

Seaford Middle School 2018-19

Exploration, Discovery, Growth



STILL Embracing the Middle School Philosophy

- Bridge between elementary and high school
- The belief that the whole child is educated
- Teaming
- Block Scheduling
- Advisory Periods
- Exploring a rich variety of subjects and learning experiences (the 9 period day!)
- Supports where needed

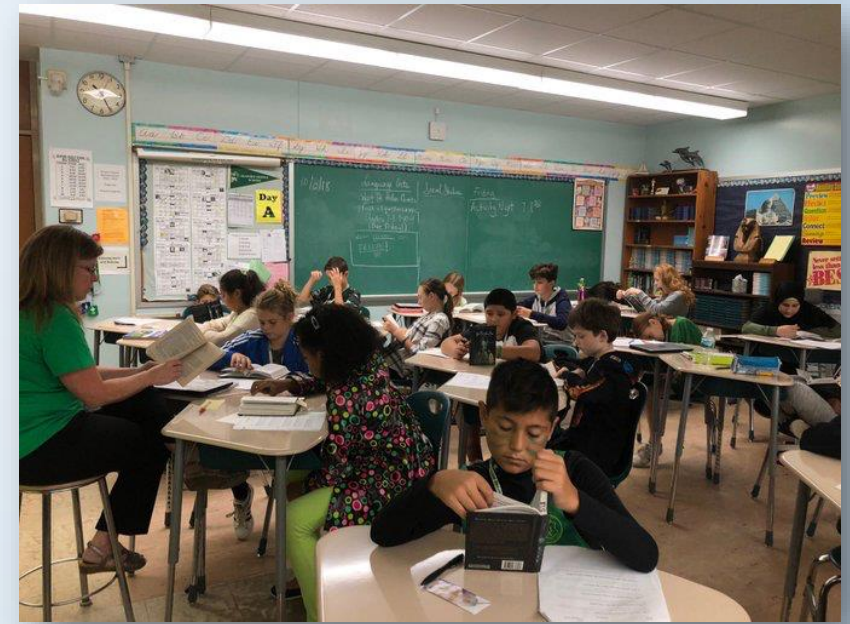


ACADEMICS



6th Grade:

- 1 ½ periods of ELA **AND** Math
- Dedicated Science and Social Studies classes
- New Science Curriculum (NGSS)!
- Additional ½ period every other day of literacy
- The Wheel – General Music, Computers, Art, and Family & Consumer Science
- Exploratories, Band, Chorus, Supports



7th Grade:

- ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies
- New Science Curriculum (NGSS)!
- Health and Physical Education
- **FULL YEAR** of World Language
- Art and Family & Consumer Science
- Exploratories, Band, Chorus, General Music, Supports



8th Grade:

- ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies
- Algebra
- Living Environment expanded as first step to the transition to all Living Environment Regents
- Exploratories, Band/Chorus, Supports
- Physical Education
- Technology Classes
- World Language



So what is this Exploratory Thing?!?

SIXTH GRADE

- Cartooning Art
- Computer Game Design
- Computer Production
- Printmaking
- Science Exploration
- Science Of Food
- Sew What?!?
- Smart Money
- World Art & Culture*

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

- Advanced Techniques in Art
- Architectural Design
- Botany
- Chemistry In Our Lives
- Chess!
- Creative Writing
- Current Issues in Health
- Examining Law
- Forensic Science I & II
- Fun With Science*
- I Love Me! *
- Literature & History Through Film
- MSTV
- Reading Roundtable
- Science Olympiad
- Science Wizard
- Slow Down and Breathe!
- Statistics In Sports
- The Arts!
- Theater Arts - Drama

* = new course

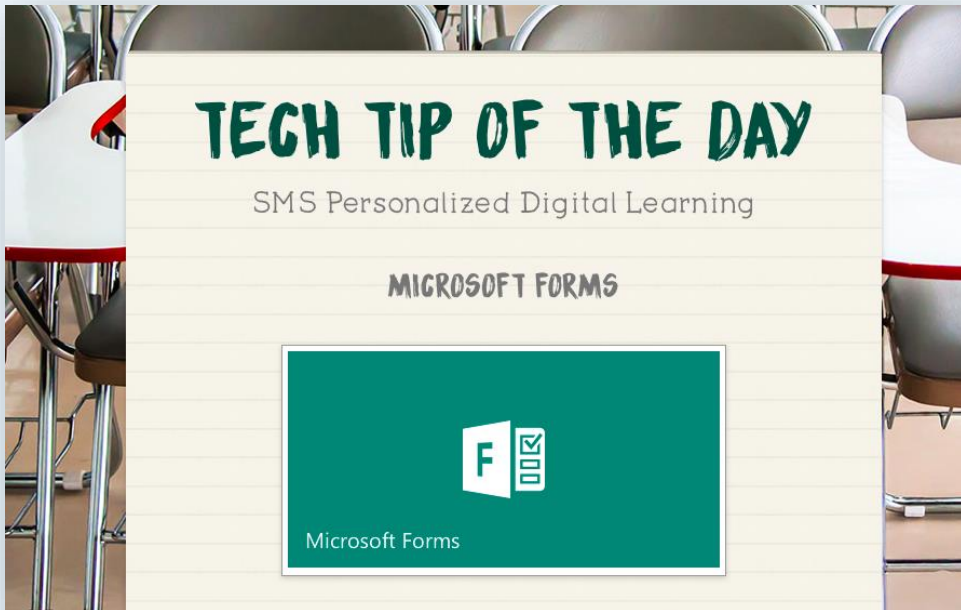
Academic Pathways

- We continue to examine and discuss the many academic pathways for our students in all areas in our building
- How can we be more responsive to the needs of the high school program?
 - Examples this year:
 - Advanced Art Exploratory
 - Expanding Living Environment
 - Coding and Robotics



And Let's Not Forget Those DEVICES!

- All of 6th and 7th grade now have their devices
- Two laptop carts for current 8th grade classes
- Teachers continue to develop implementation in teaching and usage in classrooms



Social/Emotional



Advice and Support for Kids (ASK)

- Advisory Program
- Opportunity for students and teachers to address issues beyond academics
- Dynamic and topical content and activities
- Teachers and administrators using OneNote to deliver content
- Using MSTV more creatively for a new audience



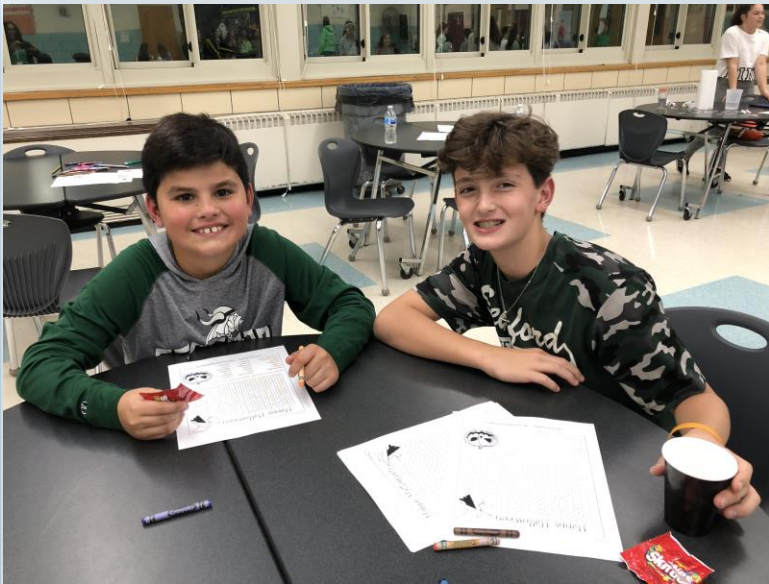
Student Support Services

- Individual Responsive Counseling
- Dynamic Groups
- Team Meetings
- Classroom guidance visitations
- External and Internal Presentations and Assemblies
- Hosts High School Guidance sessions for 8th graders
- Administration and Guidance hold 6th grade Parent Orientation, 6th Grade Student Orientation, 7th grade Parent Orientation, and AIS meetings



Celebrating Seaford Pride

- Pizza with the Principals
- SDM Awards Ceremony
- Ethnic Day and Ethnic Museum
- Touch Of Class Day



Extra-Curricular and Community Outreach



Clubs

- Science Club
- Science Olympiad
- Service Club
- Culture Club
- Robotics Club
- PACC
- Student Council

- SADD
- Drama Club
- Memory Book Club
- Table Tennis Club*
- Jazz Band
- Woodwind Ensemble
- National Junior Honor Society

* = New Club



Athletics

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Cheerleading
- Girls Field Hockey
- Football
- Boys & Girls Lacrosse
- Boys & Girls Track
- Girls Volleyball
- Wrestling



Activities

- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Career Day
- 8th Grade Boat Trip
- NYC Tenement Museum Trip
- Trips to the Theater
- Scripps Spelling Bee
- Activity Nights
- School Musical
- Seaford's Got Talent
- Winter and Spring Concerts
- Lions' Club Peace Poster Contest
- NYSSMA
- National Junior Honor Society Inductions
- Makerspace in our Library
- Class Cup Events



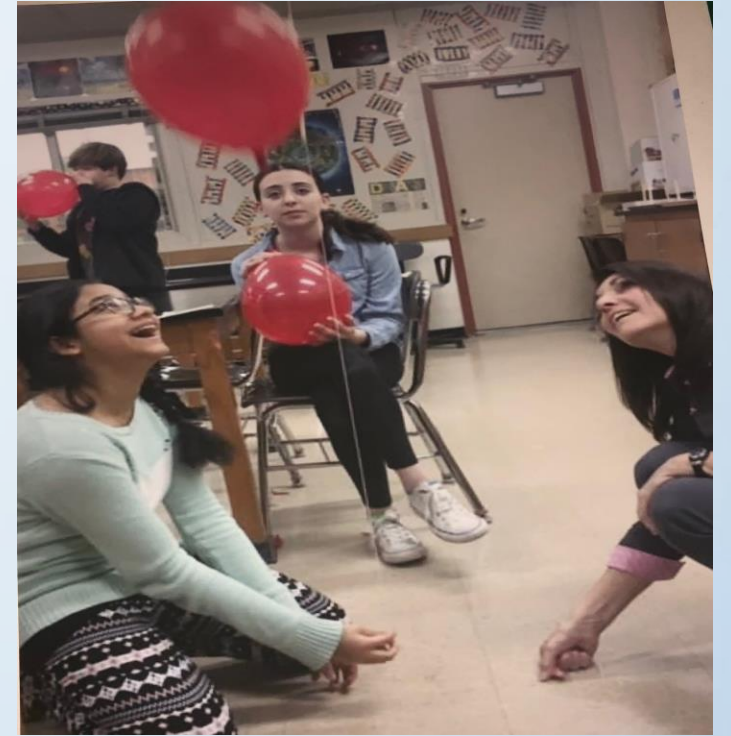
Community Outreach

- Homecoming
- Lions Club Peace Poster Contest
- Red Nose Day
- Island Harvest
- CommUNITY Walk
- Winter & Spring Concerts
- Raised Funds for:
 - Local Families in Need
 - Long Island Harvest
 - Seaford Wellness Council
 - Schneider's Children's Hospital
 - Impoverished Children

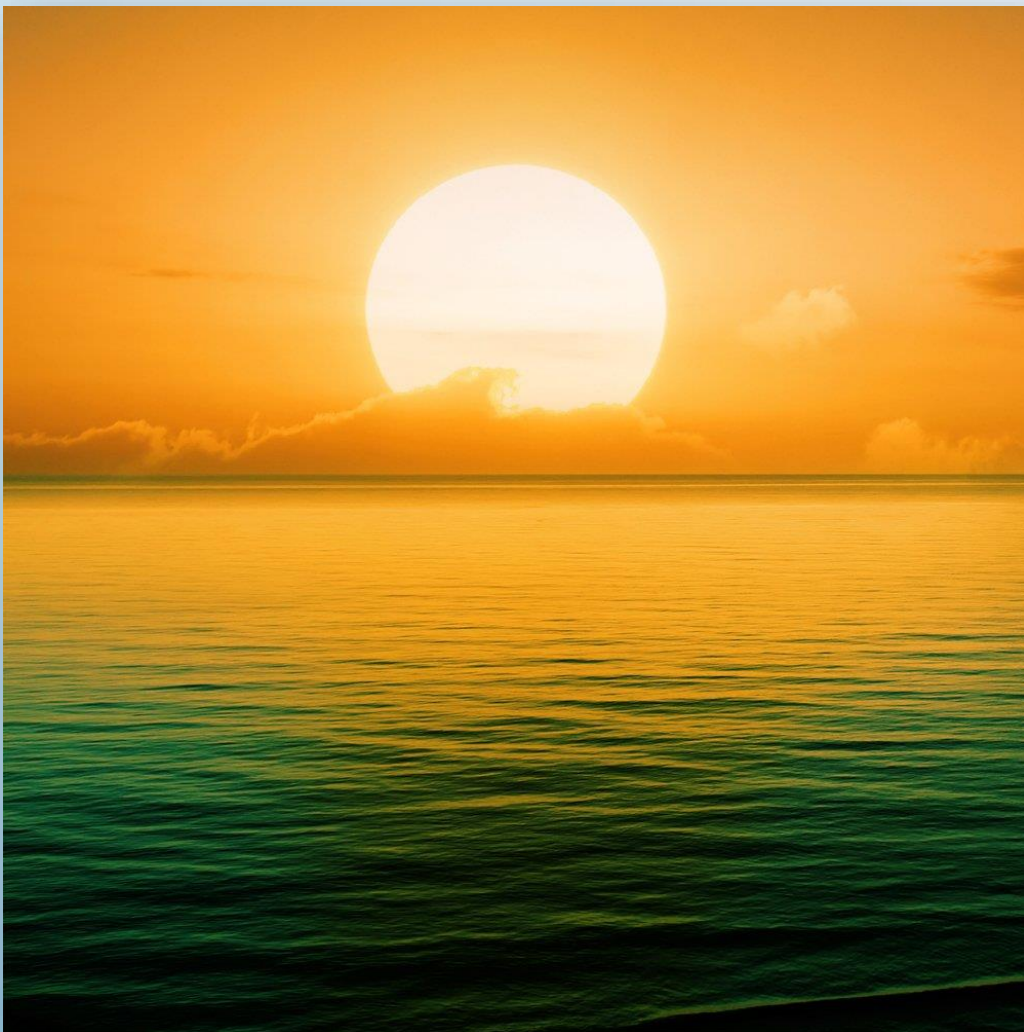


Facilities and Safety

- The building has never looked better
- Parents decorated student bathrooms
- Student work and photos displayed throughout the hallways
- ASK groups beautifying the building
- Extra Security officer in the AM
- License scanner for visitors
- Ongoing Safety Committee Meetings
- Working with our P.O.P. officers



On the Horizon?



Looking Forward.....

- Technology Implementation
 - Professional Development Opportunities
 - Addressing Student Computer Curriculum
 - Logistics
- Examining our grading and assessment practices
- Living Environment Support classes
- Additional PPS Support?
- Expand Clubs - (Sign Language? Art Club?)
- Habits Of Mind Philosophy
- Review current state of athletics to increase participation
- Continue to create and expand Exploratories
- Exploratory to enhance the Science Research program at the high school?

1. Persisting <i>Stick to it!</i> Persevering in task through to completion; remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.	2. Managing impulsivity <i>Take your time!</i> Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.	3. Listening with understanding and empathy <i>Understand others!</i> Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; Make an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.	4. Thinking flexibly <i>Look at it another way!</i> Being able to change perspectives, generate alternatives, consider options.
5. Thinking about your thinking <i>(Metacognition)</i> <i>Know your knowledge!</i> Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.	6. Striving for accuracy <i>Check it again!</i> Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.	7. Questioning and problem posing <i>How do you know?</i> Having a questioning attitude; knowing what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.	8. Applying past knowledge to new situations <i>Use what you learn!</i> Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.
9. Thinking & communicating with clarity and precision <i>Be clear!</i> Strive for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, omissions and exaggerations.	10. Gather data through all senses <i>Use your natural pathways!</i> Pay attention to the world around you. Gather data through all the senses: taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.	11. Creating, imagining, and innovating <i>Try a different way!</i> Generating new and novel ideas, fluency, originality.	12. Responding with wonderment and awe <i>Have fun figuring it out!</i> Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.
13. Taking responsible risks <i>Venture out!</i> Being adventurous; living on the edge of one's competence. Try new things constantly.	14. Finding humor <i>Laugh a little!</i> Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.	15. Thinking interdependently <i>Work together!</i> Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Team work.	16. Remaining open to continuous learning <i>Learn from experiences!</i> Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know; resisting complacency.





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