



**South Euclid
Lyndhurst Schools**



A publication designed to build community pride and awareness in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dr. Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools**

Dear South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools Community,

As the entire SEL Schools family marches into a new calendar year, we do so with optimism and a positive outlook, all while being mindful of the realities of the lingering pandemic environment around us. Despite the ever-changing environment, a great deal of forward movement is always underway in the SEL Schools. Inside this edition, you will read about some of the student and staff-driven successes

inside and outside the classroom. The holiday season was a time for our school family to shine with generosity and compassion for others. You will see just how thoughtful our students and staff were during the time leading up to the holiday season. If you or members of your family played a role in charity through a school organization or activity, the SEL Schools thanks you for your contributions. Creative hands-on learning is an important attribute that is being widely promoted for our students at all levels, and you will read about these critical thinking skills and activities as well.

As part of the SEL Schools' continued dedication to being a community-based resource, the district recently launched its Arc QuickMed Clinic at Charles F. Brush High School as a facility where our students and staff can receive limited medical and health and wellness care. The intent of the Arc QuickMed Clinic is to make health care services more convenient and readily available on a regular basis to students and staff. Already, the Nurse Practitioner is coordinating with each school nurse to share the various services that will be available, beyond what the building clinical and medical resources can accommodate. We will share more information as we continue to phase in our services for our staff, students, and families.

Readers will also learn about the strides made by our student artists in grades 7 through 12 as part of the annual Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. Our Brush High School Art Department has continually promoted and produced fantastic works of art and essays amongst our students. A special congratulations to Phoebe Patch who won a Gold Key award for her image titled Nandi,

(pictured inside with our Scholastic Arts Winners!) which will be judged nationally and if accepted into the exhibition, will be placed on display in a New York City Gallery.

Finally, as we close winter and enter spring, our student-athletes and students participating in co-curricular activities are representing the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools in fine fashion. The district commends these students on their extra dedication, beyond their studies, since a sacrifice of time is inherently involved in being successful with such activities. In fact, some of our student-athletes will continue to have bright futures in college, due to their talents. The winter months prompt a longing for warmer temperatures, which are right around the corner. Yet, the students, staff and members of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools continue to perform exceptionally in a safe and constructive learning environment. Thank you for your continued support.

**Go ARCS!
Dr. Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools**



Students in the SEL Schools demonstrated great compassion for those in need during the holiday season. Here, our elementary students created placemats for the Meals on Wheels program participants.



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Now in its 98th year, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for young artists and writers in grades 7–12. The SEL Schools proudly congratulates the students listed below on being recognized for their impressive and unique art and written submissions at the 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition! A special congratulations to Phoebe Patch who won a Gold Key award for her image titled Nandi, (pictured nearby) which will be judged nationally and if accepted into the exhibition, will be placed on display in a New York City Gallery. National winners will also earn a trip to the prestigious Carnegie Hall where they will receive a gold medal. Artwork submitted by student artists from the greater Cleveland area was displayed in the Cleveland Institute of Art's Reinberger Gallery. The annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards ceremony was held in the Reinberger Gallery on Saturday, January 15th, at 10 AM. Congratulations to our Silver Key Honoree for Writing: Amina Daoud Rich and Educator Melissa Jones!



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Special thank you to our highly motivated and encouraging Art Educators and mentors: Sarah Curry and Hadley Conner! Congratulations once again to the talented students below on their proud artistic accomplishments!

Brush High School Winners-- ART

- Phoebe Patch Nandi Photography Gold Key Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Phoebe Patch Myself Photography Silver Key Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Jordana Turoff A Hazy Day Painting Silver Key Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Amina Daoud Rich Mixed Media Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Amina Daoud Hairy Mixed Media Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Kyla Goodman Take Painting Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Lillian Kiefer Forever Gone Photography Honorable Mention Educator: Hadley Conner**
- Lillian Kiefer Happy? Photography Honorable Mention Educator: Hadley Conner**
- Lily Ladaika Nighttime Animal Encounter Digital Art Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Emily Loya Hairy Drawing & Illustration Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Emily Loya Loud Mixed Media Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Phoebe Patch AP Art Reel Film & Animation Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Destiny Styles Gateway to the Soul Drawing & Illustration Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**
- Deshaun Vaden FLY HIGH Photography Honorable Mention Educator: Hadley Conner**
- Maryam Yakout Relaxed Drawing & Illustration Honorable Mention Educator: Sarah Curry**

**Congratulations
to our
Scholastic Arts
Winners!**

➤ **Preschool Staff Creates Video Lessons to Engage Young Learners**

To engage the district's youngest students with technology and innovative future-ready skills, the SEL Preschool teachers and Intervention Specialists provided their students online art and reading activities via YouTube during the week of remote learning. To ensure students had all necessary learning materials, parents picked up packets for students on Monday, January 10th in the Preschool parking lot. The art activities included a winter collage project using common household items such as tissue paper, cotton balls, string, and foil, and the creation of a paper penguin using a black colored paper bag, feathers, construction paper, and other materials. During each short video, teachers explained and modeled how to complete each step of the art project. The preschool staff also ensured that students participated in story time activities by creating videos of themselves reading selected books, including Flip and Flop by Dawn Apperley and Tracks in the Snow by Wong Herbert Yee. While in-person learning resumed on Tuesday, January 18th for students and staff in the SEL Schools, our preschool's staff and students were prepared with some innovative learning, demonstrating resilience during the return to learning after winter break.



The Preschool staff engaged our youngest students with innovation and technology during the week of remote learning in promoting art activities and story time online.

➤ **Adrian Elementary Students Give Back During Holidays with Canned Food Drive**



Congratulations to our Adrian School families who generously donated canned foods to those in need. All of our SEL Schools participated in various activities to help those less fortunate during the holiday season!

The students and staff at Adrian Elementary reflected the generous spirit of the holiday season by holding a successful canned food drive in the weeks leading up to winter break. Coordinated by Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Catherine Mack, the building-wide initiative took place between November 29th and December 17th and collected over nine hundred food donations! In addition to canned and boxed foods, the drive also collected can openers and other related products that helped families prepare donated food items during the holidays. Mrs. Mack prepared and distributed a flyer detailing the list of products for Adrian families to donate, including items requested by local food banks. All the donations were delivered to the South Euclid United Church of Christ which partners with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. As a fun way to promote the canned food drive, the classroom that donated the most food items earned a class party! Congratulations to the students, staff, and families at Adrian Elementary for their generous support of local families in-need this holiday season!

➤ **MJH Students Participate in Patriot's Pen Contest**

Seventh and eighth grade students at Memorial Junior High demonstrated their writing skills and patriotism by participating in the VFW's (Veterans of Foreign Wars) annual Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest. Local VFW Post #7536 served as the local sponsor for the writing competition which asked participating students to create an essay based on this year's theme of "The America I Believe In." Students were given a certificate and prizes from VFW Post #7536 for their impressive written contributions. Alaina Appline's essay received first place and will advance to the VFW District competition. Congratulations to the students below for their excellent submissions on behalf of the VFW's 2021 Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest!



Memorial Junior High Students demonstrated their writing skills during the Patriot Pen contest late last year. Excellent writing and interpersonal skills were demonstrated by all. Way to go!

TOP 3 STUDENT WINNERS

Alaina Appline
Eliana Sypniewski
Aniyah Powell

HONORABLE MENTION

Allison Rosales Jamiah Hilliard
Kayla Greene Isaac Sypniewski
Lavelle Borum Samiyah Lyles

➤ Great Student Stories from the SEL Schools!

At the halfway point of the 2021-22 school year, the SEL Schools are taking the opportunity to recognize students for their achievements and hard work during the second quarter. Greenview Middle School hosted 2nd Quarter Award Assemblies during the week of January 24th, which included Grade 5 on Monday, January 24th, and Grade 6 on Tuesday, January 25th, and Friday, January 28th. Students who earned Honor Roll (3.5-4.0 GPA) and Merit Roll (3.0-3.49 GPA) received certificates in recognition of their superb academic achievements. Additional honors included the ARC Award which salutes students who daily embody the school PBIS values of being “Respectful, Responsible, and Ready,” Perfect Attendance award, and Improvement Award. Greenview Middle School Principal Megan Young also recognized students who earned the Principal’s Award.

Memorial Junior High (MJH) also recently held 2nd Quarter Awards ceremonies in the cafeteria during which all recognized 7th and 8th grade students received a certificate for demonstrating academic achievement. Below is a summary of the awards granted to MJH students:

8th Grade Awards

- 6 students with a 4.00 GPA (all A’s)
- 18 students earned Honor Roll (3.5-4.0 GPA)
- 44 students earned Merit Roll (3.00-3.49 GPA)
- 20 students earned a Perfect Attendance Award

7th Grade Awards

- 42 students earned Honor Roll (3.5-4.0 GPA)
- 42 students earned Merit Roll (3.0 – 3.49 GPA)
- 23 students earned a Perfect Attendance Award



Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter Scholars!

Congratulations to all SEL students who were celebrated for their achievement, diligence, and setting a positive example during the second grading quarter! Finally, the SEL Schools wishes all students and staff a safe and successful second semester!