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## Susan B. English School News



### Did You Know by Principal Sherry Hingley

Well, we didn't get a "Did You Know" report from the Principal this week but since Friday, November 14 is "Principals Day", we'll cut her some slack on her missed homework!

**THANK YOU PRINCIPAL HINGLEY FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU DO!!!**

### SBE Reports by Rochelle Purpura

### SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

#### A Little About the SAT

*"The only way to pass a test is to take the test." – Marlo Morgan*

Every year about two million students worldwide take the SAT test. If you live in the United States you have seven chances over the course of one year to take it and if you live overseas you have six. In a normal setting it takes approximately three hours and forty-five minutes to finish the SAT in which three sections must be completed. The sections are Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing and each are scored on a 200-800 point scale with 171 questions being multiple choice, ten being math questions where you write in your answers and one essay. What it all boils down to is a test that has students studying like mad and praying their scores are good enough to get them into the college of their choice. In Seldovia, however, the SAT hype did not really catch on. One student opted to fly to Homer in October to take the test while

#### First First First!

The Seldovia Sea Otter girls' volleyball team is back in play and stronger than ever! After having a two-week "break" from competitive play the Otters are well rested and ready for the next challenge. Their first weekend back they attended the Cook Inlet Invite on November 7th and 8th. The Otters played a total of five games, winning three of four in the round robin play, then made a statement by sweeping the competition away in the championship game.

The Otters' first opponents were the Wasilla Lake Christina School Rams; the Otters took this match 2-0. Later on Friday, the Otters played the Ninilchik Wolverines. This match went to the third and final game where the wolverines pulled ahead and beat the Otters 15-11. Later that night the team relaxed as some girls went to see a movie and others went shopping. The team watched

another waited until November when the test was administrated at Susan B. English School . Yet just because you have taken the SAT test doesn't mean you know a lot about it. In fact there are a lot of common misconceptions about the SAT and a lot of things that people haven't considered.

The first version of the SAT was developed in 1901 and was used to test a person's intelligence like an IQ test. So what does SAT stand for? Well what you might not know is it doesn't stand for anything. It was originally called the "Scholastic Achievement Test" but was changed in 1941 to the "Scholastic Aptitude Test." In 1994 the test was simply re-named the SAT and is an acronym for nothing. The Writing and essay part of the test are also a bit new, with the writing being changed in 2005 and the essay added. It is also thought that the test may be becoming easier or students becoming smarter because before 1994 only about one student in every administration eared a perfect 1600. Now multiple students are receiving the sought after score.

There are lots of myths that surround the SAT , things students who have taken the test whisper to students who haven't yet. Someone who has taken it may tell you it is better not to guess on a question. That is only partly true, if you can omit even one answer it is in your best interest to take a stab at it. If you are totally stumped and don't even understand the problem it can be good to skip because a "guess-prenalty" is in place that takes away one-fourth of a point for every wrong answer. Also something a lot of students think isn't important is the length of the essay, even when it is proven the students who write longer essays get better scores. Students can sometimes tend to think the re-testing looks bad to colleges you are applying for. This is nonsense, taking the test as many times as you want guarantees that you may be able to get a better score and if you don't you can always use your old score.

In the end the SAT is not just some big scary test devised to defeat you! It is an important way for colleges to know what classes to place you in. That way when you get to college you won't be taking classes that are too easy or too hard. Studying for and taking the SAT can be a little a time consuming but it is worth it in the end. So study up, practice lots and you will be ready for it.

the Soldotna High Stars face off with the North Pole Patriots in addition to watching the Kenai Cardinals take on the Chugiak Mustangs.

Saturday morning the Otters played the Kalskag Grizzlies, beating them in the third game 15-8. A couple hours later the Otters played the CIA Eagles and won 2-0 in games. This record put the Otters seeded first in the bracket part of the tourney, which meant they would play at 5:00 in the championship game. After all play in the bracket, the championship came down to Seldovia vs. Kalskag. The game went long, though only for a total of two games. The volleys were great and in the end the Otters took the match 2-0.

Awards were as follows for the All-Tourney and Sportsmanship Teams: Kristy Gallien, Katie O'Leary and Sarah O'Leary made the all-tourney team; Chelsea Suydam and Katie O'Leary made the Sportsmanship Team.

School Calendar	School Sports Schedule 2008-2009
<p>Next week is the FIRST HOME sports event of the year:</p> <p>VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ! Seldovia will be hosting two teams at this time: CIA and Nikolaevsk. Schedule will be posted next week. If you would like to help serve teams dinner Friday....call the school 234-7616. Oz Hatch and Sherry Hingley will have the meal prepared; set up, clean up and servers are needed.</p> <p>To kick off the week our Student Council has deemed next week SPIRIT WEEK....</p> <p>Monday: PJ and Slippers day Tuesday: Opposite day</p>	<p>If you are over on Homer side and have time.....our students would love to see you at their events!</p> <p><b>Junior High Basketball</b></p> <p>Nov 21-22 Small Schools Tournament @ TBA</p> <p><b>Volleyball Schedule</b></p> <p>Nov 14 -15 Kenny Lake Classic (Tok, Lumen Christi) (times TBA) Nov 21-22 Lumen Christi (times TBA) Dec 4-5 Tok Regions (times TBA) Dec 11-13 ASAA State @ Dimond HS (times TBA)</p> <p><b>Wrestling</b></p>

Wednesday: Carhart and Extra Tuff day  
 Thursday: Dress up day  
 Friday: RED/WHITE day! Show your support wear Sea Otter t-shirts, sweatshirts or school colors!

WHAT's COMING UP ?? >>>>> MORE DETAILS can be found on calendar: [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)

- Thursday, 10/23 PARENT/TEACHER Conferences (8:30-4:00)  
NO SCHOOL  
Wrestlers leave for Seward – Kind of the Mountain Tourney
- Friday, 10/24 NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Inservice  
JH Basketball games @ ABCS (Kenai B&G Club gym) @ 3:00 & 4:30
- Saturday, 10/25 Volleyball HOME games: Girls –vs- Dads  
JH Basketball games @ CIA @ 10:00 am
- Monday, 10/27 RED RIBBON WEEK BEGINS
- Tuesday, 10/28 PAC/SDMC meeting @ 7:00.....  
Dance class performing at meeting!!
- Wednesday, 10/29 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY! ( 1:30 children not in Head Start; Family Pictures: time TBA)
- Friday, 10/31 Halloween
- Saturday, 11/01 SVTP sponsors HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL  
Booths by classes: Seniors: Cake Walk; Juniors: BB Free Throw, Guitar Hero Battle, Duck Pond; Freshman: Pillow Fight. SCHOOL Booster Club: Concessions & Paddle Wheel
- REST of NOVEMBER calendar is full of games listed below.....
- Monday, 11/17 FLU SHOTS by Public Health
- Monday, 11/24 Picture RETAKES!
- Thursday, 11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!  
No School
- Friday, 11/28 No School

Nov. 13-16 ACS Tourney (times TBA)  
 Nov. 21-23 Round Robin in Homer (times TBA)  
 Dec. 4-6 Regions @ Grace Christian School (times TBA)  
 Dec. 11-14 State @ Bartlett High School (times TBA)

***SBE POOL SWIM SCHEDULE 2008-09***  
***Starting the week of September 1, 2008***

- Ladies 50 + Fitness Exercise Swim Tuesday/Thursday 10:00-11:00 am
- Lap Swim M-W-Friday (look for dates cancelled) 7:00-8:00 am
- Lap Swim Tuesday/Thursday(Start 9/2/08 ) 8:30 – 9:30 am
- Monday & Wednesday afternoon lap 4:30 – 5:30pm (starting wk of 9/8)
- SVT Open Swims will be Tuesday 3:15 – 5:00 & Friday 7:00-9:00pm - No fee for the Tuesday and Friday SVT Swims
- Infant/Parent Swim Saturday 2:00 – 3:00 pm (Date starting TBA)

**Pool Rentals are available call 234-7616 for more information.**  
**Pool Fees: Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00 Preschool Free with Adult Fee**  
**Punch cards are available**  
**Adult \$18.00/6 swims**  
**Student \$16.00/8 swims**

(Thank you for your support - Cancellation will be posted.Call SBE School for more information.  
 By Vivian Rojas, Pool Manager)

<b>SBE Academics</b>		
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