



## Silvermine Elementary School News – June 2017



### June Events:

<b>6/1 Thursday PTO Planning meeting for 2017-2018 6 pm.</b>	<b>6/6 School Governance Meeting 6:00 pm Urban Hall</b>
<b>6/1 Field Day grades K-2 9:30 am (Rain date June 5<sup>th</sup>) School field</b>	<b>6/6 Last School Spirit Rally 10:00 am to 10:30 am School gym.</b>
<b>6/2 Field Day grades 3-5 9:30 am (Rain date June 6<sup>th</sup>) School field</b>	<b>6/12 Fifth grade Promotion 9:30 am to 11:30 am School gym</b>
<b>6/9 Kindergarten End of Year celebration 2:00 pm School gym</b>	<b>6/13 and 6/14 Two hour early dismissals. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school.</b>

### Student Corner

**Artists of the Week:** The student artists recognized for their excellent work this past month were- Kindergarten student Simon Mickal, for his “Peace Bouquet” inspired by Pablo Picasso; 1<sup>st</sup> grader Allison Morales for her “Egyptian Scarab”.

**Congratulations to all our students who participated in the City Wide Arts Show at City Hall:** Emily Tinoco K, for “Cat and Mouse”, Bria Cardillo K, for “Panda Bear Valentine”; Melanie Evans K for “The Snowy Day”; Kendra Dorvelus, 1<sup>st</sup>, for “Rainbow Fish”; Janette Valdovinos 2<sup>nd</sup>, for “Winter Tree Silhouette”; Kayla Linder 2<sup>nd</sup>, for “Legend of the Indian Paintbrush”; Irdali Cajbon 3<sup>rd</sup>, for “Snowy Night Scene”; Maria Priego 3<sup>rd</sup> for “Polar Bear in Northern Lights”; Sophia DeLuke 3<sup>rd</sup>, for “Love Sculpture”; Sury Orellana, 4<sup>th</sup>, for “Winter Birches”; Christopher Mahanna, 4<sup>th</sup>, for “Cat in the Hat”; Sergio Carrero 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Snowy Birches”; Nicole Rivera 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Carlos Merida inspired Design”; Bernardo Torres 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Op Art Hand”; Jayden Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Night Owl”; Arnez Dowe 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Cyborg James” and Jose Partida 5<sup>th</sup>, for “Festive Night”.

**Music Corner:** In the final countdown to summer vacation, younger grades are reviewing songs, games, rhythms, rhymes and stories. They have come a long way this past year, and have done us all proud. Upper grades have done a fabulous job earning new recorder belts and learning music literacy, while 5<sup>th</sup> grade are busy preparing for their graduation. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Composer of the month: Ludwig Von Beethoven. Happy Summer to all!!

**The Monthly PE Swan Report:** It’s hard to believe that we are approaching the final month of school! It truly has been a pleasure working with these children and seeing them progress so nicely. I couldn’t be more pleased with how well we sharpened our skills both in the physical aspect and the cognitive. Their listening skills and sportsmanship were the greatest incline. I am very proud of these students and I want to wish the 5<sup>th</sup> grade the best of luck as they continue their education!

**Field Day is Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Please make sure your child brings sneakers, water and a light snack. Also make sure they eat a good breakfast!  
I look forward to seeing everyone and have a great Summer!!!

**Thought of the month:** *“The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra” Jimmy Johnson*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION SITE DIRECTOR

Dear Silvermine families,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the 2016-2017 school year! It has been a very busy year with many accomplishments! I am very proud of all the hard work of our students, staff, and families throughout the course of this school year, and I am confident that our students have really acquired a solid base of knowledge and skill in key content areas that they will continue to build upon in the new school year. We have much to celebrate as we continue to implement our dual language program throughout the entire school; for the 2017-2018 school year, all students in Grades K and 1 will be participating in dual language.

To maintain key skills and not experience regression over the summer months, it is imperative that all of our students READ consistently over the summer. In early June, we will have a presentation from the Norwalk Public Library which is partnering with Norwalk Public Schools to facilitate and promote a summer reading program for our students. Students who do not read consistently over the summer months experience a regression in skill and progress level at the start of the new school year. We want to minimize and hopefully eliminate this for all of our students. Please see to it that your children read, read, read over the summer and that they read a mix of both fiction and nonfiction texts. Students can continue to utilize online resources they have been working with this year including Reading A to Z/Raz Kids and Lexia as well as online math resources such as Soar to Success and Timez Attack.

Another major effort of our school and district to help minimize summer learning loss and help strengthen the skills of our students is the implementation of our K-4 Summer Academy. Students have been selected to attend the Summer Academy based on performance on End of Year literacy assessments in Grades K-4. It is imperative that all students who are REQUIRED to attend the Summer Academy attend. Summer Academy will be taking place here at Silvermine, and families of students who will be attending have received registration paperwork. All Summer Academy registration forms must be returned to school **no later than Tuesday, June 6.**

I wish all our families a very restful and safe summer vacation, and I look forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,

Ed Wachowski - Curriculum and Instruction Site Director

## **Parent Teacher Organization Report**

**The PTO Executive Planning meeting for the year 2017-2018 is tonight at 6:00 pm.**

**PTO Elections: Thank you to all the nominees and the parents who voted, these are the new elected members of the Silvermine PTO:**

**President:** Shawn Iannacone  
**Vice President:** Sasha Carr  
**Treasurer:** Nick Andriopolous  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Cesar Palomeque  
**Bilingual Parent Outreach (Spanish):** Maria Ostos  
**Directory Administrator:** Roxanne Merchant

**We want to thank our Silvermine PTO Executive members that have finished their term as Executive Committee members in the Silvermine PTO this year:**

Eric Benitez, Dorian Benitez and Mike Byrne.

We are grateful for your service, **Eric Benitez** is leaving as PTO President leaving Sean Iannacone as Interim for the rest of the year, Eric has served our school as a parent volunteer in various school events to later become PTO President and School Governance Council Member. **Dorian Benitez** is also a strong parent volunteer involved in many important fundraising events, that stepped up to become our Vice President two years ago. **Michael Byrne** has been serving our school during the past six years as a fundraising member, Assistant treasurer, Treasurer and School Governance Council Member.

The Silvermine PTO wants to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all our teachers, staff, parents and students who have contributed so much this year. We are grateful for everything that you do every day to support our students and our school. We also want to send our best wishes to all the fifth graders who are moving on to Middle School, we are going to miss you!!!

Have a fun and safe Summer!!

**Join the PTO!** – The PTO is always looking for new volunteers to join us in helping to raise funds and organize events that will benefit our children’s education. If you are interested in serving the PTO, please contact

**Shawn Iannacone: [seaniannacone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaniannacone@sbcglobal.net)**

**Monthly Newsletter** – Each month this newsletter is also posted on the Silvermine School Website. If you need reminders of the calendar events, please visit the school website at <http://ses.norwalkps.org>

**Communication is Key!** Please take a few minutes to add your information to our directory:

<http://bit.ly/silverminedirectory> Joining our mailing list will ensure you receive any important school updates throughout the school year. The school staff and PTO sends out urgent announcements via email to keep all Silvermine families informed.

As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or ideas!

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