

THE BLUE BANNER

SPRINGPORT ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Springport Public School Web Site: springportschools.net

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. September certainly has been a whirlwind of activity. Everyone in the elementary is adjusting to the earlier start time. The students are once again walking in the morning until the start of school. We have a little extra time this year because there are High School students that need to leave on the Career Center bus. It is a great way to start the day.

Springport is a wonderful place to raise a family and attend school. The staff here has a dedication to the children and community that is second to none. They go above and beyond every day. We have seven teachers that will be attending training throughout the year to learn interventions that will help struggling readers. There are teachers that have spent days studying math data, much of it in the summer to determine what is needed to improve student achievement. These examples just scratch the surface of what our teachers have done to improve the achievement of students. They are truly lifelong learners. Paraprofessionals and teachers serve on committees such as School Enrichment, Fall Carnival, Family Fun Night, Career Day and Content Areas. They support families in need. Their commitment to education extends well beyond the school day. Your students are in very caring hands here at Springport. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Everyone is looking forward to a productive year.

Janis Sanford

Thank you to the Markovich and Shafer families for sprucing up our entrance. They pulled weeds and

A Note from the Counselor

The 2009 MEAP test is quickly approaching. I wanted to make everyone aware that the state has shortened our testing schedule, so it will be imperative that students are in attendance on testing days. Due to this change we have very little time for make ups. The testing dates will be October 13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd. Please try to schedule all appointments on other days if possible. However, we do not expect anyone to send their child if they are ill. Thanks for your help in making our MEAP testing successful!

Also, please be aware that I have an altered schedule for the school year. I will be working Monday-Friday 8-11:30. Feel free to contact me by phone or in person during those hours. You may also contact me by email at shandra.french@springportschools.net

Shandra French

Got Cans? Help Send The 4TH Grade To Mackinac

4th grade students and parents are collecting returnable cans/bottles again this year. If you would be willing to donate some, please drop them at the school. There are collection points at the front door, in the cafeteria and outside the art/science room. Also, any of the 4th grade teachers would be happy to take your donation. All money collected helps cut the cost of our Mackinac trip. Every little bit helps! Thank you!!

Parents Dropping Off Students in the Morning

Please drop your child off in the front of the school. For the safety of the children you should not get in between the buses in back of the school.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY 10/21/09 @ 1:00 PM

More on back...

PTA "3 FOR ME"

If you need to update your contact info, please email Springport.PTA@springportschools.net or call 517-554 0128. Last year info will be transferred to this year database.

Also: Membership forms will be coming soon. We want to see a record year, so get those forms in!

BLAST OFF WITH SCOUTING - GRADES 1-5

Cub Scout Round-up is scheduled for Wednesday, OCT 21 @ 6:30 in the Elementary Art & Science Room. Cost per scout is \$25.00, includes 1 year subscription to "Boys Life".

FALL CARNIVAL THANK YOU!!!

The Fall Carnival Committee would like to give a huge THANK YOU to **everyone who** attended the Carnival, volunteered their time to help, and donated to the raffle baskets. The carnival was a huge success, and we could not have done it without your help.

NHS COSTUME DRIVE

Springport National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society are collecting Halloween costumes for our annual NHS Costume Drive to help the children in our community. Please bring your new or used Halloween costumes to any school office before October 28th. If you need more information, please contact Stephanie Hale in the HS Counseling Center at 857-3475. All donations will be greatly appreciated!



HALLOWEEN PARADE - FRIDAY 10/30

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you were unable to sign up at "Meet the Teacher" Ice Cream social for a Conference day and time, it is not too late to call the office at 857-3456 to schedule a time that may work for you. Conferences will be held this year on Wednesday, November 11th, from 2:00-4:00 or 5:30-8:30 pm **OR** Thursday, November 12th, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

CP CREDIT UNION OCTOBER 2009 BLAST OFF TO SAVINGS

Leading Financial Education, CP Federal Credit Union will be blasting off soon at Springport Elementary. We have been in the classrooms this month talking to students about developing the important habit of saving. Students earn rewards throughout the school year and each time they save at the school credit union they are entered into a drawing for our year end grand prize - a One Year Family membership to the Detroit Science Center (Fourth &) Fifth grade students will also be able to volunteer in various positions this year. Watch for the new Kirby neck wallet to come home soon to help them safely transport their savings to credit union.

HOLIDAY CARD FUNDRAISER

We will once again celebrate our students' creativity by having our second annual Holiday Card Fundraiser. Each grade level will have the option to participate. We would like to have orders completed by late October so purchased cards can be printed and distributed before Thanksgiving break. More information will follow - the holiday season is quickly approaching! If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Theresa Helm by email theresa.helm@springportschools.net or by calling 517.857.3480 x233. Thank you for your support.

Parents that are dropping students off before 7:30 am need to utilize Spartees Day Care. We cannot have children wandering around unsupervised. Thank you in advance