

THE SANDBURG SCOOP

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Art on the Move Makes a Lasting Impression at Sandburg

By Rah'asia Corzen



Ms. Joanne Sutherland of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (IU) stands beside some of the artwork on loan to Sandburg.

Sandburg Scoop is getting a closer look at the Art on the Move program. Art on the Move has been in partnership with the Neshaminy School District and the Art Education Trust Board at the Bucks County Intermediate Unit for over 15 years. Mrs. Stacy Potter, District Art Coordinator for the Neshaminy School District and a Sandburg Art Teacher, said, "the objective of this partnership is to bring original works of impressionism and contemporary art to a student setting." The art comes from our local Buck County artists. This is the very first year Art on the Move (AOTM) is at the middle school level in Neshaminy! The six pieces from AOTM are here for 8 to 10 weeks. Along with the artwork are lesson ideas. At the end of the year art exhibit 1 students piece is sponsored.

"The response has been positive," says Mrs. Potter. "Students seem to be enjoying it."

Sixth grade student, Landon Mitchell says, "By having these pieces of artwork here at Sandburg, it gives you hope and confidence in your own artwork. Maybe our artwork will be in a museum someday!" 6th grade's Cullen McCormick said, "It's like having hometown heroes here in our school!" Mrs. Potter has been involved with AOTM for 10 years. She started as a curriculum writer for the collections and was invited to join the trust board 2 years ago. "This is a very important program because it enriches learning and provides flexible structure for the whole school to become involved if they have interest," Potter said.

All of those paintings you see in the showcases in B Wing are original works by famous Bucks County artists. Make sure you stop by to look at the Art on the Move pieces before they're gone!



6th graders Kyle Hendrickson, Anthony Lorenti, Dan Hansbury, Robbie Haines, and Brayden Boesenhofer look over each other's work after their Art on the Move lesson.

CARRYING ON THE DREAM

By Joseph McManus

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said he had a dream. I'd like to tell you that you can help keep that dream alive. Please remember what the hero you see before you has done for this country.

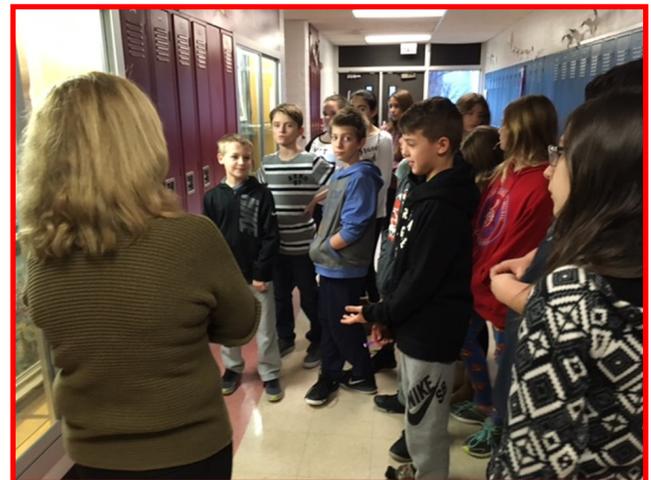
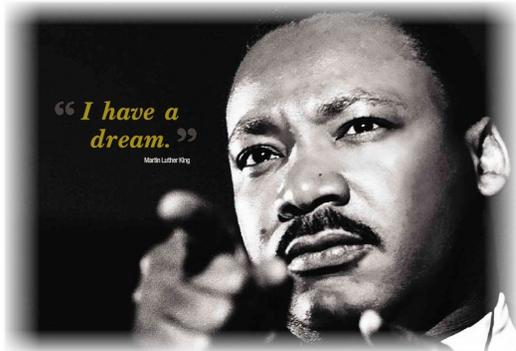
Dr. King was a minister who worked for equality and civil rights in this country. He also became a well known world figure and was chosen as a Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1964. He was selected for his nonviolent work against racism, and his work toward the goals of peace and equality.

Dr. King was witness to the drastic differences in the way blacks were treated as compared to whites. Dr. King wanted to do something about changing this. He brought groups together, and encouraged them to work for change using peaceful methods.

In 1963, 250,000 demonstrators marched to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, where King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Many families were gathered there to witness this astonishing moment. Dr. King said that one day we would live together in harmony, and this goal is still just as important today.

On January 16th, across the country, adults and children alike took part in what has become known as a National Day of Service on the national holiday honoring Dr. King. Schools throughout Bucks County had special events planned to give back to their community. Student volunteers gathered on their day off to donate foods to the shelter homes in support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who made it his life's work to help others.

Even if you were not able to take part in any of those organized activities, you and your family can always show your support throughout the year. Some examples of what you can do to any time of year are things such as helping your parents with chores, cleaning up trash in your area, helping out at local senior centers, volunteering at local soup kitchens, donating unused books to homeless shelters, daycare centers, and even the Middletown Senior Center. A few easy phone calls can make all the difference. That dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one that gives all of us the chance to make a contribution. It is definitely something worth doing.



Brayden Boesenhofer, D. J. Harris, and Parker Czechura of Mrs. Potter's 6th grade Art class look on as Dan Hansbury asks Ms. Sutherland a question about one of the Art on the Move paintings.

See more about how some of Sandburg students have been using Art on the Move artwork as inspirations on pages 4-7.

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Sandburg's STEM Spirit!

By Grace Ballantyne and Rah'asia Corzen,



Ellis Owusu-Sarfo and his dad test out their craft as Ms. Barber looks on.

For those who are wondering what STEM is all about, here's the 'scoop.' STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. On January 23rd, Sandburg hosted its Family STEM Night. Students and parents assembled in Sandburg's cafeteria to take on this year's challenge, called "The HYDRO CHANNEL Challenge." Mr. Reed, one of Sandburg's STEM teachers, designed the activity which was based on the America's Cup sailing competition. Sandburg's miniature version of the America's Cup race was not meant to be a competition, but rather a chance for students, with the help of one parent, to design a working 'boat' that was able to travel eight feet across the 'Sandburg Channel.'

The teams were given a packet that told about the history of the America's Cup and give information about the challenge. They were not able to see the materials they would be using to meet the 'objectives' spelled out in the packet: "to design and construct a wind-powered structure (vessel/vehicle) which will safely transport the 'passenger' (a golf ball) the length of the Hydro Channel", and to do it in the fastest time. It was only after Mr. Reed explained what each team needed to do were they allowed to see the supplies they could use. Teams had to build a vessel that was less than 12 inches long, and 6 inches wide. There was a set amount of time given to design, build, and test their creations.

The Activity Scenario: "You are a Mechanical Engineer who works for TEAM ORACLE (the team that will actually be sailing in the America's Cup race this year). You are a member of the team that is working on the ORACLE TEAM USA 17's new boat hull design. The new design must not only be sleek and fast to move efficiently through the water, but also must be well balanced and stable enough to safely transport the passengers and all of the masts, sails, and necessary rigging."

Thirty-seven teams from 5th and 6th grades (mostly 5th, but 6th grade combined with them at the last minute) participated. Some of the supplies that could be used were: a blank foam block, cardboard tubes, straws, Solo cups, wood dowels, grocery bags, balloons, rubber cement, hot glue, saws and a mitre box. Once the boats were assembled, a fan was used to help push it across the channel.

The engineers' creations showed a lot of creativity. Everyone who took part had a great time. Imagine that - having fun and learning at the same time! GREAT JOB!



Chassity Dillon and her dad measure out their design.



6th grader Amelia Sheehy and her mom planning for sails.



The Scoop's own Grace Ballantyne shows off her STEM skills

A **SANDBURG SCOOP** thanks
goes out to
Mr. Reed and Mrs. Wilmot
for sharing their pictures with us.



Using a rasp tool, Jace Redick and his dad fine tune their craft.



Ryan Yedman and his mom start putting things together.



Trinity Lewanowicz and her dad shape things for their ship.

SUPER STAFF

Mr. Wallerstein - Artist in Residence

By Haley Martino



Our feature story in this edition of the *Sandburg Scoop* is all about the *Art on the Move* program. In selecting our Super Staff member to interview, we reached out to Sandburg art teacher, Mr. Wallerstein, to tell us a bit about the program, and what “drew” him to become an art teacher (- no pun intended!)

Art on the Move is a program that exhibits Bucks County Impressionist paintings on loan to Sandburg and other schools throughout Bucks County. The program’s goal is to inspire students and let them see connections to them in other subject areas besides just art.

“The pieces shown were done by some of my 7th grade students from Quintmester 2. They had the opportunity

to see the paintings from *Art on the Move*. In class, the students created oil pastel renditions of their favorite painting. The ones included here are some excellent examples of the resulting work.”

Mr. Wallerstein has been teaching Art in Neshaminy for 25 years. “Teaching was a calling I had while attending art school. I have a passion for sharing my great art experiences which began as a young child. I was inspired by my mother who was a wonderful art teacher, and by all of my amazing teachers I had throughout my lifetime.”

He went to Rhode Island School of Design and studied painting, then attended Tyler School of Art where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography and Art Education. He also has a Masters of Education degree from Gratz College, and is finishing up a second Masters in Ceramic Arts degree from Hood College in Maryland.

In addition to teaching, one of Mr. Wallerstein’s favorite outside projects right now is a series of ceramic sculptures based on biomorphic forms. Biomorphic involves abstract shapes derived from biology or living organisms. “The ones I am doing are done in porcelain, and will be on exhibit at Hood College in Maryland.”

An interesting connection to his project that also has a connection to Sandburg is that his original 7th grade clay lesson plan, “Biomorphic Creations in Clay,” is going to be published in the **February 2017** issue of **Arts & Activities** magazine (the nation’s leading art education magazine). “It will feature the 7th grade Sandburg students’ clay projects from last year! I can’t wait to see the kids and their work in the magazine coming out soon!”

- ◆ Do you have a piece of writing you are especially proud of?



- ◆ Have you drawn, painted, sculpted, or photographed something that should be shown off?
- ◆ Your talent and creativity can be on display here, too!

- ◆ Bring it to either E-4 (Mrs. Rubin’s room) or E-5 (Mrs. Krayner’s room) - you never know . . .

YOU could be a part of the next **SANDBURG SCOOP** issue!

Getting to Know

Mrs. Conturso

By Grace Dreisbach



Mrs. Conturso is a school help aid here at Sandburg that you have probably seen, but might not know. In addition to working here at Sandburg, she also runs a party planning business. Out of the two jobs she has, her favorite job is her job at our school. She likes to help people understand the things they are learning. Her favorite grade to teach is the eighth grade, but she also enjoys helping the sixth graders. She has been in every grade, and every school in the district. Her nickname is Unique Angelic Goddess, which followed her here!

Her favorite subject is science, even though she hated school as a child. She’s been married for thirty-three years, has two children, and two dogs. She teaches all of the regular school subjects, helps with track, and does security for the district. She’s been teaching in the Neshaminy School District for twenty years, and has been at Sandburg for seven years.

One interesting thing most people don’t know about her is that she once shot a television commercial with James Earl Jones, the actor who was the voice of Darth Vader in the *Star Wars* movies, and Mufasa in *The Lion King*. She loves to entertain her students by dancing and playing games. She used to stand on her head for her students, but she injured her neck, so she can’t do that anymore. Her goal is to make learning fun and entertaining.

FROM THE EDITORS

Mason Allen & Tyler Dowis, Co-Editors

When the Sandburg Scoop first started just one month ago, it was only Mason Allen and I sitting at the back two computers of B-2 working almost non-stop on news around Sandburg. Today I am totally surprised at how fast this club is growing. It has gone from two people to almost twenty people in only a few weeks. One day I walked in expecting it to just be Mason and I again but instead was greeted with a room filled with students of all ages who actually want to be a part of something that we created!

The first issue was pushed out kind of fast. Now with more people we can spread out the articles more evenly and cover more talent around school. Not only can we do this and get articles done faster, we can also add more things to each issue of the Sandburg Scoop.

As always, if anyone wants to join the Sandburg Scoop crew, just grab a blue intramural form from Mrs. Rubin in E-4 or Mrs. Krayner in E-5 (or the main office) and come to B-2 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00. . . . and Mason - we’re holding your spot for you!



**Sandburg's
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Art on the Move**



We All Hang Together
by John Sharp
Interpretation by **Lauren Hoffman**
Grade 7

Free Write

By **Ellis Owusu Sarfo** 5th Grade

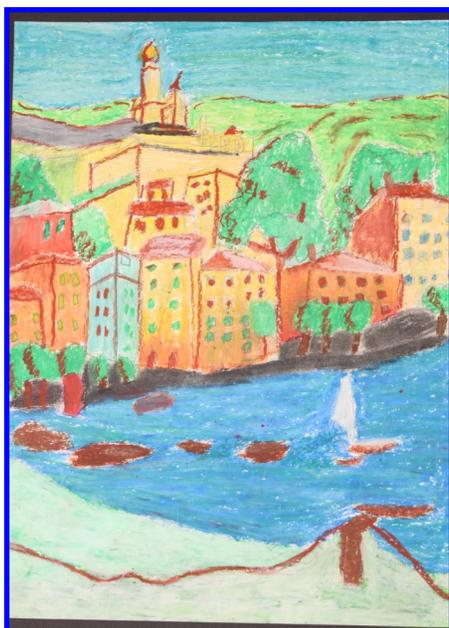
It was a cold and cloudy day. I was sent by my mother to get some milk from the store. She warned me about the woods. "Never stare directly into the woods," she warned me. She never told me why. I've been quite curious about the woods . . . maybe I can just take a quick peek. Then like a moth drawn to a flame, I found myself looking directly into the woods. Suddenly, all the huts disappeared. Some thick fog started to roll in. I couldn't see a thing. Then I was asleep or something, I didn't know what happened.

I woke up in a room with a fireplace and some odd things. Where am I? There was a voice that said, "You just witnessed the deathly hollows. You were asleep and I picked you up and brought you here." The man was tall with a white beard, and was wearing a stovepipe hat. I got up and walked around the old hut. I went to the fireplace and I saw a tiny black strainer, a tiny pitchfork, and the numbers 182 were engraved in the fireplace. The one thing that kept going through my head was, *what in the world are the deathly hollows?* To be continued .

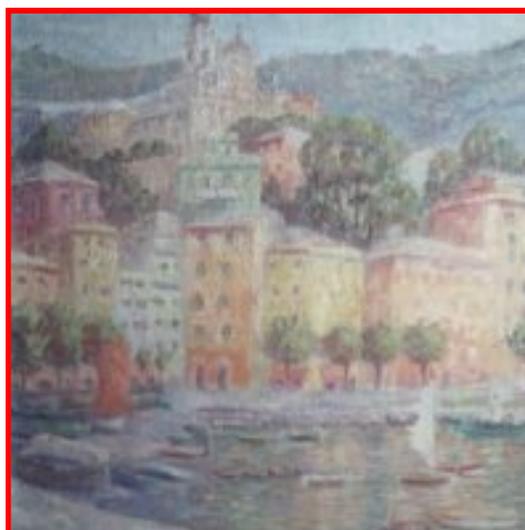
Cooking with Mom

By **Joel Sirleaf** 5th Grade

Today I got to make supper with mom. Billy and James already had the table set so all we had to do was cook the food. Uncle Stuart and the rest of his band, "Gorillaz", were coming so we had to be swift. We started out with the chicken parm lasagna. We followed the recipe from the cookbook called, *American Cooking for Brits*. After we put it all together, we covered it with aluminum foil, and moved on. We made sides like mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, mac and cheese, and a Southwestern salad with avocado dressing. At around 7:55, we made the desserts. Some were just ice cream with a waffle bowl, and some were just cupcakes. When everyone got there, I greeted them with the biggest smile and sat straight down getting ready to eat. I love that meal, and I can tell that everyone else loved it, too.



Santa Margherita by Susan Schneider
Interpretation by **Nick Cambron** - Grade 7



Santa Margherita

I look out on the town
to see a foggy place
and when I look out at the water
a smile crosses my face.
I see the boats
resting on the water
drifting at a natural pace
and finally the fog clears away
and I see the town
as it is everyday.

By **Cameron Marable** and **Rah'asia Corzen**
Grade 6

Colorful houses
Many boats are in the lake
The town is foggy

By **Amya Wilson**
Grade 6

*The mountains stand guard
Over the peaceful waters below
As the town stands still
And boats wait to take passengers
On their escape from their troubles.*

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Music by Candlelight
by Anne Yost

Interpretation by **Asad Huday**

The guitar quietly sits waiting
For fingers to caress its strings.
The notes are laid out and ready
For gentle hands and adoring ears.

*Music so special
To entertain and enjoy
Done by candlelight*



The Guitar and the Candle

By **Liam Boorse** 5th grade

A guitar	A guitar
A candle	A candle
A sheet of music	A sheet of music
A show	The music
The light	Amusing
All the amusement	To all of the people
A cloth	The curtain
The curtain	Is closing
All of the people	It's time for bed
It's time	Drive home
In bed	And Count
To do some sleeping	Some sheep in your head.

Field Trip Gone Wrong

By **Katelyn Ewing** 5th Grade

My name is Nix, after the Greek god of the night, and I am 13 years old. I live with my mom, dad, and my little sister, Stella. Stella is 11 and she is named after the stars. Stella and I look nothing like sisters. I have black hair and blue eyes, Stella has blonde hair and green eyes. But, we both love adventure and taking chances.

It was Autumn and school had started so we were taking our first field trip. For our field trip, the whole middle school was going, that meant 5th through 8th grade. You could pick a partner from any grade, and you would be with that person the whole time. Of course, I picked my sister. The bus ride there was an hour so we were allowed to go on our phones, but Stella and I didn't go on our phones. Instead we talked about the farm, hayrides and scarecrows. But above all things . . . GHOSTS! We had an encounter with a ghost last Halloween so we were prepared. We always carried tea leaves and cinnamon with us from the haunted house because it scared the ghosts when you threw it at them.

When we got to the farm, it was beautiful. Red and orange leaves scattered along the path, a barn in the distance, a small cottage at the end of the path, and cornstalks in the fields. It was like we were in a painting, it felt so unreal. Except the whole school was there so it was really loud. On the buses our principal, Mrs. Kelly, said we could explore the farm with our partners. The first place Stella and I went was the hayloft in the barn. We looked out the window up there and we could see the whole farm.

We saw our teacher, Miss Cargle, we saw the students, we even saw our principal. Then Stella froze. I looked where she was looking . . . It was in the cornfield. Students weren't allowed in the cornfield. What we saw was short, grayish, and FURRY. It was a wolf in the cornfield! We had to save the rest of the kids!

We raced down from the hayloft and ran to the farmer's house. He opened the door and we told him, "There's a wolf in your cornfield!" He said there hadn't been a wolf in the area in hundreds of years. Then we heard, "AAAHHHH! WOLF!!!" "Are you sure about that?" I said. The farmer gave me a nasty look and went and told everyone to get into the barn to wait until it went away. But we couldn't let that happen, so we ran toward the cornfield.

The wolf came out of the corn with foam in his mouth. The wolf had rabies so we had to be sure not to get bitten. Stella reached into her pocket. I knew what she was doing so I did too. We pulled out handfuls of tea leaves and cinnamon and threw it at the wolf. The cinnamon got in its eyes and it ran away from the farm. Everyone was saved and we all celebrated.



Corn Harvest by George Bentzley

The hard work of the farmers waits in the field,
Nature and labor have brought a great yield.
The work is all done for the season they say,
A well-deserved rest should be part of the day.



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Winter's First Snowstorm by Walter Emerson Baum

Interpretation by **Hannah Glasson**

Free Write

By **Isabel Stepp** Grade 5

I was waking up from a cold winter's night. I opened my blinds and there's snow! The night before, I looked up the weather forecast and it said, "No snow at all." There was really no chance it was going to snow! . . . But it did!

I quickly got dressed and put on my winter jacket. I go outside and it was beautiful! Snow shimmering on houses and trees, icicles dripping off my porch roof. I see some children building snowmen and having snowball fights with each other. I grab my cat, Snowflake, and we sit outside together watching the beautiful sight together.

I see many of my neighbors with their children taking pictures of them and the beautiful scene. Now snowplows go down our road and plow the snow. Soon, when the weather gets more frigid, we head inside. I warm up with some hot cocoa and a cookie. What an amazing day!

The Snowy House

By **Gwenn Dozier** Grade 5

Do you see that house? That one right there, in the right corner in the front. That house is said to be the oldest house in the neighborhood. No one ever goes in, no one ever comes out. No one! I mean no one has gone in there for more than 40 years!

It was a very cold—FREEZING— winter day. A family had just moved in, a mom, a dad, a little girl, and a three-year old boy. Mr. and Mrs. Snow had just moved from nice, hot California. It didn't snow there as much as it does here in Pennsylvania. All of the people in town were very excited to meet them, except one man. A man who hated Christmas. His name was Mr. Scrooge, or Mr. Humbug, or Mr. Grouch (as some called him.) Mr. Scrooge disliked everyone and everything except his money. Oh how he loved that money of his! He only ever cared about how much he had. And, Oh Boy, he had a lot of it! He was so nasty, no one ever got him to smile. He would only smirk when he would raise the taxes and burn holes in people's pockets.

Now, back to Mr. and Mrs. Snow. They were unpacking the very few things they had. But they were grateful for what they had. Mr. Snow had saved up all of his money for years so they could afford to move. California was getting so crowded because there had been gold mines there once and people started moving there to try to get rich from the gold again.

One day, Mr. Snow and Mr. Scrooge had passed each other on the snowy street. Mr. Snow smiled and waved, and for some reason, that day, Mr. Scrooge smiled back! Everyone was so confused, no one knew what would happen next. Later than night, Mr. Scrooge was seen going into his house, but was never seen again. Some like to say that a witch must have cast a spell on him, or on the house. Now people say if you walk into that house, you'll be able to make anyone smile! The scary part about it is, since Mr. Scrooge was never seen again, no one wants to take the chance of going into the house on the snowy street.

The Lonely Walk Alone

By **Gabby Tomczak** Grade 5

One day I was walking home alone. I was lost and scared. I saw a red barn in the distance that I had never noticed before. All of a sudden, I heard footsteps running on the dirt path I was on. I started to run, only to realize that it was a bad idea. I slowed down, but heard the footsteps getting closer! I then made a HUGE mistake and went down the darkest path. The path had really scary trees and big bushes that kept shaking.

I turned around and saw a man wearing a mask with a flower in his hand. He kept chanting, "Want this flower?!?, Want this flower?!?" I darted away as fast as I could, until I could hardly breathe. He was still walking behind me, but very slowly now. I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The man walked up to me.

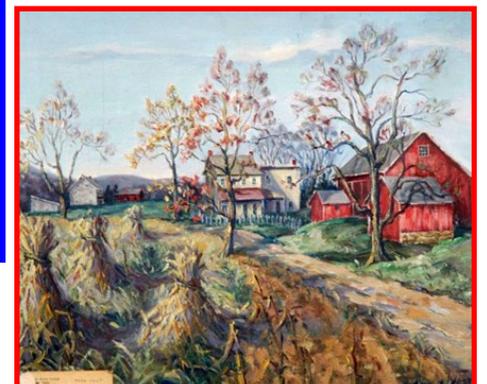
My heart was almost beating out of my chest. I almost couldn't even speak! But I managed to scream, "What do you want from me?!?"

The man took off his mask and threw the flower. My brain didn't let me analyze who it was. He stepped closer and closer. It was only then that I realized - it was my cousin! I was so mad at him! I walked away without saying a word.



Nunamaker Farmhouse by Anne M. Yost

Interpretation by **Sarah Schick** - Grade 7



COACHES CORNER

By Arianna Brewington and Billy Delrossi



This month's Coaches Corner includes someone who is known to many at Sandburg as a result of one of the many different 'hats' he wears. For those who don't know, Mr. Stanford, Sandburg's Custodian and Pool Operator by day, is also a coach in a number of sports. Currently he is coaching the wrestling team, but he also coaches 7th grade football in the fall, and 7th and 8th grade baseball in the spring.

The Scoop had the opportunity to speak with a number of his current wrestlers about what it is like to work with him. Seventh Grade wrestler Scott Johnson described Mr. Stanford as a good coach who is always there to give good pointers about wrestling moves and how to be a better wrestler. "I've known him since I played football here at Sandburg earlier this year." Sam Schatzan, another 7th grade wrestler, also thinks Mr. Stanford is a good coach. "He likes things to be perfect, so he is really involved in all things that go on in practice. He is very knowledgeable."

Eighth grade wrestler, Sean Gale also spoke very highly of the coach. "This is my second year wrestling here at Sandburg, and Mr. Stanford has always been there for me. He is really easy to talk to, you can tell him anything. If you need advice, he is your 'go-to' guy. He is actively involved behind the scenes, and gets really involved during our matches. He will give you positive feedback about your match, and how you can become a better wrestler."

Two other 8th grade wrestlers, Luke Devlin and David Miller, agreed that Mr. Stanford is a good coach. "He is really helpful, and likes to joke around, but he can be serious and tough when he has to." David said, "This is my second year with him in wrestling. One thing that I like is that he will stand up for you at the matches. He will fight for you."

When asked about being interviewed for the Scoop, Coach Stanford was very shy. He didn't want the spotlight to be on him, but rather on the members of the team and all the hard work they put into the sport. "You need to build self-confidence to be a successful wrestler," he said. Coach Stanford has lived in Bucks County his whole life, and his kids have been students in Neshaminy for their whole lives. He was asked to be an assistant by our retired teacher and coach, Mr. Bogart. Coach Stanford's love for wrestling started in 7th grade when he joined his own school's team. And he loves the sport so much because it's an individual sport and a team sport all at the same time. The coach has been working here for over 27 years, but has been a wrestling coach for 20 years and he's very happy doing it. The Wrestling team also practices everyday until 5 o'clock so that they never get out of shape. Mr. Stanford is a very dedicated coach, but he also puts a lot of effort into everything he does, including his custodian job.

Sandburg's Athletic Director, Mr. Johns, has coached with Mr. Stanford for the last 25 years. He considers Mr. Stanford a great friend and a great person. He described him as a person who works hard at everything he does, but then stands back preferring to let others get the attention. Johns said, "he is someone who would give anyone who needs help the shirt off his back without thinking twice about it." He pointed out that Mr. Stanford is a great family man and a great father to his five kids. In addition to all he does here, Mr. Stanford has been an active firefighter with the Langhorne Fire Company for many years. This is something that runs in the family. His father was Chief of the fire company, and several of his children are involved in firefighting, too. "He is a person with great morals, who is respectful to everyone. You couldn't ask for someone who is more dependable than he is. He is definitely one of a kind." We couldn't agree more.

He is a wonderful coach and teacher when it comes to teaching kids self-confidence, new exercises, and wrestling techniques. We thank you, Mr. Stanford, for everything you do, from volunteering as a firefighter, maintaining our school and pool, to teaching Sandburg's athletes to believe in themselves. Sandburg is lucky to have you.

BASKETBALL ROUND-UP



By Rah'asia Corzen

The **7th** and **8th** grade **Girls Basketball** teams have finished up for the season. The 7th grade girls ended the season with a 3 and 6 record. Coach Coleman shared that this is the first year these girls were able to play and they learned a lot about the game. All of the girls contributed, according to the coach, but some of the girls who dominated were Kira Bradley, Erielle Williams, and Jessica Mimm. Kira and Erielle were even able to play on the 8th grade team as well! According to Coach Coleman, the team's best games were the two games where they beat Poquessing. "It's always good to beat a sister school," he said. Great Job girls!

This season the 8th grade girls basketball team had a tremendous year improving their game and having fun along the way. Each girl worked hard to make an impact for the team. The girls finished with victories over Morrisville and Bristol and an epic close game against Maple Point. The girls made the tournament but were ousted in the first round. Top scorers on the team were Cameron Moore and Emily Solomon. The team played solid defense throughout the season, and Aniya Gibson and Jasmine Cary helped with great defensive chemistry. The coaching staff was extremely proud of all of these girls and how hard they worked throughout this season. Coach Norton feels that this group of girls has what it takes to make an impact for the high school in years to come and is excited for the 7th graders to move up and improve next year. Great Season girls!

SANDBURG CHEERLEADERS LEAD THE WAY

By Maddie Nelson



These jumping and energetic girls are here after school everyday until 4:00 P.M. This activity allows 7th and 8th grade girls to come together and cheer for the school. This activity is fun-filled and allows girls to have a good time with some of their peers that enjoy the same activity. This squad cheers at Sandburg home wrestling matches and basketball games.

The team, this time around, consists of: Anna Emeigh, Captain; Hannah Gerlach, Captain; Jasmine Cary, Paige Emeigh, Sage Banks, Avi Green, Nicole McCauley, Rachel Garcia, Kiara Adams, and Grace Dreisbach. These girls also enjoy this sport because they get to learn new skills and strengthen their flexibility. They do and learn all of these exciting things with the help of their coach, Ms. Jackson, Coach Bonnie, and fellow team members.

Sandburg's cheerleaders have to share space with Wrestling and Ping-Pong Club to practice. Though it may be hard to find them during practice - in the cafeteria, the gym, Ms. Jackson's room - you will definitely get caught up in their energy!



**Sandburg
Wrestlers -
Takin' It
to the
Mats!**



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for their gift of pom-poms!
We couldn't have done it
without you!**



CLUB CLATTER

In our first issue, we missed a few of the clubs here at Sandburg. In addition to those included last month, there are a great number of other intramural clubs and activities students here at Sandburg can join. We will be working to include even more in our next issue. One of them is the **Fitness & Weightlifting Club** which meets in the workout room after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can get your cardio workout while you socialize, listen to tunes, and have fun challenges. All grades can use the cardio machines, but only 6th - 8th grades can use the weight machines.



Mr. Hoelzle and the Weightlifting Club

There are also a number of new clubs that are starting up since our first issue. The Phys Ed Department has been keeping Sandburg jumping!



Intramural Swimming runs Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 4. Mrs. Martian and Ms. Good are the sponsors. Students who come to swimming get to play with their friends in the pool and can use the noodles, tubes and mats for their enjoyment. It is also a great way to improve your swimming skills!

Morning Wake Up is sponsored by the **PE Dept.** It gives students who arrive to school early the chance to come into the gym to shoot hoops. It's a great way to wake up to start the day!

The Phys Ed Department is also sponsoring the **Sandburg Ski and Tubing Club**. The trip is to Shawnee Mountain Ski Area at Shawnee on the Delaware, PA. The trip is scheduled for **February 24th**, and seats on the bus are filled on a first come, first served basis. Students in 5th and 6th grade may tube only. Seventh and 8th graders may tube, ski, or snowboard. Information and forms are available in the Gym hallway and on Sandburg's website. Money, Reservation Forms, and Permission Slips must be returned by **February 3rd**. Those interested can talk to any of the Gym teachers.



Madame Uzelac shared that the **French Club** is going to be creating 'French Valentines' for the upcoming Valentines Day. "By doing this we will be able to learn new vocabulary in our target language—French. "

"We will also begin to prepare for the "Mardi Gras" holiday which happens in late February. This will involve making masks, and preparing and eating special holiday treats that originated in France." You can see some of the valentines in the hall outside E-7.

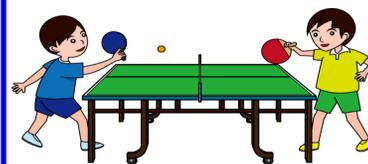
Please come and enjoy at our next club meeting, We meet every other Tuesday, in E-7. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome!"

Looking in on **Buddy Club** where the fun continues! All grades are welcome to come and make new friends. Some of the activities there include making amazing treats and lots of crafts. Just this month they tried out two new recipes— Pizza Pinwheels and Butter Mints. Rice Krispie treat pumpkins, chocolate chip and taco dips, and apple pie crescents were on the menu earlier. According to Ms. Alberts, "Our 'master chefs' were in their glory!" They can also be found creating some crazy cool crafts like 'Magical Magnetic Slime' and Shrinky Dink keychains You, too, can be a part of the fun. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 in room D-6.

Our **Sandburg SPIRIT Club** is new and growing, and welcomes new ideas as well as new members. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4 in the library. As you can imagine, our **SPIRIT Club** has been VERY BUSY trying to bring a bit of happiness to others. Sandburg's **SPIRIT Club** has been really busy these last few weeks. In November they collected donations and assembled food baskets. In December, they filled 96 stockings for the Salvation Army collection, and also joined with the members of SADD to write out and send holiday cards to military personnel and local elder care residents.

Mrs. Jackson said that, "After the holiday break, we began a large project. The kids are making blankets from fleece that will be donated to different organizations. Some will go to a Ronald McDonald House, some to local cancer patients and some to area nursing homes. The kids are very excited about this project and they are making incredibly awesome blankets." If anyone wants to donate fleece fabric, it is appreciated.

Mrs. Klemick and Mrs. Filoon have thrown down a challenge:



Get Your Game On!

Come and enjoy some fun, friendly competition, and the opportunity to make new friends! You may even have one of your teachers as your opponent (if they have the courage to take the challenge!)

Learn or improve your skill at Ping Pong. The club meets every Monday for 7th and 8th grades, and every Wednesday for 5th and 6th grades. The time is always the same, 3:00-4:00, right after school.

Challenge 24 Club

By Rah'asia Corzen

Challenge 24 Club is a club where students, Ms. Koczynski, and Mrs. Romberger meet to play a game called 24. The club meets in the library every Monday and Wednesday in the morning before school. In the game 24 you get a card with four numbers on it. You look at the numbers on the card and have to figure out a way to use all of the numbers to end up with the total 24 by adding, subtracting, multiplying, and/or dividing. There are different ways to solve each card. Here is an example:



You would do 4×2 which is 8, then 8×1 is 8, and then 8×3 which is 24. Remember, there is more than one way to solve it. The dots on the side tell how many points you get so you would get one point for this card. You can challenge yourself or play with others. When you play with others you tap the card when you figure out and say what you did. If you forget, you're out, and if the other player can't get it the card gets passed to the side.

I am a member of the Challenge 24 club. I joined because I like challenges, and my math teacher told me she would like it if I joined. When I went to the first meeting I was definitely nervous but everyone was welcoming. They taught me how to play and I had fun. I started late so I am still getting used to it but other than that it's fun to do.

This year's **Reading Olympics** team has over 32 students participating. The students will be travelling to Neshaminy High School to compete for blue ribbons against other middle schools from Bucks County. The team members are excited but nervous. Just think that each member had to read at least five to six books before the competition, and everyone will be watching them. The Olympians meet in the library every Wednesday at lunch to discuss books, get new books, and practice. More to come.



SADD is Students Against Destructive Decisions. Mrs.



Martian shared, "We're the ones that sell pretzels on Wednesdays after school and we also meet occasionally to do community service. Proceeds from the pretzel sales are donated or

used to fund some of the activities SADD participates in while helping the community. In December we combined with the SPIRIT club to fill out Christmas cards for the folks in nursing homes. In the spring we will plan a school clean up activity."

Mr. Reed's **Slide Show Crew** is, as always busy working on the amazing yearly production of the show that is presented to the school at the end of each school year. The students involved work with Mr. Reed to assemble photographs that are skillfully worked into a seamless presentation honoring the outgoing 8th grade students as they prepare to enter the high school.



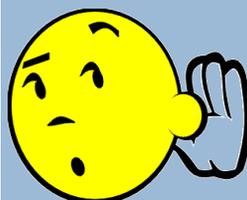
Sandburg Scoop would like to thank Mr. Reed for always being ready to share photographs with the Scoop as we are getting each issue together. This sometimes involves having to pour through hundreds of photos to find just the right one!

A 'shout out' of thanks to Mr. Reed and the **Slide Show Crew!**



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INTRAMURALS - THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Sandburg has always had a great intramural program, and it just keeps getting better! Between the clubs talked about this month, and the many other activities that are spread out inside and outside the building (weather permitting for some, of course) there is always something happening!

Keep an ear on the morning and afternoon announcements for information about what is out there that you might want to be a part of here. Remember, a blue Intramural Permission Slip is needed, and you can pick one up at the front office when you pass by.

SANDBURG SCOOP

has a challenge for our readers. We would like to start a fun feature called "Can You . . . Guess Who?"

What we need are student-drawn pictures of any of the teachers here at Sandburg. Fifth grade Scoop reporter and artist, Dakota Sizemore, was a good sport, and let us share one of his drawings to get this started.

The Scoop will choose a drawing and post it somewhere in the paper. One clue will be given about that person.



Challenge yourself to try to figure out who it is!

Your teachers are good sports, too, but be sure your drawing is not one that would hurt his or her feelings - remember . . . they are people, too!

Can You . . .



. . . Guess Who?

Do you need a clue?

He loves mountain biking.

Artist - Dakota Sizemore

Checking in with Olivia Lobecker

By Billy Delrossi and Arianna Brewington

"The Hills are Alive" with the sound of Olivia Lobecker, a 5th grade student here at Sandburg who is starring in the upcoming high school production of *The Sound of Music*. The Sandburg Scoop sat down with Olivia to learn more about what its been like taking on the role of Gretl Von Trapp, and what made her decide to audition.

Her mom and her music teacher here at Sandburg, Mrs. Phillips, both said that she had a great voice and encouraged her to try out . . . and that's just what she did! She is one of four students from our Sandburg family who tried out for a part in the Neshaminy High School Drama production. She won the role of the youngest daughter, Gretl von Trapp.

Although at first she was scared to be with all those teenagers, now she is feeling much more confident! A lot of the other cast members also went to Sandburg. They have really helped her to relax and know she can do it.



She has been in chorus since 4th grade and still participates in it! On top of that, not only is she showing Neshaminy Pride, but she is also

showing Sandburg Pride by trying out for our upcoming play *Madagascar, Jr.* Olivia was picked for the role of one of the penguins, Private, in the show. She has some previous experience being in school plays. In 4th grade, Lobecker had a part in Walter Miller's production of *101 Dalmatians!* Olivia is not only a 5th grade musician but also a straight "A" student.

When asked who her inspiration was, without hesitation, Lobecker responded, "Taylor Swift." Taylor Swift is someone she has looked up to in her life and made her want to sing! She says, "it is not hard for me at all to memorize all those lines."

The show is being presented at the high school from February 2nd to February 5th. Tickets are \$10 for evening performances, and \$7 for the afternoon matinees.

This just goes to show no matter what age you are, you **can** do things you never thought you could. You never know until you try!

Did you know . . .

According to the film's animators, you'll see 6,469,952 black spots every time you watch *101 Dalmatians!*



EXCALIBUR

There it sits, upon its rock,

Sitting, waiting,

It shall choose the rightful king,

The rightful king of England.

Excalibur sits,

Excalibur waits,

It waits to let someone pull,

Pull it from the rock it rests in.

People have pulled,

People have used strategies,

Yet, they were not worthy

Not worthy enough to be king.

Only the true king could pull,

Pull Excalibur from its throne of stone.

There one day a knight from the round table pulled,

Pulled Excalibur from its stone.

Arthur the knight held it high,

Held the sword high above his head,

He refused to let Excalibur go,

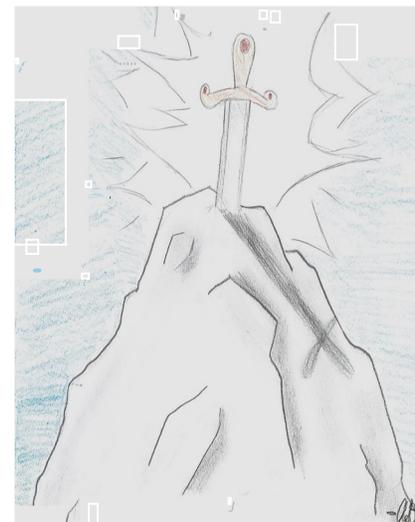
Until the injured king told him so.

Arthur got into his boat and paddled,

Paddled his way in the river,

There he threw Excalibur in,

Where a hand rose above the water and grabbed it within.



SANDBURG 'GRADUATES' HIT THE STAGE!

In addition to Olivia Lobecker, Sandburg also has a few other connections to *The Sound of Music*. Adrianna Fisher, a previous Sandburg student has the lead role of Maria! Mrs. Wiatrowski's son, Chad, is the other lead in the show, Captain Georg Von Trapp.

Mrs. Toth's daughter Sophie, a second grader, is also in the show, sharing the role of Gretl with Olivia Lobecker!

Olivia Andrews and Hayley Clark are playing Sister Margareta on different nights. Sister Sophia is being played by Melanie Moyer and Emily Solomon. Sidney Swope fills daughter Liesl von Trapp's shoes. Taylor Smith can be seen playing Brigitta von Trapp. Connor Watson and Evan Sleppy are sharing the role of Herr Zeller. Sam Liddell brings personality to Ursula, and Joey Rippert can be seen as Admiral von Schreiber.

The ensemble also includes some familiar names in supporting roles. Gwen Reckus has the role of one of the Nuns, and Sarah Brewer will be showing off her dance steps as one of the Waltzers,

Sandburg Talent Goes On and On!

Poem and Illustration By **Ava Dwornitski**

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