

THE BLUE BANNER

SPRINGPORT ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Friday, March 5th is a Professional Development Day. While your children are at home, the entire staff will be learning about how to deal with intense children. The presenters will be from Solutions 2 Wellbeing. They will be explaining how to use the Nurtured Heart approach in an educational setting. Their techniques, based on Howard Glasser's work, will help deal with difficult behavioral issues and with children that have attention deficient hyperactive disorder and are oppositional defiant. This program compliments our PRO program that is currently in place. We believe in dealing with the whole child. Certain behaviors can interfere with the learning process and not allow students to reach their maximum potential. Solutions 2 Wellbeing also offers parenting classes. Several parents from Springport have participated in the sessions and are very pleased with the results. There are brochures in the office with more information if you are interested.

Janis Sanford

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Our January Citizen of the Month is Fifth Grader **Danielle Twiss**. Danielle is in Mrs. Gerstung's class, where she is a model student. She can always be counted on to show respect and be responsible. Danielle does her classroom job correctly and without being reminded every day, and is always willing to help a friend or adult with any task. Danielle's work is always done on time and to the best of her ability, and she is not afraid to ask questions. One thing that we especially appreciate about Danielle is that she makes it a habit to do the right thing at all times and she encourages those around her to do the same, even when there is no adult watching. Danielle is a perfect example of a model citizen and Springport Spartan! Thanks Danielle, for making Springport Elementary a better place to be.

A Note from the Counselor

Do you know someone who is struggling to find adequate housing? The Community Action Agency, which is located in Jackson, provides a wonderful housing assistance program. They help find housing, pay for 1 to 24 months rent provide on-going counseling, assistance in education, budgeting and support. For more information on eligibility requirements, please call 517-784-4800, or visit their web page at www.caa.jlh.org.

National School Breakfast Week

A nutritious school breakfast not only makes a child ready for a busy day of classes and activities, but ready for anything and everything!

Celebrate National School Breakfast Week with us March 8 - March 12

Springport Elementary students will learn the importance of eating a healthy breakfast and have fun while doing it! They will play breakfast games in gym, do creative writing about breakfast, and even compete in a National Art Contest! Learn about the benefits of school breakfast and help your child learn about the importance of eating healthy and being active. Look for new and healthy breakfasts such as fruit and granola yogurt parfaits and homemade oatmeal on next month's school lunch calendar.

CP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Remember each time your student saves at the school credit union they will be entered into a drawing for a one year family membership to the Detroit Science Center. This will include free unlimited visits to the Planetarium, discounted admission to the IMAX, Hands-On Exhibits and more. Students also receive a prize every fourth time they save at their Springport Elementary credit union. We are here on Thursday!

More on back...

WHAT'S UP IN ART!

The Artist of the Month winner for January is **Jeremiah Inman** of Mrs. Kregel's 4th grade class. I chose Jeremiah because he has such enthusiasm for art. My favorite moments in the week are when Jeremiah finds me and shares drawings he has been working on. He has wonderful talent for accurately copying pictures and incorporating detail. Jeremiah always tries his best and works hard to create unique pieces. Congratulations Jeremiah!

Mrs. Dickinson's Kindergarten class won the Stars of Art Award for January. It is very exciting to know that the very youngest artists of the building can behave so well. Mrs. Dickinson's class always does a fantastic job of being good listeners and tying their best. They set a great example for the other art classes of enthusiasm and determination. Way to go Kindergarteners!

Recently, the kindergarten art classes read the classic book, "Harold and the Purple Crayon." Students then used purple paint and were encouraged to stretch their imaginations to create their own worlds, much like Harold. Many of their pieces are on display in the front showcase. In conjunction with this project, Mrs. Rhodes has started up a new contest that will continue through the rest of the year. "Harold" will be hiding somewhere inside the school building. Whatever student is able to find Harold will receive a prize, given by Mrs. Rhodes. Harold will then be hidden again in a new spot to be found. Let Harold help remind us to seek out a little fun and use our powerful imaginations each day! Best of luck in your search!
Heidi Rhodes

LOOKING AHEAD

FRI 03/05/10 NO SCHOOL PROF DEVELOPMENT
WED 03/31/10 EARLY RELEASE @ 1:00
FRI 04/02/10 AM ONLY STUDENTS & STAFF
End of 3rd Marking Period
M-F 04/05/10 - 04/09/10 SPRING BREAK
WED 05/19/10 EARLY RELEASE @ 1:00
THU 05/20/10 ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY
MON 05/31/10 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL
WED 06/09/10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ½ DAY

SPRINGPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP - MARCH 24, 25, 26, 2010

It's not too late to register your child in Kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. If you have a child, or know someone who has a child, that will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2010, please call the Elementary office at 857-3465. Round-Up will be held on **Wednesday, March 24, Thursday, March 25, or Friday, March 26, 2010.** Parents providing us with the necessary information will receive a letter with the date and time that you and your child may come for round-up. You will be required to bring your child's immunization record, certified **county** birth certificate and proof of residence when you attend round-up.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

If your child will be four on or before December 1, 2010 they may be eligible for the Great Starts Readiness Preschool (GSRP) Program at Springport. Please call the elementary office at 517-857-3465 so that we may get your child registered. Round-up will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010. You will receive a letter stating the time that you will bring your child to school to visit. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Julie Mead at 517.857.3465 x214.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination teams are excited to be going to Regional Competition on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Parma Western Schools. The teams have been working hard since fall. We wish you all the best, and HAVE FUN!!!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, March 27, 2010 6pm - 10pm

Springport Elementary Cafeteria

\$8.00 per ticket (per person)

Cost Includes: baked ziti, salad, breadsticks, applesauce, dessert, and drink. Paige Miller will be taking photos, payment is due at time of photo.

For tickets or questions, please call:

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Angela Kidder 517.857.3465 x240