

The SPRING GARDEN Scoop

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

Ask US! Alexis & Teagan

By

Dear Ask Us,
I have some students that don't do as well as I think they can. Can you give me some suggestions on how to help them better?
From,
Frustrated Teacher

Dear Frustrated Teacher,
We understand how hard it is to teach students who don't do well. Try making whatever they're struggling at fun. That way, they can learn much more, while enjoying it. Another way is to encourage them as much as you can.
From,
Ask Us

Dear Ask Us,
How can I be safe on the internet?
From,
Glitter101

Dear Glitter101,
If you want to stay safe on the internet, you should NEVER give out personal information. This includes your phone number, your address, your full name, your password, and your email address. To keep viruses away, never download anything without a parent's permission! If you see a suspicious link, don't click on it. It could lead to a virus. We hope this helps!
From,
Ask Us

Leader in Me "Quotes" of the Month

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
~ Harold R. McAlindon



"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."
~ Marcel Proust

Poet Bagert Inspires

by Addison & Ella

On November 18, a special someone came to Spring Garden. He is an award winning author who wrote 19 books. The special someone is Brod Bagert, a famous poet. In a personal interview with Scoop writers, Addison and Ella, Brod said, "The hardest part of being an author is self doubt." What he means by that is he wants to make his work as good as it can be. He wants to empower children and works really hard to do that. "Self doubt pushes you on and always follow that," advised Bagert.



Brod Bagert's favorite book that he wrote was **Shout**. He picked that book because it is most consistent for children. His favorite book to read on his own is *The Source*. He said it was a turning point in his life. It also put him in a whole different level for writing. Before Bagert was a poet, he was a lawyer. He changed from politics to poet because he wasn't happy as a lawyer. When he wrote poetry, he was happy. So he stopped politics and went to be his life's dream, a poet.

Brod Bagert gets his ideas from things he sees and then determines if it is rich enough for a book. He also looks for things that are emotional. Brod said, "Once you look for emotion and metaphor, you can write a book." His advice for young writers is to never make it good the first time. Also, be true to yourself. We thank Brod for coming to Spring Garden and inspiring us to write and read poetry! Special thanks to Mrs. Mikitka for planning the visit and the PTO for supporting this special day with an author.

The Results Are In!

by JonAnthony & Leo



This year at Spring Garden, there was a "mock" election run by a team of first and fifth graders to see who our students voted for president. Fifth grader Ryan M. said "Trump is terrible!" while third grader Michael D. had a different opinion, "I'm leaning towards Trump because there will be a big change in life. If Hillary becomes president, it'll be more of the same." Now, both have great opinions, but just because they're different, doesn't mean they're wrong.

Our school results are Jill Stein had 7 votes, Gary Johnson had 13 votes, Donald Trump had 93 votes, and the winner Hillary Clinton with 295 votes. Of course, that's just our vote. The real vote from Election Day was.... DONALD TRUMP the winner! It was a tight and exciting election! Hillary Clinton won the popular votes, and Donald Trump won the electoral votes. The electoral votes count was 218 (Clinton) votes to 289 (Trump) votes.

This election will definitely go down in history as the election which had the first woman presidential candidate, and had a soon to be known president that wasn't ever in political office before.

Fantastic Frights!



by Gus & Shaun

Did you have a fantastic fright? One of the events that took place in our school was the Halloween Parade. All the students changed into their costumes after lunch and marched around the school. They paraded into the gym, and then went to classrooms where they played games and ate snacks. Some games students enjoyed were Guess What's in the Box, Pumpkin Bowling, Tic Tac Toe Relay Race, Toilet Paper Mummy Race, Eyeball Toss, Bingo, Halloween crafts, making slime, and designing lanterns. Let's take a look at some of the delicious snacks. All types of fruits, veggies, goldfish, juice, water, cheese sticks, pretzels were party snacks. Mmmm. It was a very happy Halloween!

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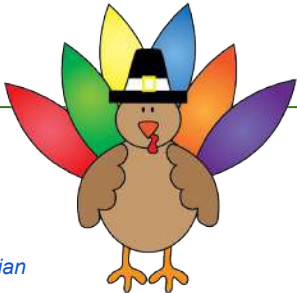
Spirit Week!

By Emma & Imani

During the week of October 25-28 Spring Garden celebrated Spirit week. This is the week students show their spirit for our schools and other exciting events.

Everyone had a lot of fun because we wore all of the colors for spirit week. On Tuesday, it was Pink-Out Day. Everyone wore pink to show awareness for women and men with Breast Cancer. On Wednesday it was green and white day to honor our school, SPRING GARDEN. Thursday was Liberty and Freedom Day when you wear blue and red for Liberty, and black and yellow for Freedom. What is your future high school?

The last spirit day was black and orange day for Halloween. Halloween was the best spirit day of the whole week because everyone wore their awesome costumes. Students had a great time showing their school spirit!



It's Turkey Time!
By Kyla & Lillian

Find these words in the puzzle below!

NOVEMBER	GOBBLE
PIE	SCARECROW
TURKEY	PILGRIMS
GRAVY	FAMILY
THANKFUL	BEANS
STUFFING	HARVEST

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The Curse is Lifted?

by Jayden & Liam



Have you ever heard of the World Series? The World Series is where two baseball teams play each other to win the pennant and trophy. This year the Chicago Cubs from the National League played the Cleveland Indians from the American League. The Cubs have not won the World Series since 1908 and the Indians have not won since 1948.

The Cleveland Indians are said to be cursed by their mascot Chief Wahoo. Reporters say that the Indians logo is rude to the Native Americans and so Chief Wahoo cursed them.

The Chicago Cubs curse is said to be from the World Series of 1908 when a fan brought his goat to the World Series but the owner said you can't bring your goat into the field. So when the fan left he said, "Your team is cursed so you will never win a World Series."

In the championship games, the Indians won the first game 6-0. Then the Cubs won the second game 5-1. After that, the Indians won the next two games. So now the series was 3 games to 1. Who won the World Series? The Chicago Cubs ended up winning the next 3 games and became World Series champs. The curse is lifted for the Cubs!

Fun Fall Field Trips

by Julia & Julie



It's that time of year. When all the field trips come alive! There were many field trips students enjoyed in October! The first trip was the kindergarten pumpkin patch! The pumpkin patch is located in Unangst Tree Farm in Bath, PA. Students learned about corn and pumpkins, went in an awesome corn maze, and picked out their very own pumpkins! They took the bus to the pumpkin patch but to pick their pumpkins, they went on a hay ride! There were also lots of animals at the farm such as goats, pigs and more! "My favorite part was the animals," said Alice from Mrs. Connor's class. "I liked the pumpkins!" Gabriella told us. Looks like kindergarten had a fun trip.



First graders went on a fire safety trip to the local fire station on Easton Avenue. Students walked to the fire station and learned how to stop, drop & roll from the experts. "We learned the importance of being safe!" said Mrs. Gonzalez's class. One of the favorite activities was a screaming contest. Whoever's class was the loudest, their teacher put on the full fire suit. Kids also sat in the fire truck. It was a great day at the station.

Students in 4th grade took a field trip to the Freemansburg Canal to learn about life in the 1800's. After learning in class about Finn Gorman, a canal boat captain, students explored the canal and saw first hand how canals shaped our local history.

Fifth graders learned about caves and geology in science, then went to explore a real cave in Hellertown. Lost River Cavern is filled with all the speleothem they studied such as stalactites, stalagmites, columns, and even soda straws. After touring the depths of the cave, students hiked a nature trail, shopped in the gift shop and enjoyed a picnic lunch with friends.

Sounds like all grades had wonderful field trips. All the students had fun and learned a lot! Thanks PTO for your generous support.



Send Snacks to Soldiers

by David & Mariah

Yum! This year Mrs.Brennan's 5th grade class is sending boxes full of snacks to a local soldier in combat. The special treats will be sent to Captain T.J. Giovarelli and his unit stationed in Erbil, Iraq. Dario Cruz and Kaila Canada are organizing the effort.

David/Mariah: Why did you sign up for this role?

Dario/Kaila: We wanted to help soldiers get snacks that they cannot get from our country when they are overseas. We thought that it was important to give back to the soldiers who fight for our country.

David/Mariah: What was the whole point of this food drive?

Dario/Kaila: The point of this food drive was to give soldiers different snacks that they enjoyed before they went into the military.

David/Mariah: What are you doing to help the food drive?

Dario/Kaila: We are going to bring things like candy, peanuts, and chips so they can have a part of home. We are in charge of organizing this food drive and making sure that every class has an opportunity to send a box to the soldiers.

David/Mariah: Do you have any family members in the army?

Dario: Yes, my grandfather was in the army.

Kaila: Yes, my father and grandfather were in the army too.

Now it's **YOUR** turn to help! You can donate snacks to your grade's box and help this soldier and his unit with a food drive! If you have any questions, please contact Dario or Kaila in 5th grade.



Captain T.J. Giovarelli, U.S. Air Force



Beth Giovarelli, former Spring Garden Staff member and T.J.'s mom