

The SPRING GARDEN Scoop

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

Ask US! By Julie and Julia

Dear Ask us,
I just auditioned for the talent show and I made a lot of mistakes because I was so nervous. People were making fun of me and calling me names. But I practiced all month hoping to do good. What should I do about it and what should I do about the kids who called me names?
Please help,
Singing at the Wrong Note 093

Dear Singing at the Wrong Note 093,
It's ok to make mistakes. Half the people in your grade would not even have the courage to come up and do something like that. For the people who were making fun of you, just ignore them. If it gets out of hand, tell a responsible adult or a teacher. Just remember, that you could mess up so many times in life, but that should never bring your hopes down.
Sincerely,
Ask Us

Dear Ask us,
I just got a new haircut and I love it! But when I went to school, people were making fun of me because it looked weird to them and oddly shaped. Even some of my closest friends dislike it. I don't want to change it, but I also don't want my friends making fun of it. I would like some advice,
cheeseburger lover 1432

Dear cheeseburger lover 1432,
Your friend's opinion is not yours. Always be the person you are inside, not the person your friends want you to be. Even if that means getting a completely new look. It's ok because every human on this PLANET has a flaw that makes them stand out! You are unique and beautiful the way you are! Be yourself!
P.S. I bet your haircut looks great!
Sincerely,
Ask Us



Goodbye, Fifth Grade! by Alexis and Teagan

Get ready for middle school fifth graders! Our fifth graders attend all four middle schools in Bethlehem. It's close to the end of the school year, and some of you have been at Spring Garden for 6 years! So take the opportunity to have as much fun as possible with all your friends, because it's unfortunately time to say goodbye.

Since 6th grade is near, the Scoop interviewed some fifth graders about how they feel about going to middle school.

Alexis: What do you feel about going to sixth grade?

Ethan: I feel excited about this, but I'm kind of sad that we don't get recess!

Shaun: I feel excited because we can learn new things.

Jake: I'm sad, but I'm excited at the same time!

So don't worry, fifth grade, you'll have some new privileges along with the old ones! You will be great in middle school!



Hello, Sixth Grade! by Mikayla Kirby, Meaghan Ickes, Emma Lisson, Jenna Feldmann, Katie Feldmann, Mikailyn Matacavage, Briana Cole & Members of GS Troop 856 (6th Grade Guest Writers)

There are many exciting things to look forward to in middle school. You are more independent and there are a lot of ways to get involved! Instead of recess, you have activity period on 2 days of the 6 day cycle. Don't worry you will get used to the schedule real quickly. Students learn foreign languages and experience cool things like wood shop and cooking. Plus there is a band, chorus, theatre and tons of clubs to join.

Middle school is not as hard as it seems. You will not fit into the lockers, so please do not try. You WILL get stuck trying to get in! Don't be worried about getting lost. There are teachers around the halls to help you get to your classes the first week. The lunches are better at middle school than elementary school.

Our last word of advice would be to make sure you hustle in the hallway. You want to make sure you get to class on time and in one piece. Hope this helps you enjoy your middle school experience. Good luck to all incoming sixth graders!

Carnival Fun! By Jayden

Friday May 12th was the Spring Garden Carnival planned by the dedicated parents and volunteers of the PTO. This year at the carnival there were new activities like the wrecking ball, speed pitching, and the water spray. Other favorites were the rock wall, food trucks and more!

The carnival gives you an opportunity to spend time with your friends and family. It was a great ending event to the school year and a fun time for all who attended.



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Special Times at Special Olympics

by Shaun

On May 4, 2017 Bethlehem Area School District schools participated in the Special Olympics at the BASD stadium. Volunteers from the nearby high schools paired up with the Special Olympians. This year, participants from Spring Garden brought their own 5th grade gym buddies to cheer them on!

The events were the 50 meter dash, softball throw, and the standing long jump. Participants won ribbons for all events. The spirit and enthusiasm of the athletes was amazing. Fifth grade buddies had as much fun as the Special Olympians. It was a win-win for everyone!

SG Team Wins at Track Meet!



Rockin Concerts!

by David, JonAnthony & Ryan M

In May, there were a lot of concerts going on from All City Band and Orchestra, to the Spring Concert. First up, All City Band and Orchestra. In All City, kids from all 16 elementary schools come together to play and perform at Northeast Middle School Auditorium. Students have to learn all the advanced music to be in All City Band. Some of the music teachers conducted the songs in the concert. Mrs. Walmer conducted "On Wings of Eagles!" The songs played this year were "Star Wars," "Here We Go March," and more. Note: Only fifth graders are allowed to play in All City. To the 4th graders, keep practicing and you'll be in it next year too!

Next up was the Spring Garden Instrumental Concert under the direction of Mrs. Walmer. What a lovely harmony of the orchestra and band! This instrumental concert was one to see! The band played several songs like "Conquest," "Tyrannosaurus Rocks," and "Let's Go Band!" In "Tyrannosaurus Rocks" at the very end you could hear a loud rumble made by Connor Dinwiddie on the sousaphone! And, the traditional "Let's Go Band" was very exciting as the band yelled "Let's go rams!" into the crowd! Although this time it was not just the band, but the orchestra too! We had some amazing speakers and soloists too! The 5th Grade Art Show curated by Mrs. Check was also presented before the show! LET'S GO RAMS!

Lastly, the vocal concert - kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 5 sang tunes around a camping theme. Many boy and girl scouts participated in speaking roles too. In the vocal concert, Ms. Wright directs, and her mother, Mrs. Wright plays piano. The fifth graders also sang the infamous "Ready to Go!" song with their kindergarten buddies. So grab your marshmallows and your tent, and let's sing and look up at the stars!

Field Trip Fun

by Jake



In May there were a lot of field trips that students of Spring Garden attended. Field trips give students a chance to learn in the real world! Grade 1 and Life Skills went to the Lehigh Valley Zoo this month. Elisa said "I saw penguins, owls, camels and fish. We watched an otter doing backflips in its habitat." All the students had a great time at the zoo.

In Grade 3 the students had Math Fun Day which is a trip where the students bowled at Town & Country Bowling Lanes, shopped at Giant and ate at Texas Roadhouse or Frank's Pizza. The students bowled against classmates and had a fun time having a scavenger hunt at Giant. They also loved eating at Texas Roadhouse or Frank's Pizza.

In Grade 4, fourth graders went to the Philadelphia Zoo. They saw many types of animals such as sloths, meerkats, and even orangutans. The fourth graders loved the zoo. Students also went to Junior Craftsman along the Monacacy which is an educational trip where students learn about life in the 1800's. The fourth graders had fun educational trips.

In grade 5, students went on many trips. On May 10th, 5th grade went to Steel Stacks. They went to the Museum of Industrial History and a tour of the surrounding buildings. They had lunch and watched a movie about Bethlehem at the ArtsQuest center. Fifth graders learned about the history of the Bethlehem Steel and what it meant to our city. On May 19th, grade 5 went to the BASD Track Meet which was made up of many events. Our very own Spring Garden team won many individual medals and the overall trophy for most team points. Grade 5 had a busy fun-filled month of field trips!

BAVTS PROUD

by Addison & Ella

In early May, 5th grade visited Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical High School to see some of the career subjects students take there. VoTech is another choice for students who have an interest in a career that other schools don't teach. Culinary arts, baking, digital art, video arts and car engineering are just a few of the choices. Our 5th grade classes tried out digital art by designing their own notebooks. For the baking class, students decorated cupcakes with icing. The car engineering class taught them how cars are made and how to fix them.

It was a very fun experience to visit. Students learned a lot about future career choices!

