A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am very happy to be part of the Scoop this year. The students have been working very hard to get this first issue out in time for the winter break. Fourth grade reporters for this year are Chrystina Hai, Evan Gillis, Andrea Harris, Rachel McCoog, and Julia O’Rourke. Fifth grade reporters include Anne Roseman, Chloe Kelleher, Emily Hyde, Jessica Walther, Jayda Rose, and Olivia Traenkle. Stacey Lavoie, Max Houck, and Christina Ahrens are the 6th grade reporters. We are also lucky to have Mrs. O’Rourke and Mrs. McCoog serving as parent advisors. The Scoop is always looking for newsworthy events. Please see one of the students above if you have something to share. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Mrs. Soucy

SALUTING OUR VETERANS
BY MAX HOUCk, 6TH GRADE

COMMUNITY ROOM- Sippican School honored local Veterans during the October All School Meeting. Kindergarteners through sixth graders were silent as some of the veterans shared their stories of what it is really like to be a soldier. The ceremony started with Chelsea Nectow singing the traditional National Anthem. Next, Lt. Colonel Joseph Napoli announced his mentor, Corporal Joseph Zora, who served in the Marine Corp.

Sippican’s competition band played a song very dear to the Veteran’s hearts, Colonel Bogey, by Mike Sweeney. Other Veterans that attended the meeting were Staff Sargeant Roy Rehbein and Sergeant Paul St. Don. We are very thankful to have such honorable men and women defending our country.

YOU’VE GOT MAIL
BY RACHEL MCCOOG & EVAN GILLIS, 4TH GR.

ENRICHMENT LAB- Have you wanted to write a letter to someone at Sippican School? Well now you can by using the Sippican School Post Office. Mrs. Soucy is the Post Master General and oversees the Post Office. Mrs. Soucy wanted a fun way for kids at Sippican to practice and become better writers. The mail is sorted and delivered by Post Office staff members Emily Kistler, Max Houck, Colleen Packard and Marisa Paknis.

When sending a letter, you need to follow some basic guidelines. Letters need to include a recipient’s address, return address and postage. Mail that is not completed correctly is stamped “return to sender”. Pick up your pencil and start writing to someone today. Receiving a letter can be very exciting.
WELCOME MS. FURTADO
BY CHLOE KELLEHER, 5TH GRADE
ROOM 129 - Ms. Furtado is a fourth grade teacher new to Sippican School this year. She grew up in New Bedford and graduated from New Bedford High School. She attended Bridgewater State College and received her bachelor’s degree. She then got her master’s degree in education at Providence College in Rhode Island. She taught fifth grade at St. Mary’s School in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

In her spare time she likes to read, scrapbook, and spend time with her nephews. Ms. Furtado’s special talent is cooking. Let’s give a warm welcome to Ms. Furtado.

NEED ADVICE? ASK SCOOOP!
BY JESSICA WALTHER & EMILY HYDE, 5TH GR.
ROOM 134- Do you need advice? Is there a problem that you just don’t know how to solve? The Advice Column can help you with the solution. Students at Sippican can send in a question and the Scoop staff will read and respond to the situation.

There are guidelines that must be followed when asking for advice. Real names cannot be used. The question must be about the sender and the material must be school appropriate. Once the request for advice is received, Scoop staff will read and answer the question in the next newspaper edition.

Please send all questions through the Sippican Post Office using the following address:
Scoop Advice Column
20 Soucy Street
Fable, MA 00020

Questions that are not appropriate for the newspaper will not be included.

PUMPKIN PALOOZA
BY ANNE ROSEMAN, 5TH GRADE
SCIENCE LAB- The Pumpkin Museum was held on October 21, in the downstairs science lab at Sippican. Mrs. Cook organized the event to give students an opportunity to learn while they had fun. “My students helped a bunch,” said Mrs. Cook, “they wrote poetry, planted pumpkins, and helped with the gourd game”. Everyone pitched in to make the Pumpkin Museum a success.

Some of the activities at the museum included pumpkin goodies taste testing, seed feel tank, What’s my circumference?, mini pumpkins, I’m a little pumpkin see me sprout, and jack-o-lantern voting. The activities had kids learning about science, math, reading and much more.

When the votes were tallied, the favorite jack-o-lantern contest winners were:
1st Place: Mrs. Cook’s Class
2nd Place: Michela Guard, 4th Grade
3rd Place: Chad Santello, 5th Grade

Congratulations to all the winners and participants of the museum. Look for this exciting event next year.

BIG NOTES AT SIPPICAN
BY CHRISTINA AHRENS, 6TH GRADE
MUSIC ROOM- The music department has been hard at work this fall. Under the direction of Mrs. Hannah Moore, students in grades four, five and six have been busy learning how to play their instruments. Some of the fall activities included playing at the November All School Meeting, entertaining participants at Bingo Night, inspiring students with Music in the Morning, and celebrating the holiday season at the Marion Stroll.

Mrs. Moore has been busy getting the beginner band started, refining the skills of the competition band members, and providing private lessons to aspiring musicians. Thank you Mrs. Moore for keeping the music program active.
**Favorite Holiday Traditions**
**By Julia O’Rourke, 4th Grade**

How do you spend your holidays? Sippican Scoop asked some people to describe their favorite holiday traditions. Mrs. Pacheco in the front office said, “I do an Advent calendar with my kids. Each day in December, my two children go to the Advent calendar and get a little treat for that day”.

Kindergarten teacher Mrs. White said, “I like to look back at the drawings my kids made when they were younger. I also like to decorate my tree with my family”.

Molly Barrus, a former Sippican student, said, “I enjoy decorating the Christmas tree with my family”.

Mrs Hobson, a kindergarten teacher, loves going to her husband’s family’s house on Christmas Eve. She also goes to her aunt’s house on Christmas day.

We hope all the families at Sippican School have a joyful holiday season. See you in the New Year!!

**Who is Mrs. Neto?**
**By Christina Ahrens, 6th Grade**

ROOM - Have you met Mrs. Neto yet? She is one of the four new staff members at Sippican this year. She is a special education teacher and works with fourth grade students. Before coming to Sippican, Mrs. Neto was a special education teacher in Wareham.

Mrs. Neto was raised in New Bedford and attended New Bedford High School. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Lesley University. In her spare time she likes to paint and play the guitar.

Mrs. Neto came to Sippican because she felt this was where she belonged. She hopes to make a difference in children’s lives. If you want to stop in and say hello to Mrs. Neto, you can find her in the first grade wing, across the hall from Mr. Carter.

**Meet Ms. Howarth**
**By Jayda Rose**

ROOM 130- Rebecca Howarth was born and raised in Easton, Massachusetts. She earned her bachelor’s degree in art at Syracuse University. After that, she attended Fitchburg State College and earned her master’s degree in special education. Mrs. Howarth also worked at F.L. Olmsted School in Easton.

When Mrs. Howarth first walked into Sippican School, she enjoyed the kind staff. Mrs. Howarth teaches special education. Some of her hobbies are sculpting, photography, cartoons, and playing the bagpipes.

**B5...BINGO!**
**By: Jessica Walther, 5th Grade**

BINGO IN CAFETERIA- On Thursday, October 21, V.A.S.E. held an awesome night of bingo for Sippican families. The callers for the evening were Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Bangs, Mr. Resmini, and Mrs. Soucy. The callers were really funny and made the night come alive. Winners got the opportunity to visit the prize table and take home something special. If you missed Bingo Night this year, you’ll want to make sure you attend it next year.

**The Book Fair is a Success**
**By Shannon Davis, 5th Grade**

MULTI-普ROPOSE ROOM- Have you been wondering what we do with the money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair? Mrs. Fox, a volunteer who helped organize the Book Fair explained that 30% of the money raised goes to support 6th grade activities. The remaining profit is used to purchase books for the school library. Some of the big sellers this year were “Princess Academy” and of course “Captain Underpants”. The Book Fair would not be possible without the help from our volunteers. Thanks for supporting Sippican School.
Kwanzaa Crossword

Figure out where the words fit the puzzle. Use each word once.
Hint: count the letters to find the fit.

UNITY
ROOTS
MKEKA
KINARA
UJAMAA
KUUMBA
ZAWADI
Kwanzaa

Elf is looking for the lost gift