



SPRINGBORO Community Schools NEWSLETTER

BI-WEEKLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Nixle, a New Messaging Service

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It is 4:30am and last night's weather forecast was not promising. Outside, the snow is falling one inch per hour and the street crews are struggling to keep the roads passable. Not much time to make the decision to call off school and notify student families and staff in short notice. Finally, I receive the call from George Long, our Business Manager and I log on a secure website from my home PC, enter a short text message, and click submit. Within seconds, my cell phone alerts me of an incoming message, "Springboro City Schools will be closed today due to inclement weather". Across town, an incoming email chime announces the same message in a user's inbox. How was all this accomplished so seamlessly? Using Nixle.

Nixle was established in March of 2009 and is "the first standardized, secure, and certified communications platform for local police departments, municipalities, and their agencies". It is a free service, offered to government agencies to push out important information to local community residents. Residents who sign up may elect to receive information alerts via SMS text messages, email, web, or any combination of the three. Additionally, residents may choose to filter their notifications in increasing order of severity including Traffic, Community, Advisory, and Alert. There is also a chance that voice notification may be available in the future.

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Rotary Club to Become Strings Program Patron

December 18th was a day for celebration for the Springboro Strings program. Students from the junior high and high school strings class went to perform a holiday concert for the Rotary Club and ask for assistance in purchasing a new cello. Immediately after the presentation, the Strings program was surprised with a donation to pay for a new cello and the Rotary Club also graciously offered to be a patron of the Strings Program and assist in the purchase of one new instrument (cello or bass) each year. The Springboro Orchestra Association, teachers Sarah Benedict, Kirsten Abrams, and strings students would like to thank the Rotary Club for their incredible generosity and support. Each new instrument purchased will bear a plaque reading "Donated by the Springboro Rotary Club".

Pictured are cello students Cassidy Green and Abby Jones with the beautiful new cello.



Jake Ballard to Sign Autographs



Springboro High School graduate Jake Ballard will be signing autographs with OSU teammates Austin Spitler and Kurt Coleman at the Dayton Mall on Saturday evening from 6-8. The players will be signing at Cardboard Heroes. Jake is looking forward to the event and to seeing many familiar faces from Springboro. Come out and support one of our town's most accomplished athletes ever.

SADD MEMBERS VISIT NURSING HOME

SADD members from Springboro High School sang Christmas carols at the nursing home again this year—marking the ninth year for this annual event. Along with singing for the residents at Franklin Ridge, the high school students gave them gifts of teddy bears and cards. The high school students visit the residents twice a month throughout the school year.

The high school staff was in the giving spirit as well as they participated in the “Adopt a Resident” program at the nursing home. Forty-four staff members purchased Christmas gifts for the residents and some of them attended the party where the residents received the gifts from Santa.



Operation Triple S – A Huge Success!

In December, Clearcreek wrapped up its Operation Triple S (Santa’s Secret Service) project. Students were asked to complete a job or chore to help out around their house. Instead of being paid with money, students asked for an item donation such as nonperishable food or personal hygiene items. Donations were tracked by class and together Clearcreek donated 3,975 items to the Springboro Assistance Center to help families in need. Students were very proud of their hard work and could hardly wait for the winning classes to be announced. The classes that donated the most items were Ms. Hathaway (kindergarten AM), Mrs. Franks (preschool AM), Mrs. Hamm (kindergarten PM) and Mrs. Carter (preschool PM). These classes were rewarded with a pizza party from Marco’s Pizza in Springboro. All of the classes were winners in this project as they helped to make a difference. Congratulations to all of Clearcreek for their efforts to help others in need!



4th Grade “Blue” Girls Basketball Won Christmas Classic



The 4th Grade ‘Blue’ Girls Basketball Team won the Christmas Classic Tournament held at the Kingdom over the holidays. The team won 4 straight games on the way to the title. Congrats to the girls on their accomplishment!

Team Members: Left to right (front row) Kara Schoenlein, Kristy Catrine, Jordan Diehl, Ashleigh Holweger, (2nd Row) Head coach Donna Diehl, Whitney Wituski, Lauren Thomas, Kiana Klein, Emily Dermis, Coach Ron Wituski, Coach Frank Catrine not pictured: Megan Miller and Coach Mike Holweger

5th/6th Grade Springboro Pee Wee Basketball Cheerleaders Bring Home a Win

Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade Springboro Pee Wee Basketball Cheerleaders on their FIRST PLACE WIN at UCA’S Winter Fest Competition in Cincinnati, OH on Saturday, December 19th.

The team consists of 6th graders Tabitha Blue, Victoria Bohman, Brooke Bonnell, Colleen Calhoun, Natalie Cash, Danielle Eigel, Maya Freeman, Hannah Judson, Morgan Kraska, Katiann Lee, Erin Stalcup, Haley Tuley, Mia Vision, Sydney Wills, Taylor Wright and Coach Angie Smith. 5th graders Rachel Donaldson, Payton Fisher, Megan Haas, Morgan Harper, Laurin Janning, Mallory Jewson, Ally Koci, Katie Kruckenberg, Carly Lawson, Lacey May, Grace Oesterlin, Danielle Priebe, Kensie Stacy, Zoe Yost and Coach Inga Fisher. The Springboro Pee Wee Basketball Cheerleaders are lead by Director Lori Smith.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARKET DAY ORDERS DUE - JAN. 15

NO SCHOOL-MLK JR. DAY - JAN. 18

END OF 2ND SEMESTER - JAN. 21

NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORK DAY - JAN. 22

MARKET DAY PICK-UP @ CE - JAN. 23

DELAYED START - JAN. 27



FUN EVENTS PLANNED TO FUNDRAISE FOR AFTER-PROM

The parents of the Junior Class have already started working on the daunting task of fundraising for the After-Prom that will be held April 24th at the Springboro Jr. High. The After-Prom is an alcohol and drug free event and a safe alternative for the juniors, seniors and their dates following the Prom itself. The Junior Parents are expecting 700+ students to attend the event. The planning, coordinating and fundraising for this event is a task that starts at the beginning of the school year for the junior parents as they will raise all the funds to pay for this event.

Here is a list of the upcoming fundraising events so you can hopefully mark your calendars to help participate. All proceeds from these events will go to the After-Prom.

On January 16th the Springboro F.O.E is sponsoring a BINGO night for the parents. There is no cover charge to attend the event and the event will start at 8:00 pm and wrap up approximately around 10:00 pm. All proceeds raised from Bingo the Eagles will be donating to the Junior Parents. This event is open to the public even though the Eagle's is a private club.

On January 29th Applebee's in Springboro will be holding a Dine & Donate event for the After-Prom committee. Everyone bringing in the attached coupon will have 10% of their check donated by Applebee's. <http://www.springboro.org/community/flyers/afterprom.pdf>.

For Valentines Day on February 13th we will have our 2nd Annual Boro Time Warp Prom. This event is an opportunity for the parents to search back in their closets for that 1970 or 1980 Prom Dress and those unforgettable ruffled pastel tuxes. Tickets are \$25/couple or \$15/person; a Prom King & Queen will be crowned, prom pictures will be available and door prizes will be raffled off. This is a fun event for the parents whether you dress in the time warp or if you just want to come dance the night away. Again all proceeds from the event will benefit the Springboro After-Prom. Anyone interested in tickets for this event should contact Trisha Baker at tbkr77@yahoo.com.

On February 15th we will be viewing the new expected blockbuster Valentines Day starring Taylor Lautner, Taylor Swift, Julia Roberts, Bradley Cooper and many more A-list actors. Tickets will go on sale the first week of February during lunch with tickets being picked up at will call on Friday Feb. 12th. This event is open to everyone and tickets are \$10.75/ea.

For anyone wishing to attend the events at the Springboro F.O.E., it is located at 125 E. Central Ave., next door to Homestead Realty. Parking and entrance to the building is in the rear. Also any businesses or persons wanting to contribute to the Springboro After-Prom, you can contact Robin Rigg at 937-885-1110. All donations are tax-exempt.

THIS WEEK'S FLYERS

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