

Good evening Seaman Families,

Happy October! September flew by and the summer is a distant memory. We are already deep into our instructional program and your children are highly engaged in the learning process. This past week, our fourth graders participated in a writer's workshop with author, Peter Catalonotto - the first of this year's author visits. Each year, our PTA generously donates this authentic writing program for our kids. Each grade meets with a different author and learns their unique process for generating ideas, putting them in writing, and the complex process of publishing a book.

The after-care SCOPE program began this past Monday at Seaman. It runs each day from 3:00-6:30pm. Seaman now joins Jackson and Cantiague in housing an after-care program, should you ever need one. School Picture Day was Thursday. If your child was absent, make-up photos will be taken on November 2nd.

We began NWEA assessments this past week with grades two and three and the process went extremely smoothly. By the following morning, we were able to retrieve a wealth of information about how each individual student comprehends text, both fiction and non-fiction, what skills they are ready to learn, and what skills need to be re-taught. Barbara Bauer, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will be making a presentation at our PTA Meeting this Wednesday morning, October 4th, about the process and the benefits.

This Thursday, October 5th, our building will become one big maker space as our students participate in the Global Cardboard Challenge. Each grade is assigned a theme and teams of students create their interpretation out of cardboard. It is one of our favorite days of the school year.

Next Friday, October 6th, is our PTA Harvest Sale...hope to see you there! Click the link below to view some of the Tweets that were shared this past week. Have a good night,
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