

Silver Bay Elementary

# Seagull News

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## District News

Attention Parents! The Curriculum Team is requesting your feedback to plan for Toms River School District's first *Elementary Parent Academy* to be hosted in the spring. We kindly ask for you to access and respond to the brief survey at the link below at your earliest convenience. The information collected will be used to plan for parent workshops aimed at supporting strong social-emotional development among children. Thank you in advance!

## Parent Academy Survey

## New Walker Dismissal Procedures:

Starting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, all walkers will be dismissed through door 41 (Café B). Parents



should meet their children on the sidewalk outside of that door. No walkers will be dismissed through the front doors.

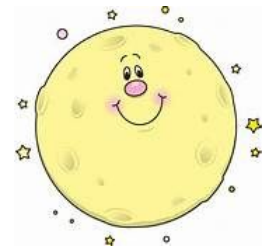
## Winter Arts Festival:

The Silver Bay Chorus will be hosting their winter concert for the parents on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. The chorus will also perform two concerts on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for the staff and students.

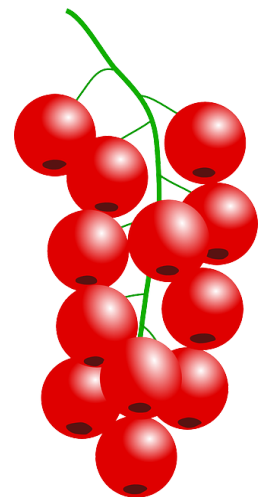


## Class Happenings:

On Wednesday, with the help of Mrs. Rhein, Mrs. Constantine took her first grade class on a virtual trip to the moon using the app Google Expeditions on i-pads. Students worked with partners to explore 360 degree AR (augmented reality) photographs of the phases of the moon and the moon landing. Students developed a better understanding of patterns of the moon by being able to "walk around the moon" and feel as if they were there. Students had a blast!



Mrs. Tormey-Miller read a book to her first grade class called A Cranberry Thanksgiving. In the book, Grandmother had a famous, but secret, cranberry bread recipe. After discussing the book, the class made Grandmother's famous cranberry bread!



This was a fun learning experience for the class. When discussing the book, the students had to identify the main characters and setting. They also had to make some predictions about what would happen next in the story. Then it was time to make the bread! The students had to read and follow written directions. They also used their math skills for measuring out ingredients. Everyone participated and was able to bring home a small loaf of cranberry bread to share with their families. The class was very excited about this activity.

## **From the SOAR Squad...**

Congratulations to this month's SOAR winners!

Preschool: Kaylee Zysckowski

Kindergarten: Gianna Capra

1st grade: Lyla Martan

2nd grade: Giovanni Berruti

3rd grade: Brandon Catney

4th grade: Lyla Karzynski

5th grade: Leah Walsh



Enjoy your \$5 gift card to the school store!

Thank you again to all of you who have ordered shirts! We truly appreciate the support!

Didn't order a shirt but want one? No problem!

We still have some shirts available! (Styles/sizes are limited)

Please email Maria Visco ([mvisco@trschoools.com](mailto:mvisco@trschoools.com)), she'll be more than happy to help you out!



### **Staff Shout-Out:**

We would like to give a staff shout out to Mrs. N. Hall for helping organize and beautify the Science closet. We are so grateful to you!

### **Otis Lennon:**

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, all students in grade three, as well as fourth and fifth graders new to district, will be taking the Otis-Lennon School Ability Index Test. This standardized assessment measures verbal and nonverbal reasoning skills and is administered district wide at this level.

To prepare for this assessment, your child should get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and be on time for

school. If your child is absent, make-up testing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

## **PTO News:**

The PTO would like to thank the staff, students, and parents that attended last night's Holiday Bingo Night. The event was enjoyed by all that attended.



## **Bagel Fundraiser:**

K & Gr. 1 Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 2 & Gr. 3 Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 4 & Gr. 5 Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

The cost of a bagel is \$2.00 (Cash only), and the order form is due back by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The PTO is now selling car magnets for \$5 each.



## **Calendar:**

December 4<sup>th</sup>: Early Dismissal 1:10 (Staff PD)

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Ocean County Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5<sup>th</sup>: School Store

December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Bagel Fundraiser

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Winter Arts Festival

December 12<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Holiday Sing-a-Long & Craft

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Jessie Chris Assembly

December 14<sup>th</sup>: MD Holiday Show

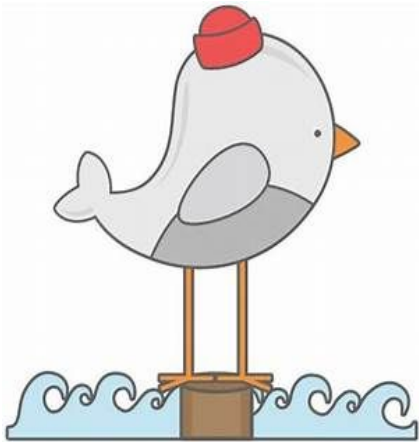
December 18<sup>th</sup>: Hip Hop Pros Assembly

December 19<sup>th</sup>: PBSIS Movie Day

December 19<sup>th</sup>: Pretzel Sale

**Save  
the  
Date**

**Have a great week!**



**Sincerely,**

**Michael DeVita**