

# The SeaDragon Times

## SPIKE, SET & SERVE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY SLOAN YELENICH, GRADE 7



Girls volleyball at The Sanibel School this year was incredible! The Volleyball B-Team had its best season with 4 wins, and 4 losses. All 10 girls worked extremely hard to make Coach Wheeler proud.

Volleyball A-team was made up of six 8th graders: Allison Van Olst, Rose Tupy, Hayley Halski, Savannah Nippa, Daisy Arensman, and Brooke Yelenich, and three seventh graders: Sloan Yelenich, Meleah Thomas, and Lisa Arce. These 9 athletes had 7 wins and only one loss in the regular season. In the championship, the A-Team won their first game easily. When they were competing for number 1, they played all three sets and did not let any balls drop. Now thanks to the amazing team this season, Sanibel School has a District championship trophy.



## New Technology at Sanibel

By: Jake Gibson Grade 7

This year at The Sanibel School a new tool of technology is being introduced here at our school known as the Chromebook. The Chromebook has many advantages and disadvantages. For example it can store essays you write easily and it's a fun and creative way of doing work. But on the other hand, it tends to lag and glitch out sometimes.

One thing I like about the Chromebook is that you don't have to worry about saving anything, it does it automatically. For instance, if it is the end of class and you have to go, all you have to do is exit out of the tab without having to go press a button to save it and possibly losing all of your progress and having to start over. This to me is probably one of the most important and improved features from the older Dell laptops we used to the new Chromebooks.

On the other hand, Chromebooks are great and all, but they are new so they have lots of flaws. One flaw is that when you are working on something, it is known to lag a lot and make you wait for up to 5 minutes for you to continue on your work. This can cause you to have less time to work on an assignment or possibly make you start over again.



## National Junior Honor Society

By: Peyton Yelenich

National Junior Honor Society, or NJHS for short is a national organization established to help recognize outstanding middle school students. To be qualified for NJHS students must demonstrate exemplary character, citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and service in the school and community. They also must have maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average during their middle school years. Students in the program must serve an additional 20 hours of community service a year, in addition to the 30 hours required by The Sanibel School.

In the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter the members have some things they do every year. One thing NJHS always does is run The Sanibel Schools canned food drive. Members collect, count, and organize all the donated food. The students also partake in helping with the landscaping at the school after their once a month meetings. Members are also urged to be involved with the community. They participate in events such as the FISH 10k and the Heart Walk. The students are also responsible for planning and executing The Winter Formal Dance every year. At The Sanibel School there is an induction every year

for the seventh grade inductees and new eighth graders that are eligible. This year the induction is taking place on February 12. In the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of NJHS there are currently 14 members. However all will be graduating and are looking forward to welcoming the new members to take their place. The Sanibel School is so proud of our group of students involved in NJHS and are excited for what their bright futures hold.



## Yearbook News

By: Will Strange

In the elective class for yearbook this year, students have been working hard to do multiple designs with different pages so that others can enjoy the yearbook for The Sanibel School. Each student was in charge of a spread, which is two pages together, and after they were finished their spread, they worked hard on helping to finish other pages and spreads. The yearbook staff spent hours in school, and after school to create a great yearbook.

This year, the staff created a new idea for the yearbook. The yearbook has many different sections such as portraits, candid, sports, school activities and events, clubs and many other exciting things. Each section has key details such as color, to tell you which section it is. For example, pages 2 - 59 are colored in SM Watermelon. This is a pinkish reddish color and can be found mainly in the portrait pages. This is only one of many different exciting and new features in our schools yearbook. Expect the unexpected for the Sanibel School yearbook!

The yearbook this year is going to blow your mind! Thanks to the dedication and creativity of the wonderful staff and our outstanding teacher which we all know and love Dr. Kielborn.



## Ding Darling Duck Stamp

By: Livia Von Wowern

The ding darling duck stamp is a contest that spreads all across Lee County Schools, to save wildlife. You have to sign up and find a duck to draw, or paint. When you are done with your duck stamp entry, your teacher will give the duck stamps to Ding Darling to judge. It has to be really good to win. It even has to be realistic. After a couple of weeks the judges will send an email to all the teachers and tell them who won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Honorable Mention.

Last year Will Lejeune and Livia Von Wowern won Honorable Mention and Lindsay Rizzo won 3rd place. Ben Arensman and Meagan Brown won 2nd place in the state. They all did great! Winners get a bag full of art supplies in which you can use in order to make more beautiful art. In order to enter the contest you must complete a sheet with a description about the duck you chose and information about you. You can do your drawing in pastel, pencil, or colored pencil (the more color the better). If you do a painting you can use watercolor as well. The Sanibel School is lucky to be able to participate in the Ding Darling Duck Stamp contest.

# Spanish Club and World Language Fair

By: Anna Wells and Allison Van Olst

Learning a new language is an important skill used in life and the Spanish Club students do fun activities to learn more about Spanish. They do exciting activities including fiestas with tacos and treats, dances to Hispanic songs and music, and artwork of the famous sugar skull, celebrated in Mexico on the Day of the Dead. Together these students learn more and more about the language Spanish.

Recently the Spanish Club has been preparing for the World Language Fair. The World Language Fair is a time for students to practice the language they're studying in real world situations. Students can participate in competitive events and complete language tasks. A "passport" is given to each student to get stamped as they successfully complete a language task.

## Turkey Trot!

By Preston Towle

This year the turkey trot had a lot more runners than last year making it a lot more competitive. With over 30 runners and only 6 winners, a boys trophy and a girls trophy for each grade, and an exclusive trophy for the best time (for a mile) in the school. This year it was won by Liam Holston, no surprise there, for two years in a row.

There were many other winners too from 6th grade girls to 8th grade boys. The 6th grade boy winners were: 1st place, Grant Kaminer; 2nd place, Case Vandeveld, and 3rd place, Luke Jankauskas. For the girls: 1st place, Anna Lermer, 2nd place, Mia Kjoller, and 3rd place, Sophia DeCosta.

The winners for 7th grade were: Boys' first place, Liam Holston; 2nd place, Liam Deal, and third place, Tanner Deal. For 7th grade girls in 1st place, Bella Myers; 2nd place, Caitlin McCallion; and 3rd place, Osa Nuenlist-Zavala.

Finally, the 8th grade winners were: Boys - 1st place, Geo Marquez; 2nd place, Tyler Ulrich; and 3rd place, John Peterson. For the 8th grade girls in 1st place, Carley Ross; 2nd place, Daisy Arensman; and 3rd place, Caitlin Ross. All of these runners did a fantastic job placing in the top three, congratulations to all of you.



Some of these events include quiz bowl, dances, singing, and many more. Students can earn recognition and awards for themselves and their school by competing in these events. Students who want to make a benefit to the World Language Fair without going can also make colorful posters or videos as projects. T-shirts can be designed for the theme "Languages open doors to new horizons." It is a fun activity that students look forward to partaking in every year.

## The Yearbook Class

By Hugo von Wowern

The yearbook class at The Sanibel School has been working very hard this year to produce a great yearbook. The class has been run by Dr. Kielborn for two years now and she is doing a great job. Get a yearbook when you still can!

Here on the yearbook team we have worked very hard all year and we have come up with a lot of new and innovative ideas. We are trying to put every single student enrolled at The Sanibel School at least three times in the yearbook. The yearbook price is cheap now (only \$40) but it will get a lot more expensive later so order one now.

The yearbook is in color and has 112 pages. The eighth grade students have a chance to get a page about themselves in the yearbook for a small price. This keeps the price down of the production of the yearbook because it can get extremely expensive otherwise. Don't be caught without one!



## THE SANIBEL DEBATERS

By Grant Kaminer 6th Grade

This year The Sanibel School experimented with a brand new elective called Debate and Current Events. The class would be lead by Ms. Camp. "This class would not just be a way to yell at each other and if you came here for that you might as well leave", Ms. Camp said on the first day of the class.

The class consisted of students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and they numbered around 13 kids in total. Just recently they went on a field trip to Big Arts on Sanibel to listen to a Current Events class. Students were able to listen and could even voice their opinion. "I think that no matter what the cost we need to pay for the damage because these are our future generation of Americans," one 6th grader said on lead poisoning in Michigan.

After the class, the students enjoyed a Subway lunch in the shade while debating Assault Weapons. For their major presentation the students didn't hold a debate but instead they spoke in front of their peers for 5 minutes about various topics ranging from Syria to Greece to America. All the students had fun in not only learning about the world but collaborating with friends to be able to create something more than just a project.

The class met on Tuesday and Thursdays every week from 7:55 to 9:05 and it served as the middle school students 2nd period class and their second elective. The year was very exciting but the students are sad to see it end and adding insult to injury Ms. Camp has said she will not be continuing the class next semester. As the 8th graders advance into high school and college, they will look back at this class and say "Thank You Ms. Camp, Thank You."



## Sanibel Civics

By Matthew Rose, 7th Grade

In December, the 7th grade class traveled to meet the City Council and learn about The Sanibel Government. The students met Kevin Ruane the Mayor of Sanibel Island. Students also participated along with a mock debate in the courtroom used by the mayor and council members.

Government Day gives 7th grade Civics students a look of what government is like in a first-person view. They learned about the planning system for buildings and homes. For example, how high the buildings have to be, and the annual budget for repairs on structures.

After the learning was completed, Ms.Camp created a quiz to have the students show everything they learned about the local Sanibel government.

## Runners and Kickers

By Liam Holston 7th Grade

In the midst of the action, whether you are dribbling up to the goalie, preparing to score a game winning goal, or you readying yourself to sprint past the leader and win the race, you remember all the practice and hard work you went through to get here, just like the Sanibel soccer team and the Sanibel Cross Country team. Both of these teams worked incredibly hard, and it paid off in the end. Starting with the soccer, the Sea Dragons had a successful season, ending with a 5/4 record (5 wins and 4 losses), the best the Sea Dragons have done in 5 seasons. They placed 3rd in the whole league, and on the last game of regular season they dominated against Saint Michael's, winning 7-0, a great victory. All of this success goes to the hard working players, and especially Coach Brian, who guided these kids to victory and came out to the fields from Fort Myers so the team could practice. In the first game of the playoffs, they they were defeated, so they were eliminated. Although they did not receive the trophy, hopefully next year's new 6th graders can help us retrieve the trophy and bring it back to Sanibel.

The Sanibel Cross Country team, also called the SeaDragons, has managed a victorious running season too. With a total of seven meets, the team of six girls and two boys really worked hard to go faster and faster with each race. Every single person on the team qualified for the Lee County Finals, and all finished with a good time. Thanks to Coach Nancy Earl for guiding the team to do better, everybody ran under 20 minutes for the 2 mile race. Also, Liam Holston moved on to the state finals, running a 10.50.6 and placing 24th. Overall, both seasons have been very triumphant, and they can't wait for

# SHELL STUDIES

BY TREVOR ZAMNIAK, 7TH GRADE



It's the first class of shell studies and all the students are excited to learn about the island that they live on. Everyone finds their seats and sits down, ready to learn. The teacher starts talking about the different species of mollusks and shells that live on Sanibel. By the end of only the first class almost everyone already knows the basics of our local shells.

The third nine weeks is when the class begins. The entire class will become experts on our islands' mollusks and shells. Students will be preparing to be docents for the live shell tanks at the annual Shell Festival of Sanibel. Here they will share their knowledge with thousands of locals and visitors from all over the world.

Students will work a shift at the shell festival and have the opportunity to also earn community service hours if they work extra. Students will select a live shell booth to stand behind and share.

## Boat Safety



By Will Lejeune, 6th Grade

This year, 6th grade classes got to participate in a boating safety course. Every student completed a 9 week class every Tuesday or Wednesday. At the end of a course they took the Florida State exam to test their boat skills. If they passed, they got their Florida Boater license.

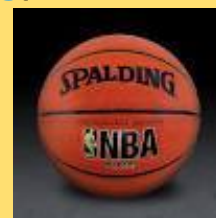
The first week they learned about the classes agenda and basic skills. The weeks went by as they learned about various boat smart skills.

My favorite week was the week we did mayday calls. That week we faked an emergency and got to talk on walkie talkies. We had a very great time in boat safety.

After the classes, the students took an exam. I'm happy to report that most of the students passed the test. If the students did not pass the test, they had a second chance thanks to Mrs Squitieri or Mrs. "S". Mrs. S was a great boat smart teacher and I'm very glad the 6th graders had a chance to take this class.

## SHOOTING HOOPS!

By: Beru Pierce,  
6th Grade



Girls and Boys basketball teams have been training very hard and are prepared for their future games. The girls basketball team consists of 9 players and the boys team of 10 started off this season slow but are stepping up their game. Most of the students on the teams are 6th graders, and have been practicing a lot and are now ready to take on all of the schools.

With their game on Thursday, January 14 2016, they are hoping to have their first victory against St. Michael's school. The boys have practice 2:15 to 4:00 on Monday and Thursday and girls practice 2:15 to 4:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The teams have 3 games left and are hoping to celebrate some victories!

The game schedule for the rest of the season if you want to come and cheer the teams on are: January, 14 at the school at 4:30 and 5:30; On January 26 at the school at 4:30 and 5:30 ; On January 29 at Fort Myers Christian school at 4:30 and 5:30. Come support the Sanibel Sea Dragons

## THE SOUND OF MUSIC

By Morta Jankauskaite,

Grade 7



This year The Sanibel School will be showing us the play "Sound of Music". They have been working on the play with Mr.G . This is Mr.Giangreco's first play with The Sanibel School. They have been working on this play for since the beginning of the year. It's going to be a great production. Let's wish them good luck! Next semester Performing Arts will be performing "Beauty and the Beast".