## The Defender Digest



The Lady Defenders In Action!



### Teachers of the Month!



September: Mary Wilde



October: Nancy Bubeck



## We are excited about our new Campus and Facility Improvement plan at SCCA!

At SCCA we take the safety and security of our staff and students very seriously.

Over the past 3 weeks, we undertook a comprehensive review of every building, and already numerous improvements and changes have been made, including added security cameras and an improved observation center in our main office.

Hundreds of feet of outdoor perimeter fencing around the back of our property and playground were added last year. We have also instituted a brand new visitor registration and sign-in procedure, improved our signage and communications, and met with our local and county emergency planners as we make updates and improvements to our strategic response plan.

All of our staff have completed basic first-aid, AED and "stop the bleed" training. Future plans include enhanced classroom "GO-BAGS", improved communication systems and several more training exercises to make all of us fully prepared in the event of an emergency.

Look for more updates as we continually work to improve SCCA for all of us!



## 1st Grade!



"Camping out" in first grade and in God's Word has been de-light-ful! We are learning that God made us and loves us and that we should Trust and Obey Him because he keeps His promises! We know that God is

the Creator of ALL things!
So we set out to "observe"

caterpillars changing into Monarch butterflies and learned big words like chrysalis and metamorphosis!





In September we celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day by using apples across the curriculum! We read books on the seasons of an apple tree, measured ourselves with red, green, yellow, and orange apples and weighed them. We painted apple prints, tasted them, and enjoyed homemade crockpot applesauce!



We are learning all about pumpkins, too! We are looking forward to our Pumpkin Picking Field trip on Oct. 18th! We painted paper bag pumpkins for our bulletin board!



We are spelling words, learning Bible verses, writing sentences, reading stories by ourselves, adding and learning to write in cursive! We learned all about Our America and how it is great to be free! We've also begun a study on Animals!! First grade is Fantastic and Fun!



Every Fall is an exciting time of year. A new grade level for the student and a new class of students for me. (Yes, to the shock of one student, I do not move up to third grade with my last year's class.) September is spent reviewing things learned the prior year and then we jump right in to being exposed to new concepts and new ways of doing things. This can be both exciting or challenging and scary. One of the new ideas that second graders are experiencing now will be helpful to them for the remainder of their school years and into their adult lives. The Writing Process has just been introduced to them in English class. The purpose of this is to help them learn to write paragraphs, stories, poems, letters, and other types of written communication. The Writing Process consists of 5 components. They are the plan, the draft, the revision, proofreading, and publishing. The planning stage is when we do prewriting and get ideas for our writing piece. Then we actually put our ideas into sentence form as the draft. We next look at our draft and add interesting words to revise it. During the proofreading stage, we check for capital letters, punctuation, and spelling errors. Once we have completed all of that, we write our final copy, the published piece. As Elijah said, "It is long, but fun." DeLaila liked doing it. Jack thought it was long and boring. (Hopefully, he will enjoy it more as he gets used to it.)It is very helpful to all of us, as we learn this new skill, that it is modeled by the teacher. We are glad it is a process and we will get to practice it each month this year. Our goal of doing this is exactly what Brynlee said, "It is fun. I like to do my best writing." Even as adults we want to communicate so others can understand and enjoy what we write. I am looking forward to introducing other new concepts and learning this our awesome second graders.



The third grade class has been learning about God's creation, focusing currently on plants, their parts, and classifications. We had a great time at Mood's Farm Market picking apples. Later, we made apple turnovers everyone loved!



# 3rd and 4th grade classes performing the song Jump Jim Joe



On September 5 and 6th the Senior High attended a Camping Retreat at Sandy Cove, in North East MD. The theme of the retreat was "Growing in Grace", 2 Peter 3:18. Tim Hunt was the speaker for the weekend and the music was led by David Staples.. While on campus, students played mini-golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, archery tag, participated in an escape room, and various other activities. It was a great time of fun, fellowship and growth for all.



### 1st Quarter A Honor Roll

01 Gabe Nieves, 01 Zoe Racite, 01 Charles Hill, 01 Alexis Wheeler, 01 Judah Hoffman, 01 Camron Bailey
02 Brynlee Lapp, 02 Delaila Lopez

03 Reese Jamison, 03 Addie Jamison, 03 Lily Schnell, 03 Nikia Cosaboom
04 Isabella Melamed Rodriguez, 04 Josh Lawrence, 04 Kathryn Mccoy
05 Tejveer Cosaboom, 05 Liam Mccone, 05 Emma Cornett, 05 Silas Cocciardi
06 Abigail Lawrence, 06 Jocelyn Marshall, 06 Brooke Riley
08 Kaylyn Raws
10 Nate Fine, 10 Patrick Riley
12 Abbie Fine, 12 Maria Oakley, 12 Michelle Kershner

### 1st Quarter A-B Honor Roll

02 Elijah Hoffman, 02 Jonathan Ashby
04 Logan Ashby, 04 Amelia Hocknell
05 Jaydyn Waddington, 05 Khloe Krick, 05 Caden Watkins
06 Daniel Chernov-Shafir, 06 Jack Haley, 06 Landon Powers, 06 Daniel Grusemeyer
08 Nicky Grusemeyer, 08 Justin Martin
12 Roslyn Fuller



#### **BRAVO CARDS!**

(BRAVO stands for: Being Respectful And Valuing Others.)
Each student listed was seen by a staff member doing something for someone without being asked.

DeLaila Lopez
Nicholas Grusemeyer
Justin Martin
Liam McCone
Nate Fine
Julianna Watson
Alex Cornett