



South View Upper Elementary

May Newsletter 2022

AVID

As we inch closer to the end of the school year, it is the perfect time to shed light on the similarities and differences in the implementation of AVID at SVUE and NRMS. We will begin with the latter. The primary difference is the determination of AVID students. At North Ridge, students who qualify and are accepted into the AVID program will have an elective class designed to give them the supports needed to reach their potential. How does a student qualify for AVID? Truthfully, the process had been yearlong based on attendance, academic progress, and behavior. The process begins with data analysis by staff at both NRMS and SVUE. Based upon this data, classroom teachers then provide input on daily effort, attendance, work completion, and behavior. From that point, recommendations are made and letters to apply are sent home. If your child receives a letter of application, please make sure this is returned promptly – many students miss out on the chance to be in the AVID program at NRMS because they fail this initial measure of student responsibility – a major component of being a true AVID student. During this elective class, students will have tutors meet with them twice a week, have weekly binder checks, work on college and career based activities, gain exposure to multiple study methods, learn to evaluate how their time is spent, and delve into other goal-oriented activities. Being part of the AVID program also brings a family feel and a wrap around that sometimes seems lacking in a departmentalized setting such as NRMS and DHS. We will spend time in the next article explaining the similarities. Good luck to those that apply!



Fifth Grade

Fifth grade teachers are working hard to prepare students for 6th grade.

Math - Students are wrapping up adding and subtracting fractions and will begin multiplying and dividing fractions soon.

ELA- Students are reading Non-Fiction texts about the Industrial Revolution and what value technology brings to people's lives.

Social Studies - Students are studying the Road to Freedom and will learn the timeline up to the Revolutionary War.

Science - Students are looking at the ecosystems and will begin discussing biomes next.

As a reminder, students should come to school with their Chromebooks fully charged each day. Please also remind students to bring all supplies and materials daily.



5th grade Nailed IT!





Hello 6th grade families! In the beginning of May, students will be taking the FastBridge Spring Benchmark testing for both reading and math. For 6th graders, this test is **extremely important** as it will help to determine individual student electives at North Ridge. **Based on test scores, students may be placed in extra support classes for reading and/or math if those scores are low.** Please encourage your student to take his or her time and give it their best effort. South View's admin team is offering some great incentives for doing well on the FastBridge test. Ask your student what they could earn just by improving their scores!

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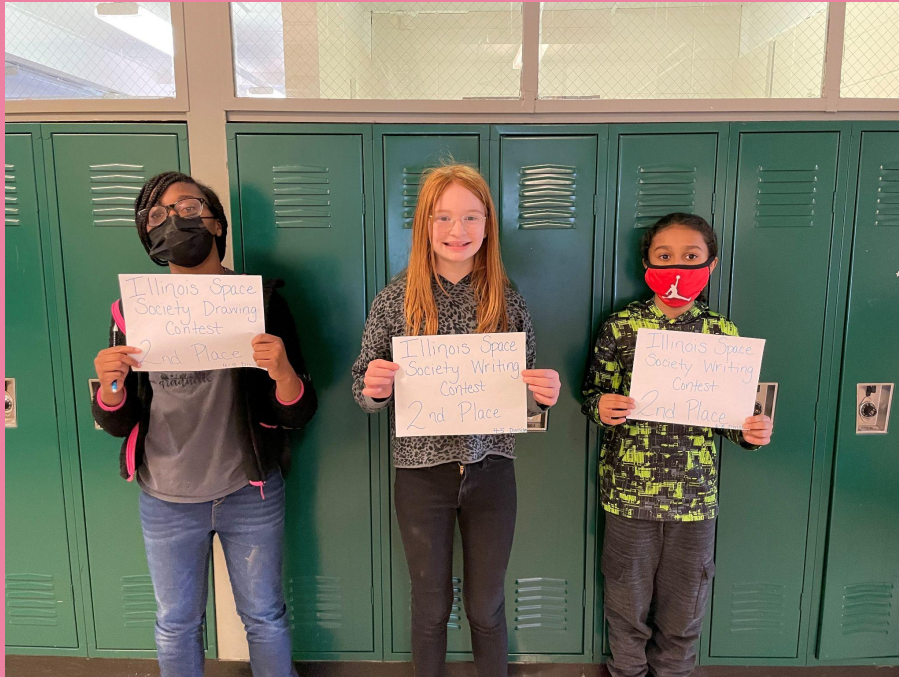


On April 11th, Illinois State Representative Michael Marron came in to talk to the fifth and sixth grade MATS students about being a state representative. He represents the 104th district of Illinois, which includes parts of Champaign and Vermillion counties.



Students from around the surrounding counties had the opportunity to take part in the University of Illinois Space Society's Writing/Drawing contest in February. This is an annual contest ran by the Illinois Space Society, a student rocketry organization that looks to connect space enthusiasts and industry professionals. All students in Mrs. Kerner's science classes took part in the contest and submitted their writing and drawing samples for entry.

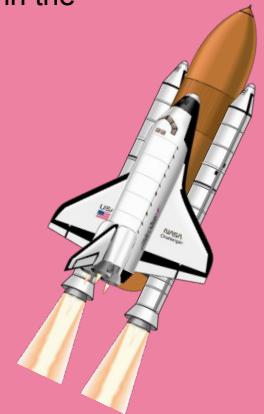
The following students from South View Upper Elementary were awarded prizes in the annual Illinois Space Society Writing/Drawing contest this year! Congratulations!



Kendyn Harmon (6th Grade) – 2nd place in the Grade 6-8 Writing Contest

TyEl Brigham (5th Grade) – 2nd place in the Grade 4-5 Drawing Contest

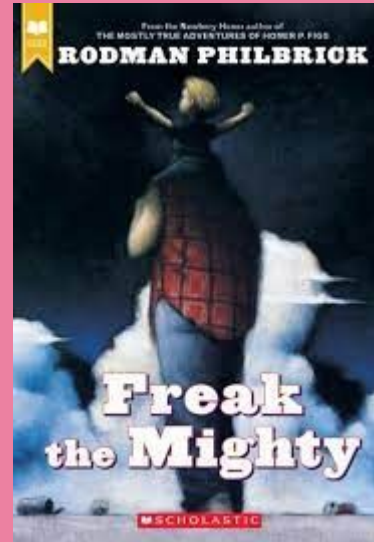
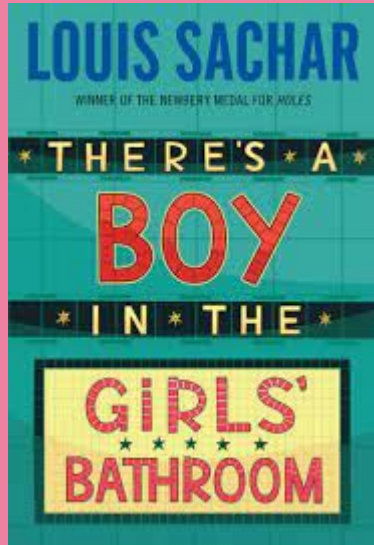
Nola Stroud (5th Grade) – 2nd place in the Grade 4-5 Writing Contest



PBIS Information

Students have been reading one of the two novels below (5th Grade: There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom and 6th Grade: Freak the Mighty) to learn about social emotional skills. Both books give a look into the lives of peers and have many issues such as bullying, making friends, and doing the right thing. Ask your student about the book he or she is currently reading in Homeroom.

We have some exciting news! We are in the process of getting new PBIS decorations for our school. Next year, we will have new posters, window clings, banners and other items that will prompt the expectations here at SVUE. These decorations will create a great atmosphere for student success!



SVUE STEM club did well at the University of Illinois Engineering Open House middle school design competition getting an award for best teamwork for their newspaper tower and presentation. Students enjoyed exploring the other sights and sounds of the EOH.





You are invited!

South View Carnival

Thursday, May 19th
4:30PM - 6:00PM

South View Upper Elementary
Back Gravel Lot



Games
Food

Obstacle Course
Dunk Tank

Tickets:

1 Ticket - \$0.25

25 Tickets - \$5.00

Students must be accompanied by an adult

Paid through Title 1 and school fundraising funds



Students in Choir have been busy practicing for their upcoming concert on May 24th at 4:30 pm in the Gym. Students will be singing and playing the ukulele. Here is one student practicing in a matching shirt! We hope to see you at the concert!



Attention 5TH Grade Parents:

Per the State of Illinois, all incoming 6th grade students must have a new State of Illinois school physical and required vaccines. Required vaccines for all 6th graders are the Tdap vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine.

****Requirements must be met to start 6th Grade****

For assistance or questions please call:

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Google Log-In info

To access Google Classroom, once the student has logged into his/her Chromebook, you will visit www.google.com. In the upper right-hand corner, the student will need to login (if they are not already). To do this, they will login using the same credentials used to logged into their Chromebook. This will be the last four letters of their last name, first two letters of their first name, and the last two numbers of their birth year. For example: (John Smith 2007 = smitjo07). Please make sure your child has the appropriate classroom code that is specific to your child's teacher. They will need this code to access online materials as needed.

CRP updates for parents

1. Please remind your student how to properly care for their District 118 technology. They are responsible for ensuring their Chromebooks are being brought to school each day. When your student brings home their Chromebook after school, please plug them in so they are charged for the next school day.
2. Staff will continue to post assignments within Google Classroom. If your student is absent, please ensure your student is checking for those assignments.

Stay Connected!

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*****May 30th- No School*****