



### Excellence in Teaching Award

Congratulations to Leslie Bloom, 2nd grade teacher here at SES, who was acknowledged at the TCSOS Excellence in Teaching banquet. Leslie Bloom has been providing quality education to our youth for 30 years. Students are her first priority and, those in her classroom quickly become her own. She teaches with care, effort and energy that draws them in. The impact she makes is not just confined to our school, as she has been a 4-H leader for 16 years and works during the summer at her family business, Kennedy Meadows Resort. Leslie shared these important words, "each child in my class is someone's child, that they have given me the privilege and responsibility to take care of each day, not only to teach the academics to, but to also appreciate each one for their individual differences and to love and nurture." Congratulations, Leslie, on a well-deserved recognition.

### Family Fun Night

On April 20th, it was the return of a long-standing tradition of Family Fun Night at Sonora Elementary. The sun was shining, Kona Ice was here selling their tasty treats for a SES fundraiser, and there were plenty of smiles, laughter, and families participating in activities. In the gym, all classrooms were represented



with their art displayed on the walls. It was great to illustrate their creativity and hard work. For the fun activities, there were plenty of games, art, and physical activities.



A special thank you to Kelli O'Brien for the organization of this wonderful event. It was great to bring our Bobcat community together.

### SSS Father-Daughter Dance



Another event that is the fabric of the overall, positive experience at SES was held recently. The SSS Father-Daughter Dance was held on April 28th, with

great success. A lot of hard work went into hosting such a lovely, and well-attended, event. Thank you to the parents of SSS for organizing this wonderful experience. All of the girls and their dates had an amazing time, dancing the night away.

### Student of the Month, April



Benji Keeter is a very deserving Student of the Month, for April, at Sonora Elementary. Benji is the son of Matthew and Jaymie Keeter. Benji joined Sonora Elementary at the beginning of 7th grade and has made a great impact in a short time. Benji is a 4.0 student, while staying busy in many activities at Sonora Elementary. He has participated in track, boys volleyball and basketball. Benji believes in doing what is right and feels this is integral in his success. Next year, he plans to attend high school in Santa Rosa and looks forward to playing club volleyball and being involved in leadership. His teachers describe him as a stellar role model and a leader. He is helpful, compassionate, dedicated, and always helping out at all school events. Great job, Benji.

### SES Bobcat Band



The Bobcat Band held their annual Spring Concert on April 5th. The band hosted a packed house full of supportive musical families. The event showcased the 5th grade beginning band, 6th grade intermediate and 7th/8th grade advanced bands. In addition, our Bobcat Band featured Camryn Smith (7th grade) as a voice soloist. Congratulations to our young musicians! In other exciting news, the Bobcat Band had a record-breaking audition, with 22 young musicians from SES performing in the countywide Honor Band.



All of our 1st and 2nd graders were given the opportunity to participate in a field trip to American Sports & ACRO Gymnastics over the past few weeks. The students learned different techniques and exercise with the ACRO staff, engaging in physical activity and having a blast!





## Principal's Message:

We are coming up on the time of year to celebrate our 8th grade students. It is important for us to acknowledge their time here at SES, given the fact that many of them have been with us since kindergarten. For those that have, they will have been at SES for 1,565 school days (I subtracted 55 school days lost with the COVID-19 shut down in 5th grade) or 1,745 days if they started in TK. Now, they only have 24 days left. I feel very blessed to have known all of them, being there on their first day, recording their first day of kindergarten on my iPad, and going to all of their school events for the past nine years, as their principal. As the years go by, it is exponential growth for them, educationally, physically and socially, going from being a kindergartener to now being an 8th grader. It is a time of joy and anticipation for these wonderful students, as they move on to high school. We will be happy for them, we know they are ready, but sad to see them move on. We just hope that Sonora Elementary did right by them and prepared them to be successful at the next level. For the next 24 days, we look forward to all of the 8th grade events coming up to celebrate them. My favorite part is the 'Celebration' dance on stage to close out the annual Lip Sync each year, something this group will soon experience.

- Chris Boyles

## 2nd Grade Baby Chicks



'Egg'-citing news! Chicks are hatching in Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Gorgas's second grade classroom. ALL of second grade has been having fun learning about how embryos develop in 21 days. We are all so excited to be able to finally call them chicks! First grade will soon be getting incubators in their classrooms.

The 4th grade had a presentation on bees and their importance as pollinators.



## 5th Grade Wax Museum



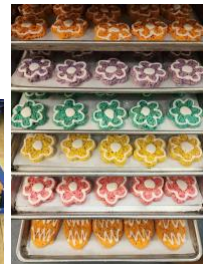
Earlier this month, the 5th grade students had the chance to become famous, at least famous for a day! They were charged with the task of researching and writing an essay, preparing a speech, and gathering their costumes. These kids transformed into historical figures, professional athletes, scientists, and world leaders. They showed off for parents and students in their own living wax museum. They did an incredible job!

## SES Food Services:

Check out some examples of the amazing selections from this past month in our cafeteria:



Meatloaf/Mashed Potato 'Cupcake'



Easter Treat

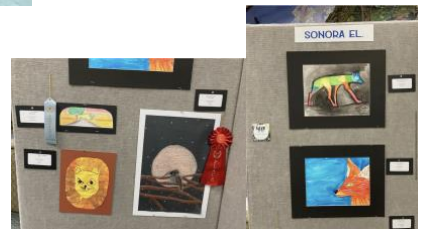


Rocky Cinnamon Bread Breakfast



6th Grade @ High Country Sports Arena to celebrate positive citizenship.

SES Bobcats had their art on display at the Tuolumne County Youth Arts Showcase. Their work was on display at the Tuolumne County Library - Sonora in the month of April.



## Calendar:

5/10	Tuolumne County Band Review @ SHS, 5:30 pm Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
5/12	1st Grade Mother's Day Brunch
5/13	Motherlode Round-Up Parade
5/15	Tuolumne Track Meet, 3:45 pm @ Summerville HS
5/18	Open House/Minimum Day
5/19	Jog-a-thon Extended Learning After School Classes End
5/22	Tuolumne Track Meet Finals, 3:45 @ Summerville HS
5/24	6th Grade to Pinecrest, 8:15 - 2:45 SSS Meeting, 6:00 pm
5/26	Minimum Day Lip Sync, 7:00 pm/7-8 Dance Follows
5/29	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
5/30	7th Grade to Big Trees, 8:00 - 2:30
5/31	TK & TK/K Combo Spring Sing, 12:30 pm 8th Grade Awards Night, 6:00 pm
6/1	4th Grade to Sonora City Walking Tour, 8:45 - 1:30 8th Grade Trip to Six Flags - Discovery Kingdom
6/2	SHS Band to Great America (Performance) 2nd Grade Garden Play, 6:00 pm
6/5 - 6/9	Minimum Days
6/6	8th Grade Graduation @ Sonora High, 6:30 pm
6/7	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
6/9	Last Day of School