

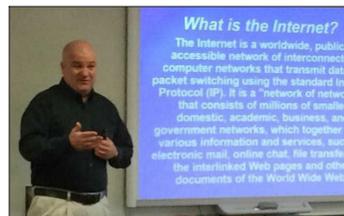


## Putting the focus on life skills

## Governor's Scholars Award candidate

## Mime and storyteller at Wapping

## Students learn about internet safety



(L-r) Wapping fifth-graders Taryn Suf-fish, Alexis Dahms and Shannon Kamm.

(L-r) Principal Daniel Sullivan, Prathamesh Bang and counselor Dan Peters.

Antonio Rocha with kindergartners Haley Stuck and Jack Furnare.

Scott Driscoll gave an Internet Safety presentation at Wapping.

Wapping school has been focusing each month on particular life skills. So far students have worked on perseverance (continuing to try to do something despite difficulties); caring (thinking about the cares and feelings of others); and trustworthiness (doing the right thing, keeping promises and telling the truth at all times). They are currently focusing on showing initiative. Kids are finding many ways to "go the extra mile." Three fifth-graders recently took the initiative of putting together a Google slide demonstration, teaching younger students the lyrics of the school song, and doing so with great enthusiasm. They truly demonstrated the idea of taking the initiative, serving as great role models, too!

Prathamesh Bang was selected as South Windsor High School's candidate for the Governor's Scholars Award Program. All high school principals associated with the Connecticut Association of Schools have the opportunity to nominate one student from the junior class to the Governor's Scholar's Committee. As a nominee, Prathamesh will be judged by this Committee to be named a finalist in this prestigious program. Congratulations and good luck to Prath!

The South Windsor Arts in Education Commission and Wapping Elementary PTO brought the talented Antonio Rocha, storyteller and mime, to a Wapping assembly. Rocha entertained the students and staff as he brought his characters to life with facial expressions and body movements, while entertaining them with his rich stories.

Orchard Hill fifth-grade students recently learned some valuable information about internet safety. Scott Driscoll, a former law enforcement officer, presented some very powerful information using stories, videos and his experiences as a police officer. Driscoll came to Orchard Hill and discussed a variety of topics including the positive and negative aspects of social networks, cyberbullying, username/password tips and cell phone texting etiquette. It was a great presentation that taught our students the importance of internet safety.

## Letter from the vice president



Jared Hober with a letter from Vice President Joe Biden.

Jared Hober, a fifth-grade student at Pleasant Valley, poses with a framed letter from Vice President Joe Biden. Jared recently wrote a letter to the vice president of the United States about an obstacle in his life. Biden replied with a very personalized letter to Jared.

South Windsor High School Drama Productions presents

Tim Kelly's

## Sherlock Holmes



Thursday and Friday, February 5 and 6, 2015

7:00 p.m. at SWHS Auditorium

Tickets are available at the door:

\$5.00 students / \$7.00 adults

## Centralized registration at Ellsworth

Effective Feb. 2, all registrations and residency verifications for students entering South Windsor Public Schools are processed by appointment at Ellsworth, 1737 Main St. Kindergarten registrations for students age 5 on or before Jan. 1, 2016, are requested to be complete by May 1. Information is available at [www.southwindsorschools.org/registration](http://www.southwindsorschools.org/registration).

## Dollars for Scholars applications

Attention, all SWHS seniors! South Windsor Dollars for Scholars scholarship applications and eligibility criteria are now available online at [www.southwindsor.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.southwindsor.dollarsforscholars.org). Scholarships requiring specific essays or portfolio inclusions must be submitted at the time of application submission. The application period is Jan. 21 - March 15, 2015 (at 11:59 p.m.). Notification of scholarship recipients will occur in June.

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