

# Family Newsletter

Seymour Smith ILC, March 2023

## A Blooming Spring

Dear Seymour Smith Community:

In like a Lion! Spring is right around the corner, or so they say. We're looking forward to all of the things that spring brings! This month we'll be celebrating literacy with Read Across America Day, and we're lucky to be supporting the Sparrow's Nest on Dress Down Day. Wear your green so the leprechaun's can't cause any trouble around here! They've been known to turn the toilet water green!

Another sign of spring is the Elizabeth Schroeder Memorial Butterfly Garden that sits just outside my window. It is a sight to behold, even in the grey, dreary days of winter. It is a garden dedicated to using butterfly-friendly plants to attract and nurture butterflies in all stages of their lives. In the late days of Spring and throughout the warm days of Summer, the garden transforms into a vibrant, beautiful, peaceful place. For me, it serves as a reminder that our students are constantly growing, they are thought about, cared for, and nurtured by many, and that we catch these glimpses of our students, blooming into their own, at special moments throughout the year.

The garden was designed by Betty's daughter, Beth Ashton, and funded by donations from Betty's friends, co-workers, and former students. The garden has been maintained by the Pine Plains Garden Club in recognition of Betty's many contributions to the Garden Club, community, and school. I invite you to talk with your child on the ways you can contribute - they are always looking for volunteers!

## Upcoming Dates

### March 1

BOE meets

### March 2

Read Across America Day

### March 3

Mid-Marking Period

### March 10

Superintendent's Conference Day

### March 10-12

*Mamma Mia!*

### March 13

BLT meets

**March 15**

BOE meets

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

Sparrow's Nest Dress Down Day

PTA Book Swap

**March 20**

Safety Team meets

Spring Equinox

**March 21**

2nd Grade Ag Literacy visit

**March 28 & 29**

CPCA Presentations





**March 31**

Noon Dismissal



## Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center

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## A Note from Coach Weber

Hopefully over the past 2 weeks your child has come home and shared with you their excitement for golf! Thank you so much for the help, support, and flexibility of our teachers over the past two weeks!

The [Playground Golf Foundation](#) golf instructors worked with all of our kiddos and did a fabulous job of getting the students excited about learning to play golf. The instructors worked on how to putt, chip and even do a full swing through this program that was FREE to our school to participate in. They used equipment that works well indoors. We were even able to set up a 5-hole mini putt and chip golf course for the students to play on the last day.

Most importantly the instructors took time to teach honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, courtesy, judgement, responsibility, perseverance and confidence. These core values were taught at the beginning of the lesson and reviewed and practiced during and at the end of the lesson. Many of our students are now itching to get out and play.

If the students are interested, when the New York Golf Center (5490 NY-9H, Hudson, NY 12534) opens back up this spring and summer (probably in late April, early May) our students can go up and visit

Lucas Cohen, PGA Professional and tell him that the student participated in the Playground Golf Foundation Program in Pine Plains at Seymour Smith and he will give you a FREE bucket of balls to hit. He has clubs there as well to use if you do not have any. This was talked about with the students during class.

This program was provided to us at no cost as the Playground Golf Foundation only accepts donations. If you'd like to check it out, you can find out more information here about their program here including a FREE Jr. Golf Clinic with Lucas Cohen, PGA Professional:

<https://lessons.nygolfpark.com/event/free-junior-golf-clinic-1-of-3-at-nygp/>



## Read Across America

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2nd.

Thank you to Mrs. Curnan for spearheading our literacy activities!

## Mamma Mia

The Stissing Theatre Guild in cooperation with the Pine Plains Central School District

Presents MAMMA MIA!

Friday, March 10 - 7:30pm

Saturday, March 11 - 7:30pm

Sunday, March 12 - 2:00pm

Tickets available now

\$13 adults

\$11 seniors (62+) and students

[www.seatyourself.biz/stgboxoffice](http://www.seatyourself.biz/stgboxoffice)

or call 518.398.1272

Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School

2829 Church St, Pine Plains, NY

Directed by: Kevin Barnes

Choreographed by: Ashley Burren

Musical Director: Alec Sisco

Technical Director: Gerard Lisella

Music & Lyrics by

BENNY ANDERSSON + BJORN ULVAEUS

and some songs with Stig Anderson

Book by CATHERINE JOHNSON

Originally Conceived by JUDY CRAYMER

Mamma Mia! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

## **Calendar Highlight**

The calendar flip will be coming soon. And just because it falls at the end of the month, here's a reminder:

Spring Break starts April 3rd, and we dismiss at noon on March 31st. School resumes Monday April 10th.