

The SPRING GARDEN Scoop

The latest information, entertainment, and opinions at Spring Garden Elementary School

Ask US!

By Alexis & Teagan

Dear Ask Us,
I have an older sibling who gets in trouble a lot. I'm scared that I'll have a bad reputation with my future teachers that he had. Help!
From,
Ohio334

Dear Ohio334,
We see that you aren't enjoying your future much. Try talking to his teachers and acting as usual. Another thing you can do is talk to your brother nicely about his behavior. Maybe he can change his actions and possibly get his teacher to not scold or discipline him! Hope this helps!
From,
Ask Us

Dear Ask Us,
One time I turned on the TV and ended up keeping it on all day. I missed doing some important things and I can't squish in time to study because of the TV. HELP!
From,
LostInTelevisionLand

Dear LostInTelevisionLand,
Our advice is to turn on the TV, and then after an episode, turn it off. If you have a plan, stick to it, and you can lose your bad habit. The TV is meant to entertain people when you have nothing to do. Remember that there are other things in life that can cure your boredom.
Ciao for now,
Ask Us

Leader in Me "Quotes" of the Month

**"If you can't fly then, run,
If you can't run, then walk,
If you can't walk then crawl,
But whatever you do,
Keep moving forward."**

~ Martin Luther King



**"Logic will get you from A to B.
Imagination will take
you everywhere."**

~ Albert Einstein

Leaders Lead the Way to Lighthouse!

by Addison & Ella

We had a very special Leadership Day on December 2. Our mission was to share Leadership Day with our community and become a Lighthouse School. We had many different events going on in the school, like essays and plays about leadership. In the auditorium presentation, students shared essays, recited the "Pledge of Allegiance" and sang "The National Anthem." Kindergarten performed the 7 Habits song. In the gym students shared leadership trifolds about the many leadership activities they are involved with at Spring Garden or in the community.

Mr. Smith was very proud of us because we did well. We also had Leader in Me inspectors visit classrooms. They were determining if we are great leaders and should become a Lighthouse School.

Our tour guides walked guests into all different classrooms and explained to guests and inspectors how we learn, lead, connect, and grow. Parents also came into classrooms at either Session 1, 2, or 3. Some of our guests also visited classrooms and looked at leadership binders. It was an impressive day for Spring Garden!



Sun Visits Spring Garden by David & JonAnthony



Mr. Smith, Dr. Roy, Robert Sun,
Mrs. Wilke, Miss Murnin

On Friday 12/16, a very well known person came to Spring Garden. His name is Robert Sun. He is the president of Suntex International Inc. and the creator of First In Math. He came to celebrate and greet the students of 3rd grade that have excelled in their math facts by completing their addition and subtraction Very Important Facts(VIF's). We asked him some quick questions about First In Math.

David/JonAnthony: Why did you visit Spring Garden?

Mr. Sun: I came here because it was one of the top schools in the district. Also, I came here to get feedback from the students about First In Math.

David/JonAnthony: Why did you start First In Math ?

Mr. Sun: I started First In Math because when I came here I got teased by a lot of kids. But the same kids who bullied me came to me for help with math. I knew that math had power and that when a kid learns math, that kid can go anywhere in the world because math is like a universal language.

So as you can see, Mr. Sun must care a lot about math and children. Maybe he might come back in the spring. Well, we will just have to find out.



Robert Sun,
JonAnthony,
David

Barnes & Noble Night

by Gus & Jayden

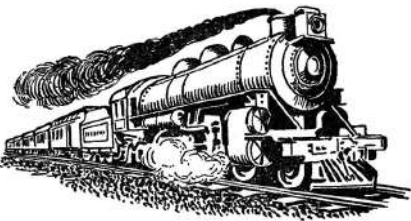
Barnes and Noble is a bookstore that sells books and so much more. On December 1st Spring Garden had family fun night at Barnes and Noble. The event was sponsored by the PTO to have fun and raise money for the school.

There were different stations spread throughout the store such as building stations with legos, a robotic station and a scavenger hunt contest with prizes where you explored to find different types of things you wouldn't really think to see at a book fair. Also, Mr. Smith and many teachers read favorite holiday books to students in the children's area.

Mrs. Cassidy's class won the the drink naming contest with the *Ramilicious Leader Latte*! Many families purchased books and had an enjoyable evening together.



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All Aboard!

by Ryan M & Jake

On Friday, December 17, the fifth graders read the Polar Express with our kindergarten buddies. The Polar Express is a book about a boy who goes on a magical train, and sees lots of interesting things. On his journey, he goes to the North Pole, watches elves make toys, and even meets Santa himself!

It was a very exciting event. Everyone dressed in their PJs that day. Some of the other grades watched the movie, and some had snacks like cookies, hot chocolate, and graham crackers!

We hope everybody liked the book, movie, snacks, and spending time with your buddies. Remember to listen for the bell this magical Christmas!

Holiday Ho Ho Ho

by Leo

Luke: What do elves do after school?
Jeffrey: I don't know. What?
Luke: Their gnome work!

Darth Vader: I know what you're getting for Christmas.
Luke: How do you know?
Darth Vader: I can feel your presents.

Colton: How does a sheep say "Merry Christmas"?
Tammi: How?
Colton: "Fleece Navidad!"

Josh: What does Jack Frost like best about school?
John: What?
Josh: Snow and tell.

Will: Where do snowmen keep their money?
Bill: Beats me.
Will: In a snow bank.

Trey: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?
Brandon: What?
Trey: Frostbite.



from Boy's Life magazine

Holiday Happenings

by Emma, Imani & Shaun



This year, Spring Garden students celebrated the holidays with our Winter Concert and our holiday parties! Everyone had so much fun celebrating at school!

The Winter Concert, on December 19 and 20, was directed by Ms. Wright, our music teacher. She also led the Ram Ringers. Everyone practiced really hard to get everything right. Mrs. Walmer guided students through selections in the instrumental concert, and each song was introduced by the students. So many parents turned out for this joyous event.

Some Q & A about the concert:

Scoop: How do you select every year's magnificent theme for the concert?
Ms. Wright: I like to be creative about each theme. I choose a song I like and build up from there.

Scoop: Why did you choose the songs for Ram Ringers?
Ms. Wright: The songs for Ram Ringers fit the theme "Toyland."

The songs also sound beautiful on the chimes.

Scoop: What reasons did you start Ram Ringers for the concert?
Ms. Wright: I use to play in a hand bell choir at a church. I think they are great teaching tools.

Scoop: What is your encouraging advice to Spring Garden for the Winter Concert?
Ms. Wright: Always do your best and music is a gift to our community.



Nutcracker Ballet Treat

by Amayzia & Julia

Nothing completes Christmas like the performance of the Nutcracker Ballet. Fifth grade saw this performance on the 15th of December at the Zoellner Arts Center. The cast had more than 100 professional and student performers. This Nutcracker performance is the oldest in the Lehigh Valley and it is celebrating its 48th anniversary. Our trip was sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Ballet Guild and the Bethlehem Area School District.



Spring Garden alumni Mikailyn, Patrice, & Ella in the Nutcracker Ballet

Spring Garden had a very nice view from our balcony seats! There was a live orchestra in the music pit. There were many schools enjoying the experience with us. In the show, there was no talking, just music and dancing. Some of the dances included: the Candy Cane Dance, the Arabian Dance, and the Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy.

Three Spring Garden alumni were in the show and greeted us afterwards. During intermission there was a fun ballet demonstration from a high school dancer named Malcolm with some 5th graders.

Our review: 4/5 for Amayzia and 5/5 for Julia.



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