

SAMOSET NEWS

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Week of 1/07/24



From the Main Office

DEAR SAMOSET FAMILIES, WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW YEAR HERE AT SAMOSET. HOPEFULLY THE BREAK FROM SCHOOL HAS LEFT YOUR STUDENTS (AND YOURSELVES) RESTED AND READY FOR NEW CHALLENGES. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE ARE ALMOST TO THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE YEAR.

BY THE END OF JANUARY, WE WILL BE STARTING THE NEXT MARKING PERIOD. THERE IS STILL TIME FOR STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR GRADES, SO ENSURE YOU CHECK THE PARENT PORTAL TO KEEP TRACK OF STUDENT PROGRESS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WILL HELP LEAD TO NO SURPRISES ON THE UPCOMING REPORT CARDS.

- MR. WASHOUSKY

Coming Soon

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 1/15/24
- FAMILY CONNECT NIGHT 1/17/24
- COFFEE AND CHAT WITH DR. A 1/18/24
- Please check the homepage for details about sports, clubs, etc.*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



1/15/24: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School's Closed

1/17/24: Family Connect Night (Compassion)

1/18/24: Coffee and Chat with your Samoset Administrative Team 6:00-7:00

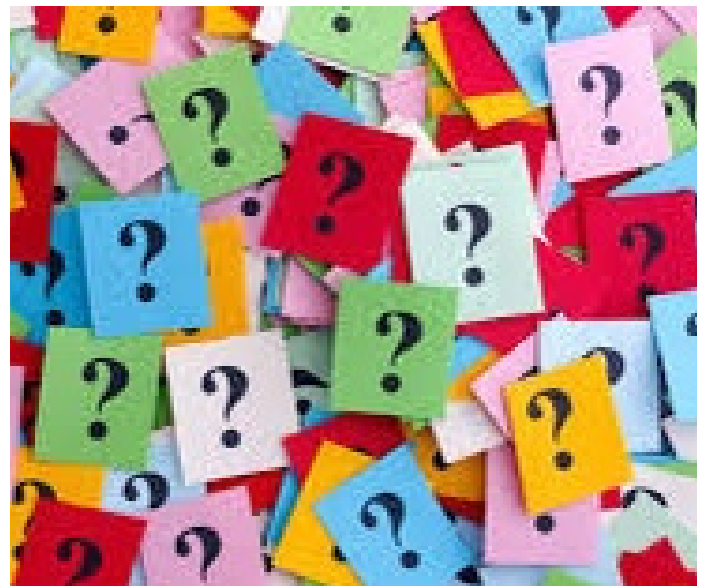
RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

Solve this riddle and stop by Mr. Washousky's office on Monday for a prize.

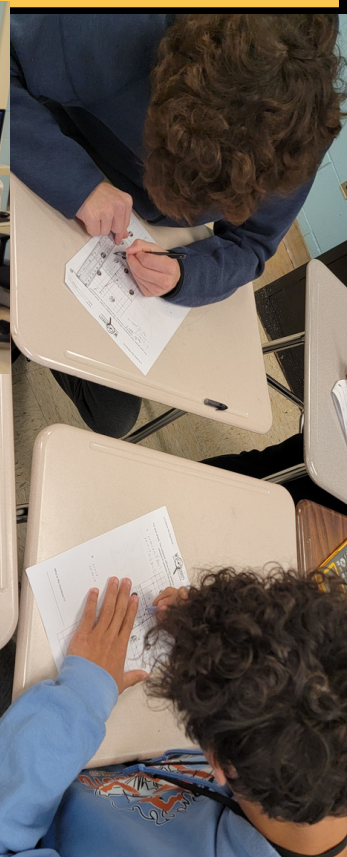
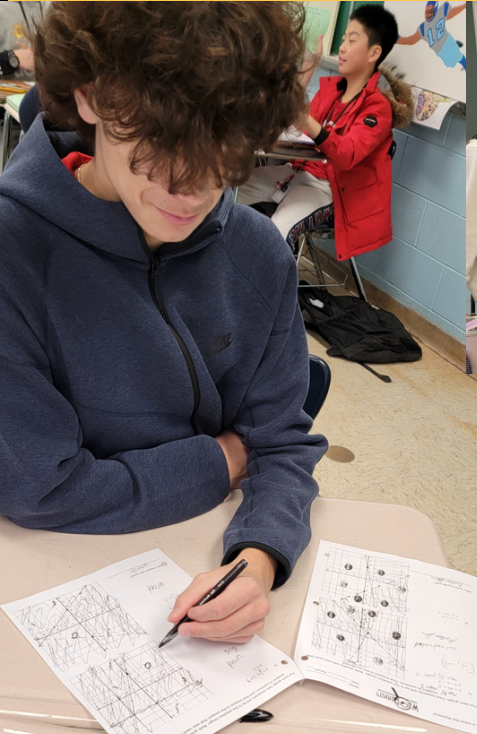
I look at you; you look at me, I raise my right, you raise your left. What is this object?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last week's answer: clock



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SAMOSET?



ALGEBRA
STUDENTS IN
MRS.
KROCZYNSKI'S
CLASSES
RECEIVED THEIR
DETECTIVE
BADGES BY
APPLYING THEIR
KNOWLEDGE OF
GRAPHING
SYSTEMS OF
INEQUALITIES, TO
SOLVE A CLUE-
LIKE CRIME. IT
WAS PROFESSOR
PLUM IN THE
STUDY WITH A
WRENCH!

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SAMOSET?



MS. EVAN OPENED
HER LIBRARY UP TO
A VISITING
TECHNOLOGY FAIR.
THE STUDENTS HAD
FUN EXPLORING THE
NEW ACTIVITIES

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SAMOSET?

SAMOSET 2023/24 YEARBOOK SALES



\$35 PER BOOK UNTIL 3/2

THEN PRICE INCREASES TO \$40

<https://www.balfour.com/new-york/ronkonkoma/samoset-middle-school>

**NO EXTRA BOOKS WILL BE ORDERED
NO CASH SALES, ALL ORDERS MUST BE
PLACED THROUGH THE WEBSITE ABOVE**



SAMOSET STARS



TIME TO ORDER YOUR +

SAMOSET 2023-24 YEARBOOK



USE THE LINK OR QR CODE BELOW

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\$35 PER BOOK



ORDER SOON TO MAKE SURE YOU GET
YOURS!

NO EXTRA BOOKS WILL BE PURCHASED!

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Tips for Success

THE SECRET TO SAMOSET SUCCESS...

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND YOURSELF STRUGGLING TO STAY ATTENTIVE WHEN TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH A COMPLICATED TASK? WE HAVE ALL PROBABLY FELT THIS WAY FROM TIME TO TIME. GUESS WHAT? OUR STUDENTS FEEL THIS WAY TOO. SO WHAT CAN WE DO AS PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WHEN THIS HAPPENS? GIVE THEM A BRAIN BREAK.

BELOW ARE A SAMPLE OF BRAIN BREAK ACTIVITIES THAT CAN HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN, STUDENTS, AND OURSELVES ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS. FOR DETAILS, READ THE FULL ARTICLE AT EDTOPIA.ORG.

1. **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: ON THE BOARD,** PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE START OF A DOODLE THAT THEY'LL HAVE TO CREATIVELY TRANSFORM INTO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED.
2. **“TRAIN YOUR BRAIN”:** A FUN ACTIVITY THAT STARTS BY HAVING STUDENTS TOUCH THE TIP OF THEIR NOSE WITH THEIR RIGHT INDEX FINGER AND THEN TOUCH THEIR EAR WITH THEIR LEFT-HAND INDEX FINGER. THEN HAVE THEM SWITCH THE POSITION OF THEIR HANDS, TOUCHING THE TIP OF THEIR NOSE WITH THEIR LEFT-HAND INDEX FINGER AND MOVING THEIR RIGHT INDEX FINGER TO TOUCH THEIR EAR. KIDS SHOULD KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL THEY CAN GET IT RIGHT, WHICH MAY TAKE ONLY A FEW TRIES FOR SOME AND MUCH LONGER FOR OTHERS.
3. **WOULD YOU RATHER:** PAIR STUDENTS UP AND HAVE THEM DISCUSS FUN “WOULD YOU RATHER” QUESTIONS.
4. **REST AND REFLECT:** TRY TURNING OFF THE LIGHTS, SETTING A TIMER FOR THREE TO FIVE MINUTES, AND PLAYING SOME SOFT, CALMING BACKGROUND MUSIC.
5. **SNOWBALL TOSS:** HAVE EACH STUDENT WRITE DOWN SOMETHING THEY ARE STRESSED ABOUT ON A PIECE OF PAPER, WHICH THEY THEN CRUMPLE UP INTO A BALL. ONCE YOU GIVE THE CUE, ALL THE KIDS THROW THEIR SNOWBALL ACROSS THE ROOM IN A MOCK SNOWBALL FIGHT.
6. **FOLD AND FLY:** DEDICATE A FEW MINUTES TO A PAPER AIRPLANE CHALLENGE.
7. **JIGSAW JUMBLE:** TRY PROVIDING SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS WITH A HANDFUL OF PUZZLE PIECES.
8. **KEEP IT UP:** AFTER BLOWING UP A BALLOON, TOSS THE BALLOON UP INTO THE AIR, AND AS A GROUP, STUDENTS MUST KEEP THE BALLOON IN THE AIR USING ANYTHING BUT THEIR HANDS.
9. **WHAT IS THAT?** FIND A PICTURE OF SOMETHING YOUR CLASS MAY NEVER ENCOUNTER IN YOUR SUBJECT AREA AND DISPLAY IT FOR STUDENTS TO SEE.
10. **ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS:** TRANSFORM THE CLASSIC GAME OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS INTO A BRIEF CLASS TOURNAMENT.