



St. James Elementary Weekly Update

February 2, 2024



Looking Ahead

Below are some important upcoming events. View our [SJE Google Calendar](#) for all school events.

- **Monday, February 5-** 5th Grade Winter Concert at Nesaquake Middle School 7:00pm
- **Tuesday, February 6-** PTA Meeting- "Coffee w/ the Principal" 10:00 am in Old Gym
- **Friday, February 9-** SJE PTA Sweetheart Dance 6:30- 8:30 pm
- **Week of February 12-** Linked Together by Kindness and Love Week (See below for details)
- **Thursday, February 15-** Family Connect Night

February Lunch Menu

February 2024 Smithtown Elementary School Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	 <p>Download our FREE Mobile Menu App</p>	<p>Earn While They Learn! The Smithtown Child Nutrition Department is hiring. Call 631-382-5500 for more info or apply online</p>	<p>1 Taco w/ Tortilla bag Shredded Cheddar & Lettuce Black Bean Corn Salad Sour Cream Salsa Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>2 Stuffed Crust Pizza Square Cucumber Coins Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>5 Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Fresh Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>6 Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Apple Juice</p>	<p>7 WG Chicken Tenders Couscous Baked Beans Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>8 Pasta & Meatballs in Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>9 Pizza Bagel Corn Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>12 WG Cinnamon French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>13 Heart Nuggets Cracked Wheat Roll Green Beans Strawberry Cup</p> 	<p>14 Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Apple Juice</p> 	<p>15 Hamburger on WG Bun Cheeseburger on WG Bun Oven Baked French Fries Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>16 WG Max Pizza Sticks Marinara Sauce Chickpea Salad Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>19 No School Today</p> 	<p>20 No School Today</p>	<p>21 No School Today</p> 	<p>22 No School Today</p>	<p>23 No School Today</p> 
<p>26 Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>27 Chicken & Waffles & Syrup Fresh Baby Carrots Diced Pears</p>	<p>28 Popcorn Chicken Cracked Wheat Roll Oven Baked French Fries Apple Juice</p>	<p>29 Hamburger on WG Bun Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Diced Peaches</p>	<p>Breakfast is always available daily</p>

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Elementary Schools Lunch Prices:
Paid: \$3.00
Free/Reduced: No Charge
Snack Prices: \$0.50-\$2.00
Daily Alternates:
WG Pizza
PB&J Uncrustable

All lunches offer food from the following components: Fruit, Vegetable, Milk, Grain, and Protein. Students can choose all components, but must choose 3 and one of the three must be a fruit or vegetable.

Food Allergies:
It is imperative that parents with children who have been diagnosed with a food allergy to contact the school nurse and include a note from a physician.

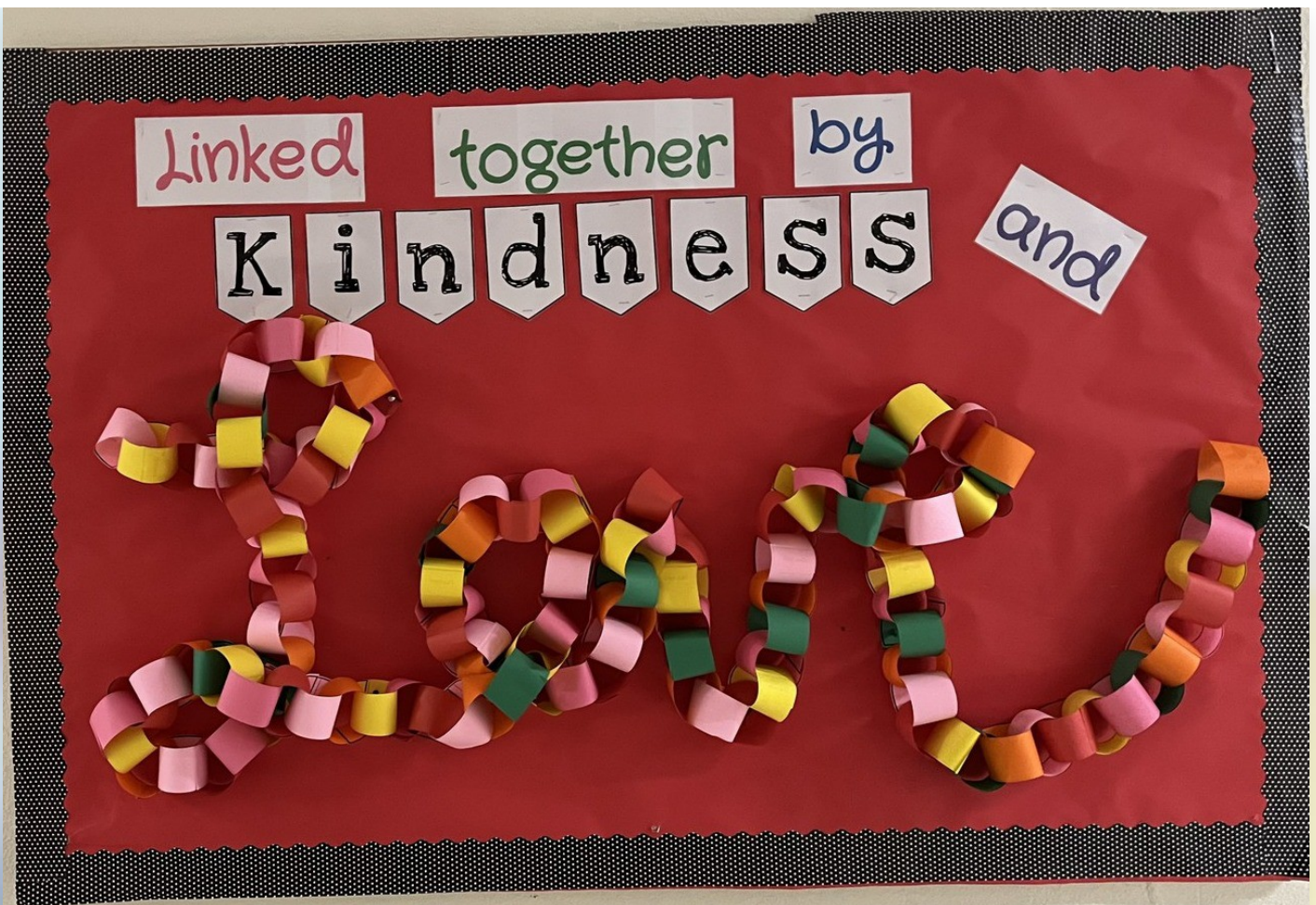
Smithtown Central School District
Child Nutrition Program
Jeannette Frabizio, MS, RDN
Child Nutrition Director
PH—631.382.5500

YES Student of the Week



This week, we congratulate fifth grader, Morgan First, for being the YES student of the week. She earned her winning ticket when she copied down the HW in her friend's agenda when she went to instrument lessons.

Linked Together by Kindness and Love Week 2/12-2/16



While we hope that people show love and kindness all year long, February is often associated with these important concepts. With that in mind, as a part of our SJE Says YES program, we are planning a variety of activities the week of February 12 to emphasize the importance of taking care of each other and our community. We will use special YES tickets to identify and reward students "caught being kind" and our 5th grade Kindness Ambassadors will help distribute clay hearts to all of the school leaders throughout our district. We will also create a schoolwide "chain of kindness" that will be a physical representation of the kindness we see in our school.

Our PTA is organizing a Valentine's Day raffle and donating flowers to each student so that they can extend their love to those who take care of them at home.

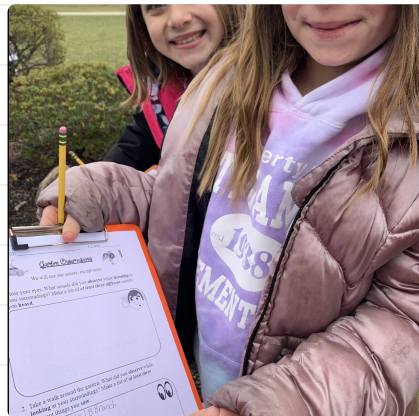
K-5 SCPD Presentations by Officer Allison

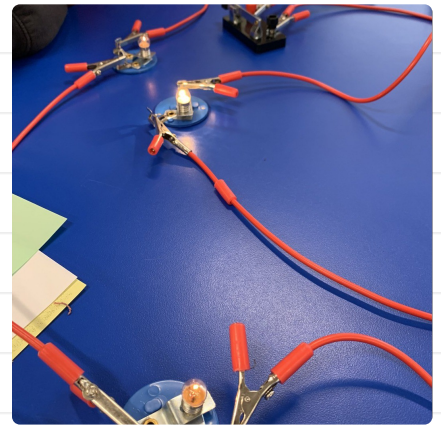
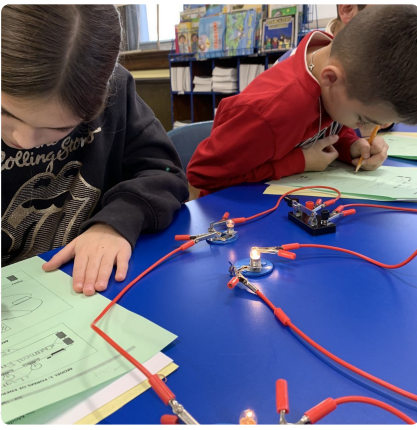
This week, Officer Karl Allison from the SCPD visited SJE to present to all students about ways they can be safe. Kindergarteners through 2nd graders learned about the role of a Police Officer, while 3rd, 4th and 5th graders learned about bullying, internet/social media safety and vaping, respectively. As always, Officer Allison did a great job connecting with the students and answering their questions about these important topics.



STEM Update

STEM Specialist, Mr. Cusati, has been working with all classes to get them involved in hands-on science explorations! Grade 3 students took a "Habitat Hike" to look for living organisms in their St. James environment. As a part of the NYS Science investigations, Grade 5 students worked together to create a series circuit that included 3 light bulbs and an on/off switch. They were then challenged to create another circuit in which one light bulb shines brighter than the other two. Pictured below, you can see Mr. Jaklitsch's and Mrs. Denigris' classes in action.





St. James Shares





St. James Shares!

St. James Elementary School students in conjunction with The Fifth Grade Kindness Ambassadors will have the opportunity to provide non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local families in need.

Each grade will be asked to donate items during a specific week.

Please refer to the chart below to see when your child's grade will be collecting items. Baby wipes and diapers size 2 and size 5 are needed.

Let's begin 2024 at St. James Elementary by making a difference in the lives of others.

Grade 3- Week of 1/29/24

Grade 4- Week of 2/5/24

Grade 5- Week of 2/12/24

Kindergarten- Week of 2/12/24

Grade 1- Week of 2/26/24

Grade 2- Week of 3/4/24

Suggested items: NON-EXPIRED Non-perishable food items, toiletries, baby wipes, diapers size 2/size 5. Any questions please contact Mrs. Sellitto-631-382-4471 or ssellitto@smithtown.k12.ny.us. Families in need can come to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 4:00-7:00 during the above dates. Sharing Tables will be outside of the Multi-Purpose Room.

Wellness Newsletter



February Unplugged

By Your SEL Instructional Specialist Team

Enjoy an Unplugged Newsletter each month for the rest of the school year. Most pictures are live linked, Just click to read.

February is the perfect time to focus on kindness, for a few different reasons. Each year, the [Random Acts Of Kindness Foundation](#) promotes a National Random Acts of Kindness Day. This year, it's on Friday, February 17th. Plus, Valentine's Day is on February 14th, which is great for teaching about showing love and kindness to others. Take time this month to help your children better understand the impact of being kind, and how they can show kindness in small and big ways.



Read Alouds



IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING... BE KIND.



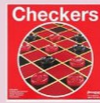
Things to do Indoors

- Build a pillow fort
- Use large, empty boxes to create playhouses
- Play card games like Uno or Go Fish
- Bring out the board game gifts from Christmas
- Put together a puzzle
- Throw a dance party
- Conduct a kid-friendly science experiment
- Paint a winter scene to hang inside
- Set up an indoor picnic
- Make homemade play dough
- Build a card tower
- Play charades
- Go through old photos can make scrapbooks



Andrew Huberman, Ph.D., is a neuroscientist and tenured professor in the department of neurobiology, and by courtesy, psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford School of Medicine.

He discusses the transformative nature of play—how it changes our feelings, thoughts and actions and indeed, how it can rewire our brain to function better in all contexts. He explains the role of play in childhood, as well as adulthood in skill and social development and describes key characteristics of the mind and body during play. It also describes how low-stakes play, and tinkering can broaden and shape your future capabilities.



Unplug & play!



PTA News


SJE
Sweetheart
Dance

**GIRLS, GRAB YOUR DAD, GRANDPA OR SOMEONE SPECIAL
 AND COME ENJOY A SWEET NIGHT AT SJE!**

**FEBRUARY 9TH
 6:30PM-8:30PM
 OLD GYM
 \$15 PER TICKET
 DJ, PHOTOS, FOOD AND DESSERTS**

*Please return bottom portion to the PTA mailbox by 1/26
 Checks payable to SJE PTA or purchase online:
<http://saintjamespta.memberhub.com/store/items/978924>*

SJE Sweetheart Dance Tickets

Student Name & Class		Check One:
Phone Number	# of Tickets	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Online

If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of a ticket for someone in need or if you are in need of assistance, please reach out to Mr. Javidi by phone or email at ajavidi@smithtown.k12.ny.us

Community Events



POLAR PLUNGE

March 2, 2024

**2 Hours of
Community Service
Taking the Plunge**



552 Long Beach Rd, St. James

Registration: 1pm

Take the Plunge: 2pm

**Raffles
Coffee/Hot Cocoa
Bagels & Donuts**



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Virtual Plunge
-Take a Cold Shower or Bath
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-Super Soak Your Teammates
-Have a Water Balloon Fight
Post #SCFPP on Social Media

- *Single \$30pp
- *Double Dip \$50 for two
- *Group of 5 or more \$25pp
- *Virtual Plunge \$20pp

Receive a Commemorative T-Shirt
Contact Krissy Lonetto for
Sponsorship Opportunities
516-521-7234



SWEETWATERS.
COFFEE & TEA

www.smithtownchildrensfoundation.com/events

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District News



Smithtown Central School District

NEVER WORK NIGHTS, WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!

Special Education Aides

\$20.04 per hour

3 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

Food Service Workers

\$16.87 per hour

Includes paid time off

4 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Elementary School Monitors

\$16.25 per hour

2.25 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Various shifts available, candidates must be flexible.

SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST, RESUME AND TWO PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES TO:

Neil D. Katz, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us

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Adam Javidi

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