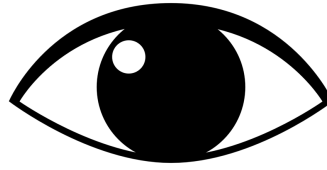


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On the lookout for news at South Eastern Intermediate School

Staff Changes in the SEIS Cafeteria

By Mr. Shaffer

Four long-time Chartwells employees moved on from SEIS in January: Mrs. Karen Graham, Mrs. Cortney Geddes, Mrs. Lorraine, and Mrs. Bev Smith. We here at SEIS Eye want to honor their contributions to the SEIS community by spotlighting each of them with an article in this issue.

At the same time, the SEIS Eye wants to welcome the new Chartwells staff members to SEIS.

Miss Emily Kobel is the new director. She was promoted from her position for Chartwells as assistant director in East Pennsboro School District.

Miss Emily would like to remind students that they must take a fruit or a vegetable with their meal. If a student gets to the register without one they are sent back to get one.

In addition to Miss Emily, SEIS students are seeing some other new faces in the cafeteria. Miss Amanda Porter is a new cafeteria manager at SEIS. Mr. Brock Ritter is an assistant director and will be in our school Mondays and Thursdays.



Photo by Mattie Shipley



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Mrs. Cortney (top left) and Mrs. Karen (middle) at their busy desks. New Chartwell employees at SEIS Mr. Brock, Miss Amanda, and Miss Emily (top right).

SESD Chartwells Director and Assistant Depart

By Mattie Shipley

Mrs. Cortney and Mrs. Karen have left SEIS for new jobs. Their last day was January 11th, 2024.

Mrs. Karen has been working for Chartwells at SESD for 23 years and Mrs. Cortney has been working for 20 years. Mrs. Cortney was an assistant of the dining services and Mrs. Karen is the director of dining services.

The main responsibilities of Mrs. Karen's job were writing menus, placing orders and planning special events like the discovery kitchen. Mrs. Cortney's job included helping with special events and do the paperwork.

When asked about her favorite memory, Mrs. Karen fondly recalls hiring new employees for Chartwells, saying she enjoyed, "getting to know the people at the interviews." Mrs. Cortney agreed, saying, "Yeah, meeting all the new people is definitely the best part!"

Mrs. Karen wanted students to know that Chartwells needs to meet the government's and district's rules and regulations when it comes to what foods Chartwells can serve. She said, "Some people don't understand why we can't have shrimp for lunch everyday."

Mrs. Karen noted that her job wasn't without challenges especially, "with staff shortages and food shortages from time to time."

With her free time, Mrs. Cortney loves to cook, make home improvements and spend time with her grandchildren. "I also like to cook, read and spend time with my grandchildren," commented Mrs. Karen.

Regarding her future plans, Mrs. Cortney said, "I will be working for my husband who is a builder. I will be his assistant." Mrs. Karen said her future job is in the American dairy industry.



Photo by Brielle Congleton

Mrs. Lorraine in the SEIS cafeteria.

Miss Lorraine Leaves SEIS

By Declan Stevens and Brielle Congleton

Mrs. Lorraine, a former SEIS lunch lady, has left SEIS. Mrs. Lorraine dedicated 13 years of her career to SEIS and was the assistant kitchen manager. She says she first started with Chartwells because, "my kids were at school and I needed to have a job that was compatible with the school schedule."

Her children have recently graduated school, so she will be looking for a new job. She stated, "Cafeteria work is not hard but it's very busy and time consuming." She also said that it can be, "hard on the body." Some of her job duties were food prep, serving students, baking, and register clean up.

After work Mrs. Lorraine likes to, "Work on my pond garden, feed the birds, and just being outdoors."

Some of her favorite memories of her time here at SEIS are the times she has spent with the students at the school.

Mrs. Lorraine doesn't have any specific plans for her future. She said she is, "keeping options open."



Mrs. Bev Smith
in the SEIS
cafeteria.

Photo by Phoenix Ehrhart

Mrs. Smith, Head Cook, Retires

By Zoey Ryan and Phoenix Ehrhart

Mrs. Bev Smith, the former lead cook at SEIS, retired from work after 30 years in our District. As the SEIS head cook, she said that she had to, “order all the food, run the register, and cook the meals.”

She came to Chartwells because, “My children started first grade, and I came to work.. I worked the same hours as my children when they came to school.”

Mrs. Smith wasn't always at SEIS. She stated, “I was a substitute when I first started, so if any of the other lunch ladies were sick I would go take their place. Then I was the head cook for Fawn Area Elementary for 10 years, and I've been here ever since.”

Mrs. Smith said she and her fellow co-workers, “get to work at 6:00 in the morning and go home at 1:30,” so they have their afternoons off. Mrs. Smith said she was usually, “the second one in the building. Miss Lisa is the first one here.”

She said that her favorite lunch that Chartwells serves is the chicken mashed potato bowl and she also said that she enjoys, “seeing the children.”

After she retires she said she plans to, “probably travel a little bit,” Mrs. Smith said this is because, “me and my husband are both retired, and we have a camper and a motorcycle.” Out of school, she stated that she enjoys, “camping, hanging out with friends, and playing with the grandchildren.”

SEIS Students Donate Food

By Mattie Shipley

From December 4th to 15th, 2023 SEIS held a food bag collection to provide Christmas meals to some families in need in our community. Mrs. Wise, a sixth grade teacher, noted that middle school and high school clubs collect food for Thanksgiving meals. She credits the school's social workers, Mrs Baker and Mrs. Smith, with the idea.

According to Mrs. Wise, “Everyone, even teachers” were able to participate in the collection. There were no difficulties and it went as smoothly as she thought it would.

Donations were to include the types of foods that typically are served in a holiday meal such as corn, gravy, green beans and desserts. Mrs. Wise noted that the local food bank donated a turkey. However, all types of foods were accepted. Foods that weren't on the list would just be given to the local food bank.

Mrs. Wise shared that families signed up online to receive bags. She reported that the social workers decided which families received a bag of food. Food was distributed to families prior to Christmas. In total, enough food was collected for 167 families.

Mrs. Wise noted that the families receiving the food weren't the only ones impacted by the project. She said that the one thing that she would like students to take away from the collection is, “To know that we helped so many families this Christmas.”

The donated food lined Mrs. Wise's classroom wall in bags.

Photo by Mrs. Wise



Meet Olive Kilby:

Original Comic Book Creator

By Declan Stevens and Brielle Congleton

Olive Kilby in Mr. Kline's homeroom makes creative comic books about her and her friends.

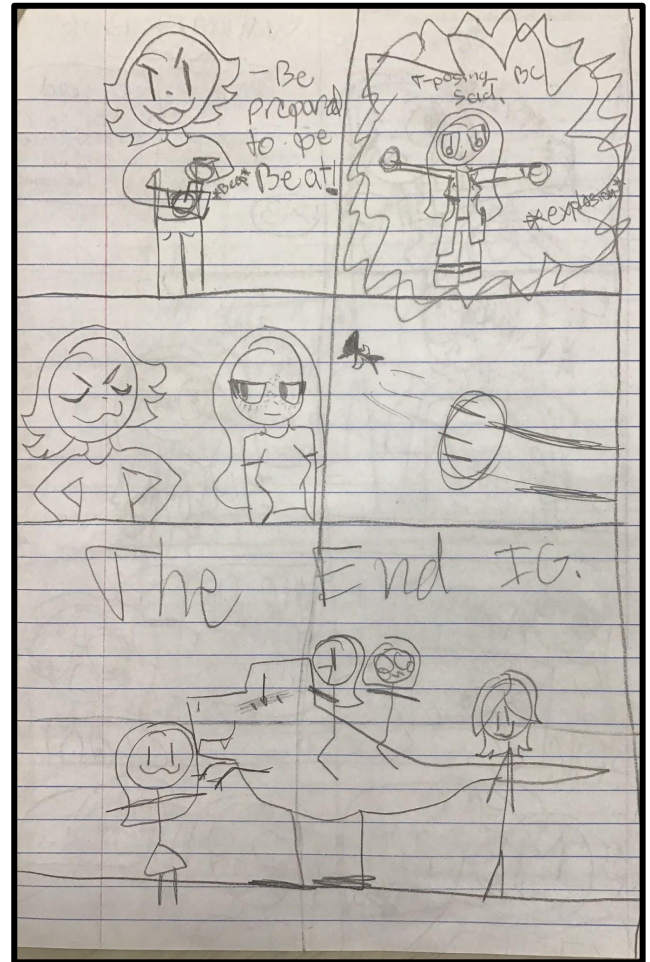
According to her, in 4th grade she started having the ideas to make stories about things that really happened. She then started making stories with impossible adventurous elements.

When she got into 5th grade she asked Mrs. Pabis to put her graphic novels in her classroom library and Mrs. Pabis did. When discussing Olive's work, Mrs. Pabis said, "They're very comical, engaging and relatable. I told Olive that when she published her first graphic novel I'd be the first to buy it!" When she got into 6th grade she asked Mrs. Wise to put her graphic novels in her classroom library to share with the class. Mrs. Wise did as well! Mrs. Wise said "I think she's talented, especially for a sixth grader. It's really cool because when she's done she shares them with her friends and classmates."

All of Olive's graphic novels are handmade. The graphic novels can range from four to seven pages. Olive doesn't use color in her graphic novels, preferring black and white images.

It takes Olive about a week or two to make each issue. A single page can take a day or two for her to finish. Sometimes, she works on them during RAMS period, lunch, or recess. She says making a graphic novel requires a lot of "creativity, imagination, and time."

Gemma Anderson from Mr. Kline's homeroom isn't just a reader and a fan. She's one of the character's in some of Olive's comics. She says, "They're just really funny!" Emma Davis from Mrs. Wise's homeroom described the comic books as, "Very personalized and have meaning to them."



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In this sample page from Rowr, Olive used several art and storytelling techniques including wordless panels and perspective.

Olive, right, poses with her original comic book, Rowr.

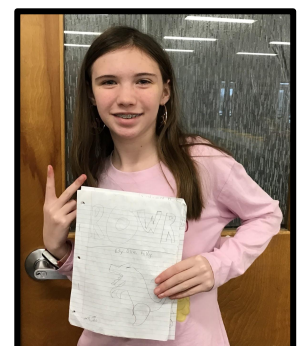


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