

SCHOOL Bells

Poem for these times

– 2020

By *Laura Kelly Fanucci*,

When this is over, may we never
again take for granted

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbors

A crowded theater

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A routine checkup

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends

may we find

that we have become

more like the people

we wanted to be

we were called to be

we hoped to be

and may we stay

that way — better

for each other

because of the worst."

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A Hard Decision

By Millie Wiegand

When I joined the S.C.H.O.O.L. Board of Directors, I never imagined that we would have to make the hard decision that we did this year. Who would have thought that SUNY Cobleskill and all our public gathering places would have to be closed for such a long period of time? Who would have realized that staying open or closed could have life or death consequences? And none of us had heard of COVID-19.

By the time this newsletter is published, there will be new directives about facility openings, social distancing, wearing of masks, etc. I think two of the biggest learnings of this pandemic are that we need to depend on each other and take things in

stride. These are tried and true values. We are unlikely to go back to the way things were when we grew up, but maybe people will become kinder and more appreciative of what they have.

S.C.H.O.O.L. is an important part of our lives and we look forward to providing programs for everyone soon. In the meantime, let's all stay busy and stay well.



Dogwood at Mohank Mtn. House

On Today's Menu

Easy Comfort Food –
Reuben Pie

Layer in an 8"x12" pan
in order listed:

1 can sauerkraut (10-12
oz)

1 can corned beef –
sliced

¾ cup shredded
Mozzarella or Monterey
Jack cheese

¾ cup shredded sharp
Cheddar cheese

Mix together and pour
over top:

1 cup milk

1/3 cup mayonnaise

3 beaten eggs

¾ cup Bisquick

Sprinkle Parmesan
Cheese on top if desired

Bake at 400 degrees for
25-30 minutes



The Digital Age

Most of us have become somewhat adept at using a computer, maybe even a tablet and a smart phone. Recently we have had opportunities to learn new applications ("apps") like Zoom where we can still see our family and friends face to face right from the convenience of our homes.

But many computer terms still confuse us. Here are a few definitions:

Internet, World Wide Web

The Internet is the network of computers we're all familiar with. It's quite common for the terms "Internet" and "World Wide Web" to be used interchangeably, but these aren't actually the same thing. The Internet is essentially the wiring that allows computers all over the world to communicate. The World Wide Web is a system that operates via this wiring. Web pages are transmitted via Internet connections but there is more to the Internet than just the web. Many other types of data travel across the Internet too, for example email.

Web Browser

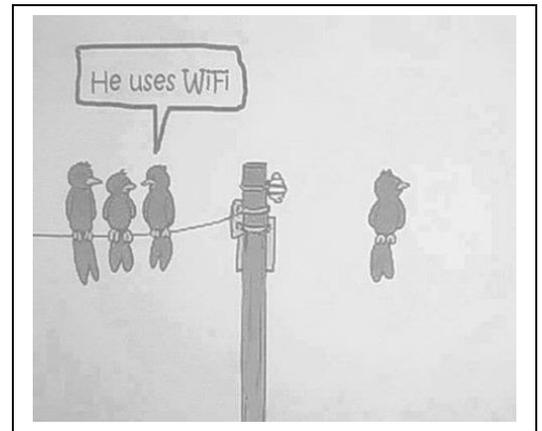
A program you use to look at, and navigate between, pages on the World Wide Web. Examples include Internet Explorer and Firefox although there are many others. Again, people sometimes refer to web browsers as "the Internet", whereas they really only provide the means to view pages on the web.

Memory, Disk Space

Another very common source of confusion. In computing, "memory" generally refers to the temporary storage used by a computer whilst it is switched on. A computer loads programs and data into its memory in order to carry out tasks. This is more accurately called RAM or "random-access memory". Disk space (or "hard disk space"), on the other hand, is a more permanent store that holds files even when the computer is switched off. It's from here that the computer loads things into its memory. Strictly speaking you don't store things in the computer's memory as that vanishes when you turn the machine off.

Virus, Spyware, Trojan, Worm, Malware

These terms are often confused, although they



have distinct meanings. A virus is a piece of software that can copy itself and which attaches itself to some other program in order to survive and replicate. It may have some malicious intent or it may exist simply to reproduce.

A worm is similar but it can exist independently; it doesn't need to attach to a separate program. A Trojan – or Trojan Horse – is a piece of software that gains access to a computer by pretending to be benign or by hiding within some innocent-looking application. The name is obviously derived from the wooden horse employed by the Greek army during the Trojan Wars. Spyware is software that secretly monitors computer activity, attempting to gain private information without the computer user knowing.

By and large, all of the above will have some malicious intent – to harm data, spy on computer activity and so forth. Malware is a general term for all such programs – it simply means any software, of whatever sort, written with a malicious intent. Viruses are generally malware but there is more to malware than just viruses.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is a *local area wireless technology*. It allows an electronic device to transfer data or connect to the internet using ISM radio bands. It is an underlying technology of wireless local area network (WLAN). Wi-Fi allows computers and other devices to communicate over a wireless network.

Wi-Fi network components are based on the one of the 802.11 standards developed by the IEEE and adopted by Wi-Fi alliance. It provides a standard way to connect with wireless network. Wi-Fi is the trademark of the Wi-Fi alliance and used as a brand name for products using the IEEE 802.11 standards.



The Pencil

Here's an oldie but a goodie. Enjoy and pass it on.

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be."

One : "You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

Two : "You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you will need it to become a better pencil."

Three : "You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

Four : "The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

Five : "On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with YOU. Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best person you can be.

One : "You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess."

Two : "You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you will need it to become a stronger person."

Three : "You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

Four : "The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside."

Five : "On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties."

Allow this parable on the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfill the purpose to which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.

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Grey Catbird

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Possible computer classes

With restrictions for going out and about, many of us have begun more use of our computers and smart phones. Not everyone is happy with his or her ability to try new applications. Some do not even want to spend more time that way, which is fine. But if you do: What do you want to learn using your computer, smart phone, or tablet? Do you have any difficulties?

The S.C.H.O.O.L. curriculum committee would like to know what you would like to learn and what problems someone could help solve. Check off the items you would be interested in and mail or email a copy back to us.

- Best passwords to use
- Password storage options
- Whether to and how to use Facebook
- Whether to and how to use Twitter
- Whether to and how to use Instagram
- How to use Face time on the phone
- Ways to add attachments and photos to email
- How to tag frequently used websites for easy retrieval
- How to use Microsoft Word
- How to use Microsoft Excel and uses for it
- How to safely download applications
- Benefits or not of tablets vs. computers
- Other – tell us



Zoom meeting
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