

THE SUFFIELD SCOOP

Suffield Rollerblading

By: Jace Bachus



Rollerblading could be a problem when it comes to falling, on the ground the wrong way but that could be fun for you sometimes.

"You might even break a bone like I did, it was super bad". You just have to be careful when you do skate. But Mrs. Wilson will try to keep you safe for the whole road while you go down the path of skate. That is why she is the bestest of all! But on the good side, rollerblading is super fun like if you are really good at it you could even spin in circles if you want to. The process is tough or you could just be great from the start if you're that good at it.

Also there are roller skates too that have for wheels two on each side they're way different then roller blades that have one line of three wheels. But still have fun with each other. Rollerblading helps you exercise like it helps your core and your legs, mostly all of your lower body especially. There are many levels of blading like one, two, and three. Level one is the easiest, two is medium, and three is the hardest of them all.

You have to have good skills, like really good! Some fundamentals for rollerblading for our gym is like we do different levels like I already said and we also do limbo that you have to be really low for. It only depends on how high the stick is off the ground. It could be super low to the floor or it could be higher than you if the person holding the stick is generous. Here is the backstory behind rollerblading: the people that made rollerblading was, Scott Olson, and Brennan Olson. They were brothers if you didn't see their last name.

Teacher Feature: Getting to Know Mrs. Scotton

By: Madi Karg

Mrs. Scotton is a teacher that teaches third grade. Her favorite subject to teach is science and social studies. Mrs. Scotton's favorite color is a sunflower yellow and she's taught every grade from pre k to fifth grade. Mrs. Scotton's favorite meal is pasta and chicken, her favorite animal is a cat. Mrs. Scotton does not have a favorite student out of all the grades she taught and in third grade still no favorite student. Mrs. Scotton wants to travel to Europe. Did you know that her favorite holiday is halloween? Mrs. Scotton says, "Halloween is her favorite cause she gets candy and gets to see all the halloween costumes. Her favorite grade she taught is third grade. Mrs. Scotton says her favorite book is Harry Potter. Her least favorite subject to teach is grammar and she has four kids of her own. She became a teacher because ever since she was a kid she was getting asked what she wanted to be when she grew up and she would always answer teacher. Her aunt was a teacher so Mrs. Scotton wanted to follow in her aunt's footsteps. Mrs. Scotton favorite part of the day is right after lunch or better known as language arts. That is a little bit about Mrs. Scotton.

The Celebrity Dog

By: John Straub



You many wonder who is the so called celebrity dog, well it's one of our county sheriff's k9's Liberty, yes that's whom I'm talking about the dog that has probably stolen your heart with hugs and pets (The interview I had with Deputy Jarvis about Liberty, Liberty was talking back to Deputy Jarvis after Liberty wanted an expo eraser as a toy and Deputy Jarvis said no It was very funny and cute). Some of you guys may have some questions about Liberty like what is her birthday, well it's 7-4-20 you might have noticed that it is July 4 2020. What type of food does she eat it? She eats Purina Pro Performance. A question that we all may be wondering is what happened to her ear? Before she lived with Deputy Jarvis she lived with another dog and one day something happened with Liberty and the other dog. Why is Liberty here? Well, you probably know that she is a therapy dog. This next question I asked Liberty personally... Does Liberty love coming to the school giving pets hugs and love to everyone? What she said is shocking! She said and barked for all those dogs out there... Yes! and that concludes my story on the Best Dog to ever step paw in the school.

Suffield Youth Baseball Has More Teams Than Ever Before

By: Jake Bullard & James Grevey-Chadwick

19, that's the number of baseball and softball teams playing on the 5 fields behind Suffield Elementary. This article will focus mainly on the 11u Suffield Falcons. Sadly, you can not sign your child up for youth baseball any more.

Suffield Youth Baseball operates under the NeoBaseball And Softball League. The Suffield Youth Baseball commissioner is Ryan Yaworski, Ashleigh Alexander is the softball commissioner, and Kurt Kreiner is the president of Suffield Youth Baseball And Softball. Here are the words of the Suffield Falcons Coaching Staff. Coach Greg says, "The kids are doing great. I think part of that is because we are teaching them skills in one practice and building on that in future practices." Here is what bat boy Hudson Taylor has to say about his job on the team, "I like being batboy and I think it's important."

Here is what number 7 Korbin Zehnder has to say about the season so far, "The season has been great but it is kind of hard because of the indoor practices .Because we can't do as many things indoors than outdoors." This is what Number 11 James Chadwick has to say about the season so far, "It's cool so far like Korbin said we can't bat inside we can't do a lot indoors but we can do a lot outdoors."

Baseball in softball are almost the same thing but softball has a bigger ball so they can see it better when it goes up in front of the sun. Softball people have to wear metal face masks and baseball people have to wear helmets. The softball players pitch differently to the baseball players. Softball players have to drag their foot on the floor or it's not a good pitch.



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Meet the Team!

By: Cassidy Walker & Makayla Loos

We're here to tell you about the youth 10-12u softball teams. On the 10u team we have pitcher Sophia, Nelly, Eliana, Lacey, Carleigh, and KK, but Kk is only there for the Mogadore Early Bird Tournament! You can view this tournament on May 2-4. For our 12u team, we have Murph, Lilia, Tessa, Payton B, Payton, Kk, Cassidy, Jenna, Callie, Chloe and finally, Ava. The 10u practices at the Ravenna Bomb Shelter, on Sundays. Both teams have begun real practice in our very own Suffield gym.

First, we interviewed Assistant Coach Clint Walker, also called Ludaclint. He will fill in for head coach Adam Geiger when he is not able to be there. We first asked him how softball interferes with his daily schedule. This is what he said, "Many times have I had to back out on side jobs to get to my daughter's softball practices or games." "It's pretty frustrating when we have had to hurry up to get to the games or practices, as well as extra lessons."

Next we interviewed Sophia U. This is what she said, "I am double rostered, so I play on the 10 and 12u team. I will pitch for the 10u team, but for the 12u team I will play shortstop and 3rd base." Sophia is head coach Adam Geiger's daughter. She says being the coach's daughter means being early to every practice, game, or lesson. She also said being the coach's daughter means that you're always expected to be great, maybe even the greatest. Here are some inspirational quotes directly from Sophia, "You can't hit the ball if you don't swing." Here is another, "You can't be expected to be the greatest and be the greatest.... You have to work hard and make it happen, sure you might be a natural, but hard work will ALWAYS pay off."

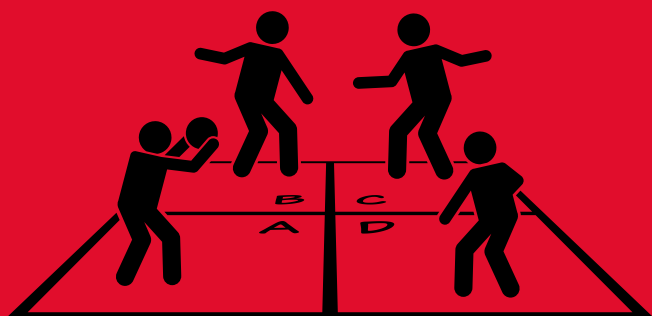
In this passage we compared with Jake and James about the differences and similarities between baseball and softball and this is what we have.....
Softball pitchers have to pitch underhand while baseball pitchers have to pitch overhand. Baseball players wear hats but softball players are forced to wear facemasks. The ball in softball is between 10-12 inches in circumference and they have to pitch at 40 feet however, baseballs are 9 inches in circumference but they have to pitch at 46 ½ feet. Softball doesn't have a pitch limit on the other hand baseball has a pitch limit of 85 pitches per day. Pitching for softball comes with its limits, watch out for illegal pitches! Baseball pitchers don't have that problem.

Next we interviewed Mrs. Dempsey. We asked her about her softball experiences and advice. First she played summer recreational softball, and was also on her high school team the Jacksonville Iron Ladies. Her favorite positions were first base, third base, catcher, and most of all left field. She set a record for the most base runners thrown out at second base; the record number was 15. Her advice for everyone was to never stop playing and take care of yourself.

As we end this article, remember to work hard and never give up no matter what you do.

Four Square At Recess

By: Ziaden Competti



Foursquare, some think is the best game ever. A lot of students play during recess. The rules to foursquare at recess: If the ball bounces two times in your square, you are out. If the ball goes out of bounds, you are out. If you double hit the ball, you are out. If you purposely spike the ball, you are also out. Some students aim for the corners to try and get opponents out. Lastly, if you argue you can get banned from the game. This game is popular during recess. Try it sometime

Campaigning for President & the Upcoming Election

By: Scarlett Sheeler

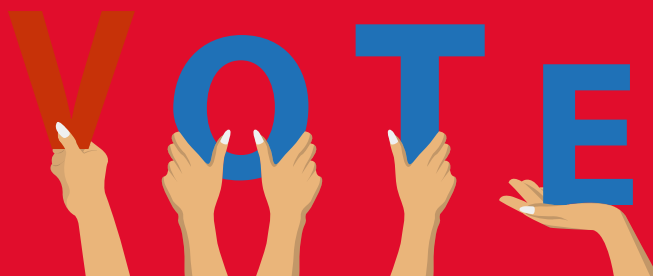
Recently, around the United States, people called representatives are going to different states to campaign for president. Here at the Suffield Scoop, we decided to answer some questions for any students who may have them. Today, we will be answering the following: What are elections? How can you become president? And why hasn't a woman ever been president? Now let's not waste any time and hop on into it!

First of all, when we talk about elections, you need to know how elections work. An election, in the simplest way I can explain it, is when a person of 18 years of age or older comes to their local voting area. There, that person signs a ballot with whoever they want for president. A ballot is a piece of paper people normally use to vote. A ballot can also be filled by mail if a person who wants to vote can't come for any reason. This month, people will not be voting for the actual president, that will happen on November 5th, but on March 19th, people will be voting in the Presidential Primary election. In this election, instead of electing presidents, voters vote for a candidate, someone who is nominated to run for the election, secretly on a ballot. Once the votes are counted, the top 2 voted nominees will be the choices for the official election.

Secondly, what are the requirements to be president? Before you even think about being the president, you have to have specific things about you. Ms. Bullock says "You have to meet the requirements of being at least 35, being a citizen of the United States, and having lived in the United States for 14 years." Other than that, there are no other official requirements to be president. But there are some other things that help you with your chances of becoming president. Mrs. Dempsey states, "You have to have an interest in politics, you have to campaign, you need to have supporters, and a lot of money." Now everything makes a bit more sense, but we still have one more question to answer!

Lastly, why hasn't a woman ever become president? So far, the United States has only had male presidents. But everywhere else in the world has had a female ruler like Queen Elizabeth from the U.K or Wu Zetian from China, so why not America? Turns out, there are no laws saying a woman can't be president, it just hasn't happened before! You see, when someone runs for president, they have some certain political beliefs, and each candidate is hoping a lot of people have the same beliefs as them. The only reason a woman hasn't been president was that the public had different beliefs than them. In fact, a woman has run for president, and another woman is sometimes considered one! The woman who ran for president was Hilary Clinton, but she lost to Barack Obama. The woman who is considered president actually never ran! She was the wife of the 28th president, Woodrow Wilson, and her name was Edith Wilson. When her husband had a severe stroke, he couldn't work very well, so Edith took matters into her own hands and made all the decisions while he was recovering!

To sum it up, when you are old enough to vote, make sure that you know what the candidate's beliefs are what you want to see to make the United States become a better place.



Swifties Take Over the Superbowl



By: Calli Sweitzer

As many of you know, Travis Kelce was playing in the Superbowl this February and they won! Many Swifties all over the world have gone ecstatic about the matter while many football fans were disappointed that their favorite sport had been completely changed by what they think of as an overrated singer. Let's see how our fellow classmates from the school think about this.

Greyson, a third grade student said, "Yes I am happy that Taylor Swift was at the Superbowl and I am a Swiftie!"

However others might be in a similar situation to Logan. Let's see how he feels about this. Logan, also a third grader said, "What happened at the superbowl was terrible and the 49ers should have won. I don't even think the Kansas City Chiefs should have gone to the Supebowl."

On a different note Bayleigh from Mrs. Scotton's class thinks, "I wanted the Swifties to overtake the Superbowl and I'm glad they did!"

Lenora from fifth grade thinks, "I was so excited when Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce kissed and I'm happy that she could see Travis Kelce win."

Getting to Know Mrs. Lonzrick

By: Ava Ondack

Mrs. Lonzrick is a new teacher this school year. She is a title teacher but she used to be a substitute around Suffield Elementary and would be sub for anyone. A title teacher is someone you go to if you need help with your writing or spelling or even reading.

Mrs. Lonzrick works with students in grades kindergarten to third. You may be thinking what's the difference between title and speech teacher? The difference is title does reading activities. Some things Mrs. Lonzrick does is phonemic awareness and phonics awareness. Her room is located on the first floor across from Miss Kears room. Mrs. Lonzrick is a great teacher to go to if you need help reading, writing, or spelling. She is happy to help students learn and succeed.



Preparing for the 5th Grade Play

By: Tessa Coy



This year's 5th grade students are doing Pirates Two The Hidden Treasure, for their next play. Last year's 4th grade did pirates one, and as a tribute to last year, we are doing pirates two for the play this year. Mrs. Estee said, "The way I choose who to give lines to depends on how hard working, focused, and trustworthy the student is." She also said she chose me to be the lead because, "You are very enthusiastic and fun to watch." The way she chooses who to have lines depends on vocal ability and enthusiasm.

Every student gets the chance to make up an action for songs. She quotes, "The children are the creators!" To make props Mrs. Estee said, "Mrs. Reise helps a lot!" Also she stated that some teachers come and help as well. Mrs. Estee's lesson plans go from learning songs, then learning lines later. When the play comes around, the student's family will need to purchase a pirate costume, "On Their Own!" Mrs. Estee will not provide a costume for the student. The week of the production, the students will spend time in the gym learning where they are supposed to be, and how to use the microphones. They will practice everything as if it is opening night.

Cassidy Walker and Makayla Loos said to learn their lines, "We both read over the script a lot, then we will have someone read the lines before our's in the script." They said, "We sometimes practice songs at home as well. Both of us like our parts, but we are nervous about forgetting our lines." They also stated, "Our favorite things to do before a show is to talk to friends about how we think the play will go, try to remember our lines, and practice the songs in our heads." They also said, "The way we decide what costume to buy depends on if they have a good one on Amazon." To wrap it all up, they declared, "We are so excited for the play!"