



THE SANDBURG SCOOP

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Look What's Back!

The Sandburg newspaper is back and has a completely new look. After years of Sandburg not having a newspaper, we are proud to introduce The Sandburg Scoop. The Sandburg Scoop is the brainchild of our co-editors Mason Allen and Tyler Dowis, two of 7th grade's talented authors. After consulting with Mrs. Kelly, the "Scoop" was born.

If you look below, you will see a listing of some of our regular features. As with any newspaper, we are looking for Sandburg news, and that is where you come in. If you have anything newsworthy, we want you to share it with us. We also want to include photos and artwork done by YOU!

In our Author's Corner we will be shining a spotlight on things written by Sandburg students, such as short stories, poems, and more. This first issue includes a short story written by our two co-editors. They will also have a voice in the Editor's Opinions section. As this paper expands, we invite you to submit Letters to the Editors. To submit anything newsworthy or creative, put it in the Scoop box outside room E-4.

FROM THE EDITORS

Mason Allen & Tyler Dowis, Co-Editors



After years of not having a newspaper here at Sandburg Middle School, we came up with the idea one day in AE class. After a brief talk, we started working on ideas and BOOM! The Sandburg Scoop was born.

Now what? We started by going to Mrs. Cressman during AE class and told her all about this idea. She suggested we talk to Mrs. Kelly who coincidentally

was walking by the door at that very moment. Can you say fate? We shared our idea with her and she told us we would need to find a teacher who would be willing to sponsor a club.

Our hopes for the Sandburg Scoop are to showcase amazing drawings, writings, and poems created by the students at Sandburg. We would also like to see and hear what's happening in athletics and clubs creating bigger and better issues of the Sandburg Scoop. It would be amazing to see all the talent here at school and bigger, better issues would be phenomenal! Students can submit birthday news, original writing, and creative works to be featured in the Sandburg Scoop.

In order for this to be successful, we need your help. The News Club meets every Monday and Wednesday after school from 3:00 to 4:15 in B-2. We also talk to teachers and welcome everyone to share their stories and artwork. If you are interested in joining the club or being a guest writer, please talk to us or the club sponsors, Mrs. Rubin (E-4) and Mrs. Krayner (E-5).

MUSIC MINUTES

Shout out to Olivia Lobecker, a very talented fifth grader here at Sandburg. She tried out for the upcoming musical at the high school, The Sound of Music, and won the role of Gretl VonTrapp! We'll be watching out for her upcoming performances. Great Job Olivia!

The musical voices at Sandburg gave brilliant holiday performances both in school and in an evening performance for family and friends on December 12th. **Treble Choir**, **Concert Choir**, and **Select Chorus** students from all grade levels performed a variety of songs, some familiar, and some from other cultures.

With all the musical talent here at Sandburg, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Select Chorus, Band, and Orchestra, the in-school Holiday Concert entertained one and all with a lively presentation of holiday selections. Treble Choir's soloists Olivia Lobecker and Bailey Brounce, and trio, Zack Patton, McKenna Haws, and Emily Schweizer, added their voices as highlights to "Somewhere Out There." Santhia Cerra, Satoria Zagorski, Cassidy Fencl, and Madi Neiman soloed in Concert Choir's version of "He Lives In You." A finale of the Plant and Page classic, "Stairway to Heaven", gave soloists Nichole Ross, Madi Neiman, Danielle Monaco, Jenna Wandling, Santhia Cerra, Robby Sassaman, Regina Schroeder and Rowan Hilbert a chance to shine!



Sandburg's Orchestra would like to send a shout out to the following students for participating in the 29th Annual Bucks County Music Educators Association String Day: Thomas O'Connor, cello; David Olson, viola; Joseph Weagba, violin; Rhianna Gutierrez, violin; Abigail Lennon, viola; and Sabrina Swope, cello. It was a great day of fun and excellent music!

The **Sandburg Band** has been very busy entertaining all with their musical talents. They got to perform our annual Winter Concert on Monday, December 12th. They finished their performance with highlights from the rock band, "Queen." Eighth grade students got to play at a football game in October with the Neshaminy High School Marching Band. Twenty-two of the band students have been selected to play in the all-district secondary honors band. In addition, there are 10 band students trying out for the Bucks County "All County" Band which is sponsored by the Bucks County Music Educators Association (BCMEA). To top it all off, they are just beginning the start of their jazz band season. Awesome sound all around!

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SANDBURG STUDENTS of the MONTH

The following students were recognized as Students of the Month in the past few months at Sandburg:

October:

Grace Ballantyne, Jordyn Schwab, Riley Spera-McLaughlin, Aidyn Tierney, Harry Fawkes, Logan Gildea, Hanna Gerlach, and Sameer Raval.

November:

Rhianna Gutierrez, Olivia Lobecker, Katherine Offenback, Zachery Souders, Pooja Patel, Jake Scarsellato, Nathan Armstrong, and Sophia Hullings.

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Mrs. Krayner and Mrs. Rubin

CLUB CLATTER

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) enjoyed teaming up with the **Sandburg Spirit Club** to bring holiday cheer to local members of the military and residents of the local elder care facilities by sending Christmas and holiday cards to brighten up their holidays. A thanks goes out to those who donated cards to this great cause.

Looking in on **Games Club** in action, you can feel the energy and excitement! They always welcome donations of unused game systems and/or laptops for use in the club. Games Club's schedule is posted outside Mr. Simon's room.

The Buddy Club has been having a great time making crafts and decorating the Buddy Club board to spread cheer to all who pass by.

Sandburg Student Council has elected the following students to the posts listed: Hannah Gerlach - President, Jacob Saraullo - Vice President, Alyssa Cabeza - Recording Secretary, and Corinne Lobecker - Treasurer. The entire Student Council has been actively involved in fundraising and planning a number of events to benefit Sandburg students. Their next upcoming event is Movie Night which will be held in January. More information will be distributed after the holiday break. Student Council meets each Day 1 during WIN.

Reading Olympics team members are reading up a storm in preparation for the county-wide competitions in Spring 2017. The Elementary competition is scheduled to be held at Neshaminy High School in March, and the Middle School competition will be in April at Cecelia Snyder Middle School in Bensalem. Sandburg has always had a great showing, and we are confident they will be bringing home a brand new batch of ribbons this coming year!

Ms. Morales and crew are thrilled with the students who come to **Homework Club** faithfully. If you would like to join them, please be sure to bring a snack to tide you over.

Challenge 24 Club is showing off their math skills every week! The club welcomes any new members. You can find the club in the Library every Monday after school, and on Tuesday morning before school. Come and challenge yourself!

Bonjour! Sandburg's **French Club** would like to wish everyone *Bonnes Vacances!* Come and join the fun in room E-7 with Mrs. Uzelac. A schedule of meetings is posted outside E-7,

National Junior Honor Society has been very busy this year. They helped pack 30 turkey baskets for local families for Thanksgiving and donated hats, gloves and blankets to 14 families in Schweitzer. They continued to bring holiday cheer in school by selling candy cane grams to be delivered to fellow classmates. This year's officers are: Ben Sacks, President; Nate Armstrong, Vice President; Emily Solomon, Secretary; and Jacob Dudek, Treasurer.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIALS -

Art on the Move

In collaboration with the James A. Michener Museum, and the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, the current "Art on the Move" program brings original pieces of artwork to local schools in Bucks County. Students are introduced to the artwork through various curriculum-related projects in art, language arts, social studies, math, and community involvement. The surrounding works shown are currently on loan to Sandburg for use in the program. Look outside the Art Rooms in B Wing!

WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE?!?!



Winter's First Snowstorm
by Walter Emerson Baum



Corn Harvest
by George Bentzley



Music by Candlelight and **Nunemaker Farmhouse** by Anne M. Yost



Santa Margherita
by Susan Schneider



We All Hang Together
by John Sharp

FUN FACTS and TRIVIA!

Think you know about Winter? Now that winter is officially upon us, test yourself with the following questions -

1. Can penguins be found at the North Pole?

- A. Yes
- B. No



2. When does snow make a noise?

- A. When it is freshly fallen
- B. When the air temperature is very low
- C. When it is about to melt



3. How tall was the world's tallest snowman?

- A. 113 feet 7 inches
- B. 122 feet 1 inch
- C. 131 feet 4 inches



4. In the 2002 movie *Ice Age*, what kind of animal was Sid?

- A. a snake
- B. A salamander
- C. A sloth



Submit your answers to the box outside E-4.
Winners will have their names printed in the next issue of
the **SANDBURG SCOOP!**

NURSE'S NOTES

The nurse's office is definitely a VERY busy place. These days Mrs. Binder and her staff are responsible for meeting the health care needs of over 1,100 K-8 students and parents (covering both Sandburg and Schweitzer).

Sixth grade physicals are due. State of PA mandates that every student gets a physical exam in 6th grade. Seventh grade dental exams are also due. The State of PA mandates that every student gets a dental exam in 7th grade. If you have problems getting a physical or dental exam or parents need help obtaining insurance, e-mail Mrs. Binder at:

sbinder@neshaminy.k12.pa.us

WINTER HAIKUS

Carolers singing

Their jingle bells start ringing

The snow starts clinging

- Aidyn Tierney



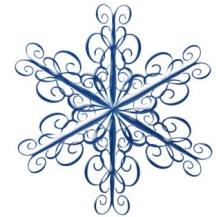
Winter

Take out your warm clothes

Getting ready for some fun

The snow piles await

- Brielle Perry



The snow slowly fell

We began to sing carols

Winter has begun

- Katherine Offenback

Hanging stockings is very pleasant,
Even while wrapping a Christmas present!
Hearing the clock going tick, tick, tick,
while waiting impatiently for Saint Nick.
Children wait for Santa, trying to have fun,
But wait, he's downstairs, "Shhh! Don't tell anyone!"
The children fall asleep dreaming about Santa coming,
While Santa grabs his cookies since his stomach is still rumbling.
Children run downstairs in the morning hoping for toys,
But Santa has left them for all girls and boys. - Amya Wilson

Yearbook Reminder!

Don't forget to order your
2016-2017 Sandburg Yearbook
today. The cost is \$20, and
you can pick up an order form
in the Library.

