class, and a lot of people love Mrs. Norby, but I do not have her for science. We do a lot of fun activities in math, and I think that Mr. Mayo does all of the same things as Mrs. Norby in science, so I might be able to say what she does. She has one of the biggest rooms in the whole school.

Mrs. Norby makes things fun, like in science we have to do a magnetic fishing pole, and that is fun to make, and also pick up paper clips with it. In math she tries to make the math papers fun, and she does, so it makes us want to do math.

Mrs. Norby has not taught math in five or six years. So we take things slow, and somehow easy. Mrs. Norby makes it easy for us. We do the same things that Ms. Kilban does, but we are behind, but that is ok; we will eventually catch up. But sometimes we have to reteach some lessons, because some kids don't get how to do the unit. We once watched a movie because we got the most points out of all her classes. We watched Hidden Figures, and it was such a good movie. Mrs. Norby makes things fun for learning. On some papers we have to get the correct answer, with that answer there is a letter, and there are lines that have the number, then you write down the letter that goes with that number. If that makes any sense, it is fun. One answer was an echo; I could not figure that out. It was so hard

Now you know a little more about Mrs. Norby.





Carrie Hibbard  
Paraprofessional



Christian  
Paraprofessional



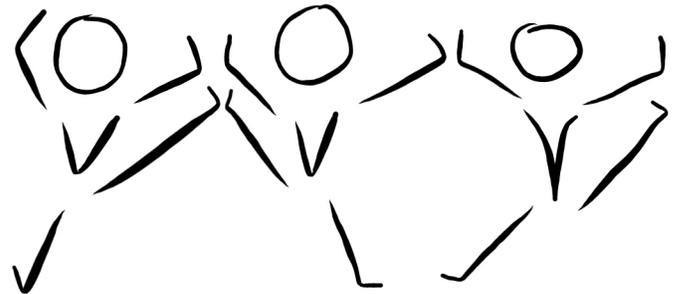
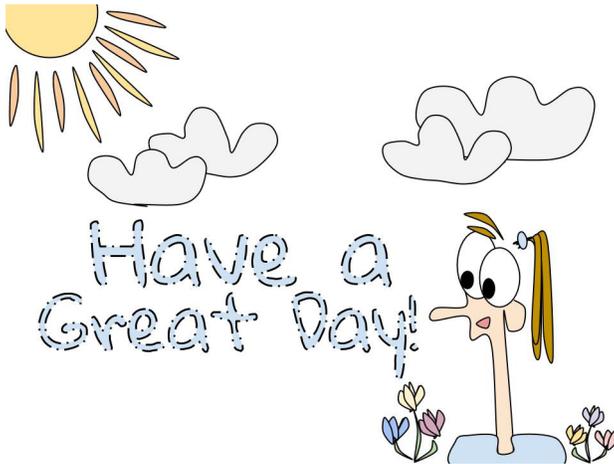
Koehlaina Cooledge  
Special Education



Leslie Foster  
Paraprofessional

**Ms. Stearns** is the librarian and does Library/Media. She is very nice and gives students chances to change their behavior and their attitude. She plays fun games in her class such as Kahoot and book rearrange. Kahoot is a game where a teacher creates a class on the kahoot site that the kids join. The site asks you a bunch of questions about the lesson you are on, and the person who gets the most right wins. Whenever we play we always have so much fun. Ms. Stearns always helps a student who is struggling by really taking the time to explain it to them. She also makes sure not to force a lot of work on to you so you can give your best at the task at hand. Ms. Stearns is a good, nice teacher that we are lucky to have.

by Ava



**Mrs. Chidester** is a sixth grade L.A and math teacher. She is kind and provides great help if a student is struggling. When a student is struggling Mrs. Chidester is the first one to help them. She gives you great advice on studying and homework techniques. She also helps you with A.R and gives you tips on how to get to your goal. This teachers is also a very kind person and is always very nice to her students and rarely raises her voice. Instead she does the 0-5 countdown. This is where she counts down from five and lets you finish your conversations while also making the room quiet. A fun L.A game such as “Need a Ride,” we play in her room. In “Need a Ride” there is one person playing a part ,and you have to make inferences on what their character trait is. We also do journals in LA which allows us to develop the writing skills we are working on for that unit. Mrs. Chidester is a nice, helpful, fun teacher, and we are very lucky to have her as our sixth grade teacher.

by Ava



# Mr. Lowy

by Zoey Lazzaro

Mr. Lowy is the band teacher, and he knows how to play probably every instrument. Mr. Lowy has two children, and he is married. He has an 8th grade advisory, teaches seventh and eighth grade music and does recess duty when we are outside. It is fun, we just walk around outside, or inside.

During band, Mr. Lowy has to read all the music for every part. It looks hard, but Mr. Lowy has probably practiced for a long time. Mr. Lowy has a lot of things in his room. He has a whole lot of music, and also instruments. There are a lot of memes hanging up on the walls in his room. He has all of what the meanings are for the rests, notes, the music for marching band, and the order in which we are supposed to play it in. Mr. Lowy is busy every block. He teaches lessons to all the sections, band during plus block, and also his music classes.

Now you know more about Mr. Lowy.



Sam Moore  
Paraprofessional



Dallis Austin  
Special Education - Grade 7





**Miss Keating** is one of our math teachers here at SMS. She makes the learning experience fun, and I will most definitely miss her once I am at the high school. She offers a class in 7th grade for students who want to get ahead in the math curriculum. Miss Keating teaches both pre-algebra and algebra 1 to any student. Miss Keating is also one of the more competitive teachers during spirit week. Her homeroom won once again this year, and her color is green. During our online classes she is very good at posting assignments for her students. She makes her videos understandable and easy to learn from.

*by Sophia Lake*



**Ms. Kilban**

*by: Grace O'Brien*

This year is Ms. Kilban's first year of teaching at South Meadow School! Ms. Kilban is the main 7th grade math teacher. She is always willing to lend a hand, and crack a joke while she helps you. Ms. Kilban loves three things in the world: Taylor Swift, dogs, and chocolate. Her dog is named Bandit, and she loves him to pieces. During remote learning Bandit is enjoying the extra time with Ms. Kilban by going on walks. For spirit week Ms. Kilban's homeroom was the color blue. Mrs. Norby stole the overall win, but Ms. Kilban's homeroom won the tug of war. Out of school (and before social distancing), Ms. Kilban is on a competitive cornhole team. She says that she joined to make new friends in her community, although some players are very "into the game". Ms. Kilban is a great teacher, and we hope she is having a great first year here at South Meadow School!



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Dorene Decibus and Elizabeth Fortin



Leslie Foster



Taylor Koban  
Paraprofessional



Sean Driscoll and Brendan Mayo

**Thank You Teachers!**



## Mrs. Sipe

Mrs. Sipe is a 6th grade teacher of language arts and social studies, and an advisor. Mrs Sipe has been teaching for multiple years, but has started teaching 6th grade this year. Mrs Sipe's homeroom (purple) won spirit week this year, beating Underwood by only one point. Before remote learning began Mrs. Sipe had Mindfulness Mondays during advisory, when the advisory would do a ten minute meditation to do a calm start to the week. On Fridays during advisory, we do Fun Fridays and get to play games during advisory. Mrs Sipe lives right by a hiking trail and has been hiking there to pass time during social distancing. Mrs. Sipe is currently reading *Freak the Mighty* in her L.A class to learn about metaphors and similes. For Mrs Sipe's social studies class she is teaching about India and having her students watch CNN daily. Mrs. Sipe is a great teacher and advisor who makes learning fun and exciting.

*by Joshiah Conley*



Dallis Austin  
Special Education - Grade 7



Velka Pacheco-McMahon  
Spanish Teacher



Ashley Sipe and Tania Grady





## Mr. Hammett

by Zoey Lazzaro

Mr. Hammett teaches 7th and 8th grade IAT, and he has a 5th grade advisory. With remote learning I can not experience what we do in IAT, but I know it is really fun! I also know that in the first quarter a blacksmith came and made things in front of us. I saw it because I was in FACS, and we got to watch, too. The blacksmith made a chain link, a nail, and something else I am pretty sure. During online classes, we are drawing. Right now we are drawing a city 3D perspective.

We usually have a zoom or google hangouts call in the morning, and Mr. Hammett puts up videos on how to do what we are learning. I think that Mr. Hammett used to be an art teacher before he taught IAT; it was either that or a music teacher. I remember him telling me that in fifth grade. Mr. Hammett is really nice, and if you need help, or if you have any

questions, I think that he will help you and help you in the best way he can.

Now you know a little more about Mr. Hammett! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!



**Mr. Townsend** is the social studies teacher for the 8th grade team. He is both a homeroom teacher and an advisor. His color for spirit week was blue. For on-line learning Mr. Townsend is doing a learning menu. Every week you are supposed to be at a certain point in the learning menu. We can ask questions, and he normally shows us videos relating to the topic from the learning menu in a Google Meet. Every week we have a Google Meet, typically on Wednesdays during the assigned class time. His classes only last about a half hour, and at the end of class we do exit tickets. One of our assignments that we are supposed to do at least twice a week is the bell ringer. Basically we just go over what we want to accomplish that day and see if we finished the goals we set for the previous day(s).

by Sophia Lake



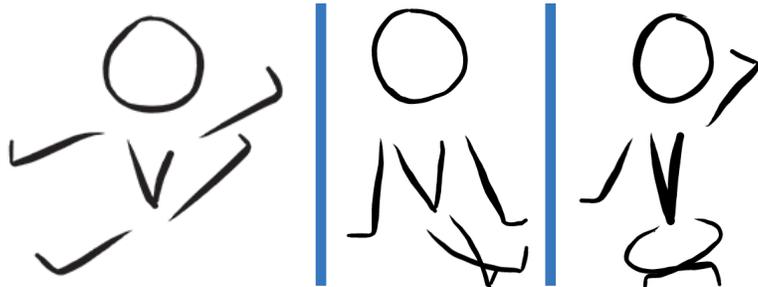


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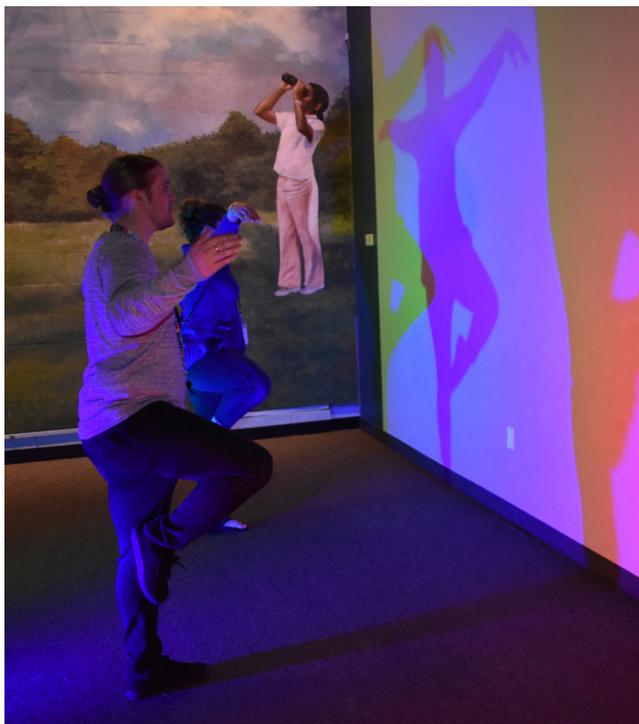


Julie Anderson  
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EHP

**Ms. Bueller** is a language arts and math teacher for the 8th grade. She is new this year to the 8th grade team. Mrs. Baker is a very kind and generous person. She has both a homeroom and advisory. For spirit week her color was red.

*by Sophia Lake*



Brendan Mayo  
7th Grade Science/Social Studies Teacher



Erika Cutter  
7th Grade Teacher - English/Language Arts



**Mrs. Hautnen** is the 5th grade math teacher. Mrs. Hautnen loves math. She is a great teacher who really loves working with her students. Mrs. Hautnen expects you to turn work in and be a diligent self learner. But she is willing to help out whenever you need and always wants to make sure you understand and like math as much as she does. Mrs. Hautanen has also had experience teaching different subjects when she has been at SMS. When my older brother had her as a teacher she taught language arts. My eldest brother had her as his main teacher before they began having 5th graders switching classes. At that point she was responsible for teaching all four main subjects. Both my brothers and myself really enjoyed having her as a teacher. Mrs. Hautanen is a great teacher, and we are lucky to have her at SMS!

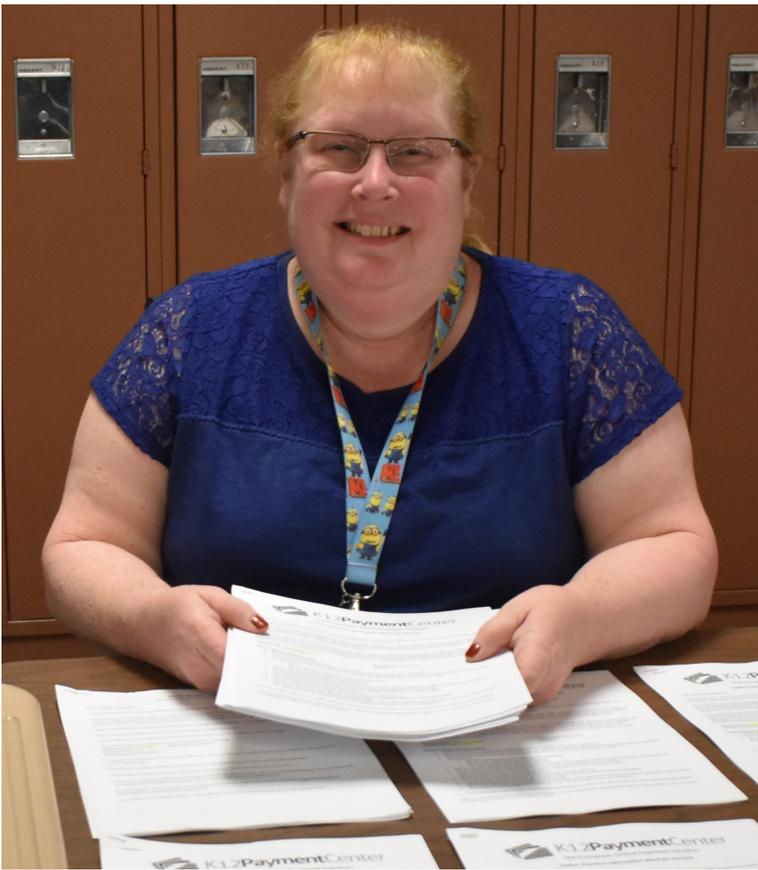
Thank you  
to all the  
Teachers.



Stephanie Hayes  
5th Grade Teacher / Social Studies



**Mrs. Lyons** is the science teacher for 8th grade. She teaches more of a biology science class. In her online classes she is also doing a learning menu. The learning menu is about plants and how they reproduce, along with how their seeds travel and how they get pollinated. During her online Google Meets we ask questions and she goes over the work we did that week. We normally have our Google Meets on Thursdays during the assigned class times. She also meets with her advisory at the end of the day. Once to twice a week she also posts attendance questions to make sure that we are checking Google Classroom and doing our work.



**Mrs. Decibus** is the 5th grade Science teacher. She loves Science and Minions. Mrs. Decibus has a bunch of minions all over her classroom. On the door to her classroom she has pictures of minions with names on them, they represent every student in the 5th grade. She LOVES Minions!. Mrs. Decibus is a really nice teacher. She challenges you, but if it is too hard she helps everyone get through it. Mrs. Decibus sees everyone in 5th grade everyday! She gets to see all different personalities. She is a great teacher because she is able to talk to all different kids and understand what they are having a problem with. Mrs. Decibus also runs the Science club. Some examples of what they do in science club are making paper airplanes and making straw towers. Mrs. Decibus is an amazing teacher; everybody likes her and we are lucky to have her.





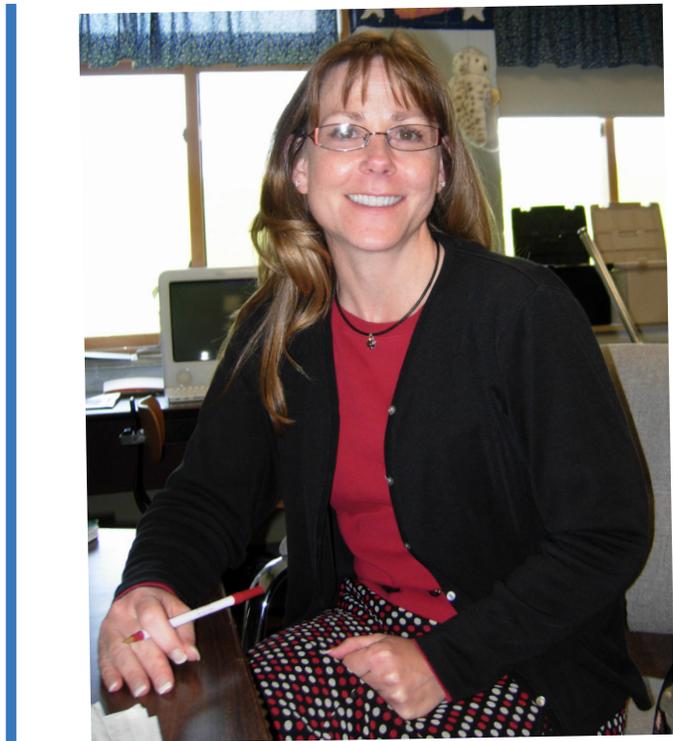
## Mrs. Hopgood

by Ava R.

So now that we are deep into quarantine, teachers and students are finally finding the rhythm of online learning. In Mrs. Hopgood's C block class, we just finished the book we've been reading, and now we are starting *Anne Frank*, the play. Every Monday and Wednesday we have a google meet to read, and everyone has a different part. After every week we switch parts so everyone gets to try reading; it's hilarious to see and hear everyone read because sometimes we are at different parts. Her classes are so much fun to be a part of, and they feel like we are back at school. I really miss her classes and I hope we keep having this much fun with online learning!

We will miss you  
Mrs. Hopgood.





**Mr. Sil** is the P.E teacher to all grades with Mr. M.. He is also the boys' white team soccer coach. During P.E Mr Sil has a lot of varying games that combine lots of other games into them. My personal favorite is speedball, in which you have to throw a football across the gym (1 pt) kick a dodgeball into a goal (2 pts) shoot a dodgeball into the basketball hoop (2 or 3pts) or shoot a football into the hoop for double the points. Mr Sil teaches the Soccer Camp in the summer, where kids of any level can go and improve their soccer skills. During class Mr Sil has lots of cringy jokes and always jokes about, "Living on a hill with Jill". He also helps out with basketball, planning and setting up the Winter Slam every year. The sports banquet for all of the teams every spring where awards are given out is run by Mr. Sil. Mr Sil is a really great P.E coach and is a tremendous add-on to the school.

*by Josiah*

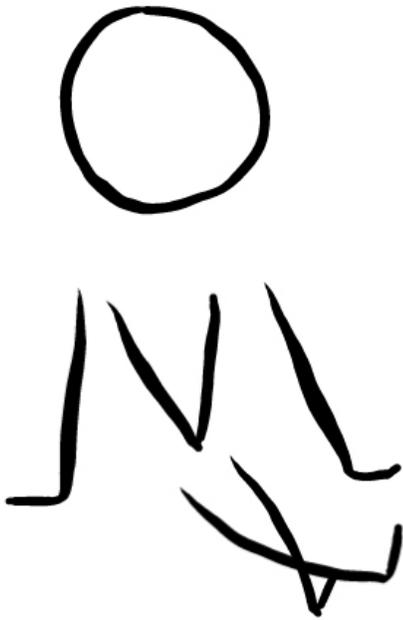


**Mr. Sil**

*by: Grace O'Brien*

If you have ever stepped foot into SMS, or heard of it, one of the first names that pop up would most likely be Mr. Silegy. Mr.Silegy, also known as Sil, has been teaching at SMS for a very long time. He knows our school in and out and is always looking for more students to be included in athletic activities. That's right, Mr. Sil is the athletic director for SMS and teaches some of the P.E classes alongside Mr. Morneault. Mr. Sil coaches the Boys A Team Soccer, as well as the Girls Softball Team. This is Sil's 20th year here at South Meadow School, and he has always been trying to keep everyone included and involved with all that SMS offers. When school is out for summer, Sil hosts a soccer camp for boys and girls at the school. At the camp students can learn new skills for their upcoming seasons in soccer. Although athletics is what Sil loves, he is always encouraging students to achieve their dreams and make it happen. Mr. Sil always wants the best for his students, even if that is not doing soccer, volleyball, field hockey, cross county, basketball, softball, or baseball.





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