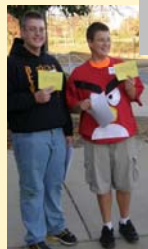




Sullivan School District

EAGLE EXCELLENCE

— December 2011 —



District K-12 Literacy Initiative

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**MISSION: To
Ensure "ALL
STUDENTS WILL
LEARN"**

What is Literacy? According to Webster's dictionary it is *the ability to read and write and the knowledge one needs for a specified subject*. The Sullivan School District's mission to Ensure ALL STUDENTS WILL LEARN could not be more evident than this year with the district wide K-12 Literacy Initiative. Teaching students to read and write is nothing new for any school district however, what is new is the approach that our district is taking.

No longer are we just relying on the elementary education teacher to teach reading and writing. Instead of crossing our fingers that all students are proficient by the end of 5th grade, the district is making reading and writing a systemic process that involves all teachers at every grade level.

Concentrated on providing more literacy focused professional development for teachers of subjects other than reading and writing. The district is also encouraging and supporting all teachers to understand what it means for a child to be proficient in specific content areas.

Teachers of all classes are working on literacy strategies

for the students in their classrooms. Examples of literacy across the curriculum include vocabulary instruction in all content areas. The district has adopted an "Explicit Vocabulary Instructional Model" for all K-12 classrooms. Writing across the curriculum; the district's five step writing process and uniform writing scoring guides, are being implemented in all K-12 content areas.

Along with reading and writing, all staff members are focused on the discussion part of literacy. Students MUST be given opportunities to reflect upon what they read and write in all classroom settings. Pre, during, and post reading "think alouds," student led conversations, and Socratic forums are just a few instructional strategies being implemented that are designed to support students' reading and writing achievement.

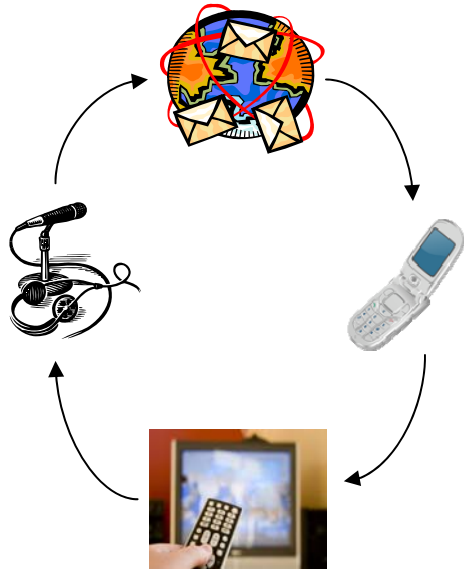
According to our district Board of Education policy, every K-5 student should be reading a minimum of 15 minutes each night outside of the classroom. We want to expand this effort to encourage all K-12 students to read at home nightly.

What can parents do to make these minutes count and support

literacy with their own child? One tip is to read anything you can to or with your children, no matter their ages. Another tip is to host your own "think alouds" about something you or they may have just read and give your child rich feedback on the writing they are doing in and out of school.

For more information on how parents can support reading and writing at home, check out the following website for suggestions, podcasts, tutorials, and more at www.readwritethink.org. Also, join the Literacy Committees at Sullivan Middle School and Sullivan High School if you are interested in helping with the district's K-12 Literacy Initiative. Simply contact the building administrators for more information.

Your Connections to Sullivan School District



DISTRICT E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

Know what's going on in the Sullivan School District by checking out each building's newsletter and the district newsletter. Make sure the appropriate building has your updated e-mail address.

PARENT LINK

Parents, sign up for Parent Link by providing your e-mail address to the school office. You will receive a password for this web-based system that will grant you easy internet access to your child's attendance history, class schedule, lunch account, discipline record, and grades.

ALERTNOW

The ALERTNOW Notification Service allows Sullivan School District to send a telephone message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. We will use ALERTNOW to notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, unverified student absences, and other critical information. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone.

FIDELITY LOCAL 6 / LOCAL CHANNEL 95

Fidelity Local 6 is a new regional commercial channel that resides on Fidelity Cablevision's basic tier. Viewers in Fidelity's Missouri markets can now watch live and tape-delayed broadcasts of regional high school sports. Coverage of select area events, such as musical performances and political debates, can also be found on Fidelity Local 6/Local 95.

KTUI 1560 AM (RADIO)

Sullivan School District Administrators are on the air every Tuesday at 9:15 A.M.

TWITTER: SULLIVAN EAGLE ATHLETICS

Follow @ sullivan eagles on Twitter for up to the minute news, schedule updates, and scores. Visit www.twitter.com/sullivaneagles for more information.

Mark Your Calendar: 2011-2012

Sullivan School District keeps a scrolling calendar of events on the district website. Sullivan Middle School and Sullivan High School also have building specific calendars with daily updates on their websites. All building websites can be accessed from the district homepage.

SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WEB SITE

www.eagles.k12.mo.us

2012 - 2013 CALENDAR SURVEY

The district will be posting a survey to obtain staff, parent, and community input before setting the 2012 - 2013 district calendar. The survey will be posted on the website by February 2012.

2011 – 2012 Leadership & Themes

Primary School

Mrs. Cindy Carey,
Principal

“On the Right Road,
Doing the Right Thing”

Elementary School

Mr. Mike Mabe, Principal
Mrs. Trina Biermann,
Assistant Principal

“Courage to Take the
Lead”

Middle School

Dr. Jana Thornsberry,
Principal
Ms. Kim Dill, AP/AD

“Manners Matter”

High School

Dr. Jennifer Schmidt,
Principal
Mr. Sean Erwin, AP/AD
Mr. Adam Kealen, AP/A+
Coordinator

“Working for the Future”



Missouri Working Towards Top 10 by 20

The Missouri Education Reform Plan

www.dese.mo.gov

Unlike traditional strategic plans, Missouri’s plan is intended to be a dynamic, working document. Objectives will be monitored and adjusted regularly. As Missouri Education improves, the state department (DESE) will continue to raise the bar. Strategies and actions that do not produce results will be abandoned. New strategies and actions will be determined based on need and on careful analysis of data. The work and the results will be reported regularly to all constituents. Everyone is accountable. The Missouri Education Reform Plan includes the following components:

Goals: Strategic goals provide direction. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has four Strategic Goals:

1. All Missouri students will graduate college and be career ready.
2. All Missouri children will enter kindergarten prepared to be successful in school.
3. Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.
4. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

To learn more about the “Top 10 by 20” Reform Plan, check out the DESE website at www.dese.mo.gov. In the next Sullivan School District Newsletter, there will be a spotlight on the district’s strategic plan for continuous school improvement efforts aligned to the DESE Reform Plan.

Sullivan School District—Wellness Program

Missouri Baptist Hospital and Sullivan School District Partner in Community Health Fair

Missouri Baptist Hospital and Sullivan School District teamed up for their fifth annual Community Health and Wellness Fair. It was held on November 5, for staff, students, and community members. There were many folks in attendance who took advantage of some great services offered throughout the morning. A huge thank you goes out to all volunteers who made the health fair a huge success. Also, we truly appreciate the positive partnership with Missouri Baptist Hospital and the Sullivan School District.

Community Health & Wellness Fair

Saturday, 11/05/11 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the SULLIVAN HIGH SCHOOL



SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREE FLU SHOTS
(while supplies last)
18 yrs. and over

FREE MAMMOGRAMS
11/02, 11/03, 11/04
from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Taking appointments starting 10/03/11.
• Women over 40 with NO insurance and who have not had a mammogram within last 12 months.
Call 573-468-1349 to see if you qualify & to make appointment.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS / EDUCATION

Balance	Blood Glucose	Blood Pressure
Bone Density	Depression	Flexibility Test
Grip Strength	Massage Therapy	Oral Cancer
PSA Test	Speech/Language	Spirometry
Thyroid		

ADVANCED APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING FREE EXAMS:

- KNEE
- PROSTATE
- SKIN CANCER

FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL 573-468-7054

SCREENINGS FOR \$20 FEE

- A LIPID PANEL TEST: To measure cholesterol (HDL & LDL), and triglycerides. 12 hr. fast recommended
- GLYCOHEMOGLOBIN TEST: Average blood glucose for past 3 mo.



Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce
Run for Your Health 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run
Registration: 8 a.m. 5K: 9:30 a.m. 1 Mile: 10 a.m.
Event Location: SULLIVAN HIGH SCHOOL
Registration Forms at Sullivan Chamber 573-468-3314
Or @ www.sullivanmo5k.com

OTHER FAIR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Alzheimer's Information
- Ask the Pharmacist
- Attendance Prizes
- Chair Massages
- Educational Booths
- Exhibits
- Fall Risk Assessments
- Hospital Billing Inquiries
- Kid's Activities

For more information about the fair call 573-468-1345



2011
Lynn Smith
4th Grade Teacher

The Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards program, sponsored by Emerson, annually recognizes more than 100 teachers from kindergarten to college professors who are examples of excellence in the field of education in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Emerson Award Winners

- 2011—Lynn Smith
- 2010—Marsha Johanning
- 2009—Juanita Schuler
- 2008—Ellen Crider
- 2007—Tina Sohn
- 2006—Ann Mason
- 2005—Carol Lueken
- 2004—Laura Friz
- 2003—Sharon Sumner
- 2002—John Armstrong

Sullivan School District Education Foundation

Mission

To support and enhance projects, programs, and activities of the Sullivan School District.

Goals

- To encourage and recognize academic excellence.
- To be fiscally sound and financially responsible for all assets.
- To perpetuate the SSD Education Foundation's projects, programs and activities through the endowment.
- To publicize and promote the SSD Education Foundation and its activities.

The SSD Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to develop meaningful relationships to support projects, programs, and activities of the Sullivan School District by providing a tax-exempt organization which serves as recipient and protector of all donations.

The SSD Education Foundation is comprised of a Board of Directors who meet regularly. The SSD Education Foundation reorganized in October 2011 with the following

Board of Directors: JT Hardy, President; Tony Schwarm, Vice President; Carla Cooper, Treasurer; and voting Board members Jayne Mastin, Bob Davis, Todd Rochleau, Robert Lawrence, Dr. Mark Scantlan, Lairy West, and Justin Head.

Non-voting members representing the Sullivan School District are Dr. Thomas Allen, Superintendent; Dr. Tanya Voss, Assistant Superintendent; and Sandy Coppage, Secretary. Representing the Sullivan School Board is Marty Tiefenbrunn; and representing the community is Brittany Watz.

Since October 2005 the primary function of the SSD Education Foundation has been funding scholarship programs. In coordinating this activity, the SSD Education Foundation manages the scholarship funds, which are awarded annually to students of Sullivan School District. Since the start of the 2011-12 school year, the SSD Education Foundation committee has been planning to expand its fundraising activities to include other projects and activities in addition to the support of scholarship funding and management.

Giving Opportunities

There are numerous ways you can contribute to the SSD Education Foundation and support the students in the Sullivan School District.

- Annual Giving—cash donations
- Special Purpose Gifts
 - In Memory of a Loved One
 - In Honor of a Living Person
 - Commemorate a Special Occasion
 - Endowments
 - Defined Giving
 - Bequests, Will, or Trust
 - Life Insurance
- Outright Donation
- Real Estate
- Securities

Unrestricted Gifts

Contributions can be unrestricted which allows the SSD Education Foundation maximum flexibility in addressing the educational needs of our students and the needs of our district.

Restricted Gifts

Donors may specify how they wish their gifts to be used.

- A gift in support of a specific service or program
- Creation of a scholarship program

All gifts received will be managed by the SSD Education Foundation for support of the programs of the district.

To donate, please mail checks to:

Sullivan Education Foundation
138 Taylor Street
Sullivan, MO 63080

COMING SOON:
Domain site for the
Foundation.

And Awards in Sullivan

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S "HOMELESS POSTER" CONTEST AWARD

Congratulations to Lily Seaton and Brooke Connor for their third place finish in the Governor's Committee to End



Homelessness-6th Annual Poster Contest. Lily and Brooke accepted their award on Thursday, November 17, at the Capital Building in Jefferson City. Along with a ribbon and certificate, they received a \$15 Visa card, which they chose to donate to the Bowls for Hunger event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MEDAL AT CROSS COUNTRY MEET ON SEPTEMBER 7

Cross Country began its season with the Sullivan School District meet on Tuesday, September 7, at the Sullivan City Lake. Congratulations to Sarah Rhoades, Jenna Lochner, Ben Smith, Brad Jones, and Emily Ware for medaling.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

- 8th Grade girls' basketball team won second place in the Washington Tournament in October.
- 7th grade girls' basketball team won fourth place in the Hermann Tournament in October.

SHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE DECA DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The following students participated in the DECA District Leadership Conference on Friday, September 23: JT Waller, Austin Coleman, Allie Daugherty, and Karley Kaysinger.

SHS STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR ALL DISTRICT CHOIR

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for All District Choir: Savanna Halfaker, Robby Rice, Christina Kofoed, Gracie Karl, and Natasha Snaveley. Special congratulations to Robby Rice as he qualified to audition for All-State choir in November.

JUNIOR MAKES ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM AT THE SECKMAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Rachel Lucas who made the All Tournament team at the Seckman Volleyball Tournament!

SULLIVAN LADY EAGLES SOFTBALL PLACED THIRD IN CLASS 3A FINALS

Congratulations to the Sullivan Lady Eagles Softball team which placed third in the Class 3A softball Finals in Springfield, MO, on Friday, October 21.

Pictured is the team with their third place medals and trophy.



JUNIOR AND TWO SENIORS MAKE 1ST TEAM ALL-STATE SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Harli Wheeler, Brianna Lore and Tianna Stockley for making 1st Team All-State Softball.

FRESHMAN MAKES 2ND TEAM ALL-STATE SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Sarah Messex for making 2nd Team All-State Softball.



SHS STUDENT URIAH HEADY QUALIFIES FOR STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

CHANDLER DUDLEY, SHS SENIOR, PLACES EIGHTH IN "100 NEEDIEST CASES" ART COMPETITION



Chandler Dudley received eighth place out of 189 entries in the recent United Way's "100 Neediest Cases" art competition. The top 40 images are published each year in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch each day between Thanksgiving and Christmas in an endeavor to catch the attention of readers so they will read the case studies and consider contributing. All 189 works were on display at the Saint Louis History Museum the first two weeks of December.

SHS STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF MASC

Congratulations to the SHS Student Council for being elected President of the South Central District of MASC (Missouri Association of Student Councils). As a result, SHS will be hosting the District Student Council Convention next fall.

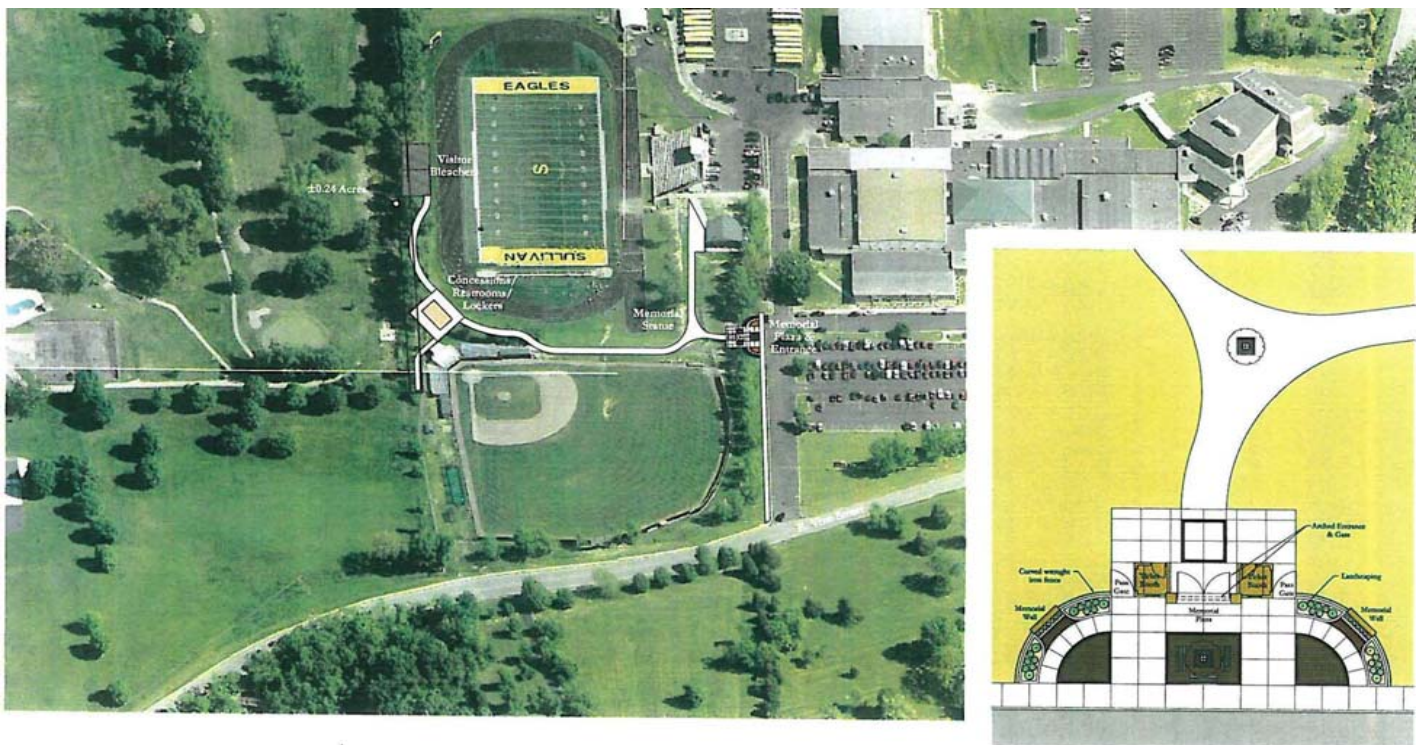


Memorial Plaza Project

The Memorial Plaza Project Committee has been working on a “vision” of a plaza located at the Sullivan High School Athletic Complex that would not only function as an entrance to the facilities, but also as a memorial to Sullivan students and others who have contributed to the success of the Sullivan School District. Those memorialized in the plaza will be considered through a selection process with predetermined criteria and those approved will be paid for through the SSD Education Foundation and/or Sullivan School District.

Currently, the committee is designing a plan to help fundraise for the project through the purchase of memorial bricks and donations. Fundraising should start in the very near future. If you would like to become part of the Memorial Plaza Project, please contact Dr. Thomas Allen, Superintendent, at 468-5171 or by e-mail at allent@eagles.k12.mo.us.

The following image is a vision of what the Memorial Plaza could look like. All input is welcomed.



SITE PLAN
 Not to scale

Sullivan High School
 Conceptual Sports Complex Renovations
 Sullivan, Missouri

MEMORIAL PLAZA DETAIL
 Not to scale

Sullivan Primary School Partners with DESE in Early Childhood Pilot Program

The University of Central Missouri (UCM), the Center on RTI in Early Childhood, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have asked the Sullivan Primary School Preschool Program to partner in an effort to develop early literacy interventions and assessments. The district is very proud to have this opportunity to work with the department and university personnel to offer more preschool resources and interventions to our students. All this supports our continuous effort to make sure that all students are Kindergarten ready and successful.

Character Education

The district publishes a monthly Character Newsletter spotlighting the embedded Character Education curricular activities at each building and collaborative district events. The District Character Education Committee consists of members from each campus and student leaders.



District Character Education Committee Members are: Tina Sohn, Chairperson; Danna Schmidt, PS Counselor; Patricia Forester, ES Counselor; Angie Blue, MS Counselor; Kim Dill, MS Assistant Principal; Tona Lewis and Matt Wieggers, HS Counselors; Charlotte Parnell, HS Teacher and Interact Sponsor; Barb Heinle, MS Teacher and Character Leader; Liberty Leaders, PS Student Group; Caring School Community, ES Student Group; Character Kids, MS Student Group; and Renaissance, HS Student Group.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the SHS Students of the Month for November, Senior, Brittney Simpson, Junior, Katelynn Sandvoss, Sophomore, Sam Thompson, and Freshman, Skylar Evans. These students were found "Doin' It Right" in the HS character rewards program and were voted on by SHS faculty for this honor.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EARN LUNCH IN THE CHARACTER CAFÉ

There were 62 elementary students who earned Lunch in the Character Café for the month of September. Way to go!

MONEY MATTERS

Missouri school districts receive some of their state public education monies based on student membership and average daily attendance.

Sullivan School District Enrollment

as of 12/9/11 by grade level

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Students</u>
Pre K	68
Kindergarten	179
1st Grade	164
2nd Grade	177
3rd Grade	141
4th Grade	176
5th Grade	165
6th Grade	136
7th Grade	146
8th Grade	139
9th Grade	197
10th Grade	197
11th Grade	160
12th Grade	184

SULLIVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVIDES ARTWORK AND CENTERPIECES FOR NATIONAL CHARACTER CONFERENCE

The Sullivan Primary School was asked to provide the artwork and centerpieces for the National Character Conference held in San Francisco on October 20-22. This was quite an honor. Sullivan Primary School is an award winning 2010 National School of Character.





Calendar: December 2011 - March 2012

December 21, 2011	End of Semester (Early Dismissal)
December 22, 2011 - January 2, 2012	Winter Break
January 3, 2012	Teacher Work Day
January 4, 2012	Classes Resume
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25, 2012	1/2 Day Professional Development
February 15, 2012	MS/HS 6 Week Report
February 17, 2012	Professional Development
February 20, 2012	Presidents' Day
February 29, 2012	1/2 Day Professional Development
March 6, 2012	End of 3rd Quarter
March 19, 2012 - March 23, 2012	*Spring Break
March 28, 2012	1/2 Day Professional Development
March 30, 2012	MS/HS 6 Week Report

Possible Inclement Weather Make Up Days: 12/22/11 & 2/20/12

**This year the District has a protected Spring Break. Days will not be taken for make-up days.*

Next Sullivan School District newsletter will be published in April 2012.



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Around the District

SMS Fall Festival October 31, 2011



Sullivan Middle School held its annual Fall Festival on Monday, October 31. Students from the primary school were invited to visit booths and activities designed, created, and operated by middle school students. SMS Character Kids greeted each primary class as they entered the building and chaperoned them through the activities. Each booth also provided students with the opportunity to display good character traits while enjoying each other's company and modeling good character.

District Veterans Day Concert November 10, 2011



"Bowls for Hunger" Event November 22, 2011

"Bowls for Hunger" is an annual event sponsored by the Sullivan School District Character Education Committee and open to the public. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. The event benefits local charities.



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Dr. Thomas L. Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Terri Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Dr. Tanya Voss, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Special Education Director

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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