

## **SYC is ONLINE!!!**

Check out SYC's new website at [www.somersworthyouthconnection.org](http://www.somersworthyouthconnection.org) or from the link on the SAU 56 website. Find out what's happening at SYC, learn about the program, our daily calendar, a list of our enrichment activities, contact information, pictures, upcoming events and more... all in one easy to navigate location!

## **Sizzlin' Summer**

SYC is gearing up for another sizzlin' summer for SMS youth. The summer program runs 6 weeks June 27-August 5, choose the weeks you want to attend! This summer's activities include; Youth Beatz, Archery, Golf @ The Oaks, Dover Pool, Scrapbooking, Pottery, a very special field trip to Patriots Place and much more!!! Check out [www.somersworthyouthconnection.org](http://www.somersworthyouthconnection.org) to download the summer registration form. Or for more information please contact SYC 692-2126 ext 209. Spots for SYC Sizzlin' Summer are limited and filling up fast...don't miss out!!!

## **Youth Beatz**

SYC is very excited to be offering the Youth Beatz program as one of our enrichment classes this session. Youth Beatz is a fun, creative, entertaining and aerobic progressive rhythm & fitness/ music in motion program that teaches self-respect, respecting others, teamwork, responsibility and participation through the power of music.

Youth Beatz's director, Mr. Rich, gave an interactive performance to students in SYC, Youth 2 Youth and Drama club. He had the whole group clapping "we will rock you" while others had the chance to freestyle on the drums. Students and staff all walked away smiling and excited for the start of the program. SYC will offer Youth Beatz as an 8 week program this session. For more information about this program please contact SYC at the Middle School.

## **Study Island**

Students at SYC have been participating daily in the interactive web based program called Study Island. All middle school students have a log on name to the site, students log on to participate in a variety of math games that target areas in math that the students struggle with. Students can compete to beat the high score in the state reached by students in schools all across NH. Archery, football, cheerleading, island hopping and the maze game are some of SYC's favorites. Your student can play these games and other math games at home by visiting [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com). Students can get their log on name from their classroom teachers.

## **SYC Welcomes UNH Intern**

We would like to give a big welcome to SYC's Intern from the Department of Social Work at UNH, Julie Allen. Julie will be with SYC until the end of the school year and through SYC's Sizzlin Summer program, sharing her time and talents with each student at SYC, getting to know the school and community and being a positive role model for all of our students. SYC looks forward to having Julie share her semester with Somersworth!

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Chess Tournament**

The four 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers of Somersworth, Dover, Rochester and Farmington held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Chess Tournament on Monday, April 11, 2011 at Henry Wilson Memorial School in Farmington. 4 students from each community were brought to the tournament after competing in qualifying rounds at their 21CCLC afterschool programs.

Students who made it to the tournament from Farmington FAMEE Program; Kayleigh Macgougall, John Capen, Andrew Bennett and Justin Kimball, from Somersworth Youth Connection; Noah Sheehan, Austin Chagnon, Zac Jones and Kulin Krishnan, from Rochester Youth Safe Haven; Austin Anderson, Michael Giberson, Joe Ryan, Eric Hadden and from Dover Seymour Osmon Center; J.R. Rankine, Gabriel Poirier, Tyler Muscovitz and Joey Bretton.

Players were seeded and placed into player brackets. Chess rounds were limited to 30 minutes. single elimination. In between rounds students and families dined on pizza and cookies and cheered on their friends as games finished up. Sportsmanship was displayed as each game ended with a handshake, a smile and a “good game” from competitors and spectators.

The tournament had two components to it, the individual prize as well as the team prize. Points were tracked for each win a team had and the team with the most points awarded took home the Regional Chess Tournament Cup. The individual prize was the student who won each of the single elimination rounds.

All of the communities and families in attendance were proud of the way each player competed with pride for their school and with good sportsmanship to all. The communities of Somersworth, Dover, Rochester and Farmington should be proud of the students that represented them in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Chess Tournament. The four 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers are proud to announce Austin Anderson of Rochester as the individual chess tournament winner who took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. Taking home the Regional Chess Tournament Cup for the team prize also went to Rochester! All players left the night an individual medal. Congratulations to all involved in this awesome event. Start practicing your chess skills to prepare for next year's tournament

## **SMS Comedy Night**

What do you find in a clean nose?... Fingerprints. Chuckles from the audience buzzed though out the Somersworth Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 16, as Somersworth Youth Connection and Title I hosted the first SMS Comedy Night. SMS students, teachers and staff had the crowd of over 150 laughing all evening with their original jokes, stories and skits.

Families arrived at 5:30pm to be ushered in to the SMS ‘Laughateria’ to enjoy complimentary pizza, salad, drinks and cookies. As families waited for the Comedy Show, they watched old 3 Stooges skits on the big screen, challenged themselves with puzzles and jokes that were spread out over the tables. The students prepared in the “green room” rehearsing their skits and enjoying some hot pizza to get ready for the show!

The attendance of the comedy night was one for the books. The enthusiasm of the crowd as they laughed and cheered on the comedians could be heard around the school. Over 150 people came out to support SMS finest comedians. It was a great night for the Somersworth Middle School community to share laughter with their friends families and teachers. A big thank you goes out to SMS staff, parents, SHS student volunteers, SYC Advisory Board and community volunteers who helped with set up, serving food, judging the comedy acts, as well as clean up.

SYC and Title I plan on hosting many more family events like the comedy night and invite all of the community to come check out what wonderful things are being offered at the Somersworth Middle School.