

senorita buscemi

by Samantha Sole

Senorita Buscemi started as a student teacher at Pleasant Valley, and then came here to Pen Argyl. She student taught under Mrs. Ronca, a Spanish teacher who retired last year. Senorita Buscemi enjoyed her time student teaching at Pen Argyl. She loved that this was a small school, and how helpful the teachers and staff were. Senorita Buscemi exclaimed, "As soon as I heard of an opening here, I jumped at the chance!" Senorita Buscemi is one of the newest teachers to join Pen Argyl High School. She teaches Spanish 1, a class mainly taken by freshmen, but can be taken by anyone. This is her first teaching position.

In her sophomore year of college, Senorita Buscemi would never imagine she would be teaching Spanish to high school students. She went to East Stroudsburg University to major in Spanish, but did not decide to be a teacher until she was half way through her sophomore year in college. E.S.U. was a good choice for Senorita Buscemi because it was close to her home, it had an affordable tuition, and luckily, it was a great school for teaching majors. She likes that E.S.U. was close to home, because she likes living in this area, but Senorita Buscemi is not from around here. She was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and didn't move here until she was thirteen. Although she loves where she lives now, she does have dreams of traveling. Senorita Buscemi is planning on studying abroad in Costa Rica, but really she would love to see Mexico.

Traveling is exciting, but helping her students is essential. Aside from simply learning a new language, Senorita Buscemi hopes this language will help students to be more aware of their English grammar. She would also like to see her students become interested in a new culture, and connect their lessons in class to life lessons which they can use after high school is over. For example, Senorita Buscemi tries to incorporate this with budgeting. As her students learn numbers, they can use those numbers in activities to practice budgeting, and other calculations.

Senorita Buscemi's life goes on when she is not busy in a classroom. In fact, her most memorable moment of this past summer was spent going to Spring Lake in New Jersey with her family. Also, pets are an interesting part of Senorita Buscemi's life. She has not only one, but seven African Clawed Frogs. Her interest in these animals began back in middle school on her thirteenth birthday. One of Senorita Buscemi's friends gave her an African Clawed Frog, and her collection grew from there. Her pets are significant to her but she cares about her students as well. She wants them to know that she is "here for help if ever needed and will lend an ear to anyone's problems". Senorita attempts to be as fair as possible with everyone, and is "always willing to hear her students' opinions".



S.Sole, Echo



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"This is my first year in Spanish class and I do not excel in foreign language, but Senorita Buscemi has made my Spanish experience more enjoyable and easier than I would have assumed it would be. Her teaching is hands on and we have a diverse array of activities we complete in class in order to enhance our knowledge of the Spanish language and culture. We recently did a poster project on major Hispanic/American icons in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. I feel that this project has greatly increased my knowledge of Hispanic heritage." Caitlin Waring, sophomore.

faces in the crowd

by Caitlin Waring



C.Waring, Echo

Nate Bartholomew: What do you do for fun? "Make new friends." What kind of music do you like? "Rap, hip-hop, rock, metal, techno, and classical." Favorite colors? "Green and purple." Would you rather go to the moon or Mars? "Moon." Favorite class? "Dismissal." Ketchup or mustard? "Ketchup!"

David Koerber: What do you do for fun? "Hang out with friends." Music? "Rock and reggae." Favorite color? "Gray." Moon or Mars? "The moon." Favorite class? "Lab chem." Ketchup or mustard? "Ketchup."



J. Marascio, Echo

Scott Reagan: What do you do for fun? "Play instruments." Music? "Rock." Favorite color? "Yellow!" Moon or Mars? "Mars." Favorite class? "Mrs. Graff's class." Ketchup or mustard? "Neither."



J.Marascio, Echo

Ron Thompson: What do you do for fun? "Play football." Music? "Rap." Favorite color? "Purple." Moon or Mars? "The moon." Favorite class? "Gym." Ketchup or mustard? "Ranch dressing."



J.Montoro, Echo

recycling club

by Erika Argenziano

Recycling club is a new and successful club that Miss Pessina and Mrs. Stefanel started last school year during activity periods. They started this club to get the students more involved in recycling and caring for the environment like other surrounding schools of Pen Argyl High. They also wanted to start what they were doing at home and have been doing for a while; Miss Pessina said she used to collect plastics in her dorm at college. In regards to why people should be concerned with the this situation and how it could possibly have a horrible effect in the near future Miss Pessina said "It should definitely be a concern for everyone because there are more people on the planet than ever and a lot of things we use are not renewable resources. We are running out of space in landfills and recycling can help reduce the waste we put in landfills." Many new groups, in and out of schools, have been formed and multiple environments have been helped out. So, "even if you aren't in the club, you can help!" Make sure ALL of your white/colored office paper ends up in recycling bins in the classrooms and make sure ALL of your plastics (drinking bottles, some food containers) end up in the plastics recycling bins. Most classrooms have BOTH, just ask where they are. Contact Mrs. Stefanel or myself if you don't see them in a classroom! Also, REMIND YOUR FRIENDS to do the same!" explained Miss Pessina. So if you have any plastic bottles or loose paper that you were going to simply throw away in the nearest trash bin, make sure you think twice about how an extra minute of your time to find a recycling bin can make the biggest difference in a year or two for the environment we live in every day.



E.Argenziano, Echo