



SPRINGBORO Community Schools NEWSLETTER

BI-WEEKLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Retirement

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Superintendent

There has been a lot of talk around the district about changes at the board office and my plans for the future. Officially I am resigning from the position of Superintendent of the Springboro Schools effective at the close of business June 30, 2010. The obvious question is, why? The rumor mill has generated many versions, so let's get the real one out there. I have been in public education for 39 years. Most people brag about being with a company or firm for 25 or 30 years. After 39 years of full time employment, I believe I have earned the right to slow things down a notch and work part time. For the last couple of years I have been looking for the ideal retirement job. This year I was extremely fortunate to find that job right here in Warren County working for the Warren County Educational Service Center. I will be working only 120 days per year creating summer programs and other special programs for students all over Warren County. I started my career working with children as a music teacher; I am blessed to be able to work directly for students again as a semi-retired teacher.

It has truly been my honor and privilege to be your superintendent. The quality of the staff and students of this district is outstanding. This district has and will continue to have great potential for the students of Springboro. The district is in the middle of a very big transition. The future of your district will depend upon if you plan on sitting on the sidelines and letting other people decide what is going to happen to your children's future, or are you going to get up off the bench and get into the game?

Batter up.

SADD Sponsors Mock Car Crash

The Junior and Senior class at Springboro High School experienced the Mock Car Crash on Thursday, April 22. The students saw vivid visualizations of what could happen if making wrong decisions while behind the wheel of a vehicle. Many people were involved with the mock crash including Angi Gooslin, Miami Valley CareFlight Educator

who narrated the program, Lt. Chris Vecchi and the Clearcreek Township Fire Department, Sgt. Don Wilson and the Springboro Police Department,



Nathan Baker and Kevin Dillon from Anderson Funeral Home, and members of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). The most emotional and long lasting point was at the end of the mock crash when Cher Clark, mother of a Wayne HS student, Shane, spoke about a night she will never forget. Clark spoke to the students in a frank but touching way discussing how she lost her son in an accident that involved drinking and driving. Her son, Shane, was only 17. She discussed the overall ramifications of driving while drinking but also driving while texting, talking on cell phones, speeding, or not paying attention for just one second. The mock crash only happens every other year but the impact hopefully lasts a lifetime.



Springboro High School Presents Les Miserables School Edition on April 29, 30, and May 1 at 8:00 pm and May 2 at 3:00 pm in the Vince Ross Memorial Auditorium at Springboro High School

Help for Haiti

Due to the Earthquake devastations that happened in Haiti, Five Points West Student Council collected money donations for the American Red Cross. We dedicated the week of January 25-29 for collecting these donations. The Student Council members (Maddy Talbot, Nick Emanuel, Tre Poster, Jenna Smith, Charlie Kuhbander, and Kara Kuhnash) along with other fifth grade students decided to make that week "Help 4 Haiti" week. Besides taking donations we also decided to make it fun for the students to help by dedicating each day to a different theme. The students of Five Points West Elementary did a wonderful job of showing their generosity by collecting over \$2600.00. Not only did we do a wonderful job of collecting donations, but we had fun doing it as well.



SHS Junior Receives Kettering University Technology Award



Mr. Rodney Kirkham, Kettering University alumnus and Alumni Board of Directors member, honored Brian Upton on Monday April 19th. The Kettering University Technology Award is given annually to a select group of high school juniors who excel in science, technology or mathematics.

Mr. Kirkham presented Brian a handsome bronze medallion and a personalized portfolio. Additionally, Brian may qualify for scholarship recognition should he decide to pursue his postsecondary education at Kettering University.

Kettering University is located in Flint, Michigan. The institution is known for top-ranked undergraduate engineering, science, technology and applied mathematics programs that are consistently recognized as some of the best in the United States.

THIS WEEK'S FLYERS

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Time to Go Back in History

3rd graders will be taking a field trip to the Springboro Museum. Funding for buses was donated by the following businesses: Edwards Furniture, Wade Ins., K & W, The Fan Store, and Heathers Café. Thank you to these businesses for making this possible!

8 Juniors Named National Merit High Scorers

Springboro High School has been notified by the National Merit Testing Corporation that eight juniors who took the preliminary scholastic aptitude test (P.S.A.T) in October 2009 have been named National Merit High Scorers and will enter the 2010-2011 National Merit Scholarship competition. This distinction is awarded to 50,000 (out of 1.2 million) students. In the fall, 16,000 of these students will be named National Merit Semi-Finalists and of the 16,000 Semi-Finalists, 8,200 will be named National Merit Finalists. The High Scorers are Erin Atkins, Benjamin Coors, Kevin Hardesty, Lucia Liu, Anthony Ramicone, Varun Rao, Alexander Rector and Stephanie Suhr. Congratulations to these students!

Where in the World is Flat Stanley?

Second graders at Five Points Elementary participated in a Flat Stanley project that is popular in classrooms across the world.

First, the second graders at Five Points read a book titled Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In the book Flat Stanley was flattened by a falling bulletin board. One of the many advantages is that Flat Stanley could then visit his friends by traveling in an envelope.

Each student made a paper Flat Stanley which visited family members or friends around the United States. Each Flat Stanley was sent back to school with a journal of his adventures, souvenirs, and pictures to share his experiences.



Flat Stanley has been all over the world, including to the Eiffel Tower and the White House. He has even been out to space on the space shuttle Discovery and on many TV shows.

DATES TO REMEMBER



SHS PRESENTS LES MISERABLES - APRIL 29- MAY 2
GRADES 6-12 ART SHOW @ SHS - APRIL 29- MAY 2
MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 9
DELAYED START DAY - MAY 19

2nd Annual Cook Family Fun Day Planned

The 2nd Annual Cook Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd at Springboro High School - Careflight Field from 11am to 7pm. Bob Cook, who tragically lost his life suddenly last July 2009 while on vacation, dreamed of and planned with hope to construct a much needed youth football/lacrosse field for the Springboro Community.

This year 60% of the proceeds from this community event will help to construct such a field. The remaining proceeds will be donated to support local youth sports organizations.

Some of the family and youth oriented activities during the day include a baseball throwing contest, football skills challenge, basketball shoot out, dunking booth, silent auction, bouncy house, face painting, and much more. Also, local soccer and lacrosse teams will be playing games through out the day for our entertainment.

We are reaching out to the community for donations in monetary form and in items for the Silent Auction. If you wish to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Dale Brunner at (937) 673-2954. All donations are tax deductible. The organization is a tax qualified 501(c)(3). Volunteers are also needed. Please contact Dale Brunner at (937) 673-2954 to volunteer some of your time.

We plan on making this an annual event to support the youth in our community through sports in honor of Bob Cook. Youth sports teach children how to interact with others, work as a team, and encourage sportsmanship. All the lessons that young people learn from sports will form skill sets for them to carry with them throughout life. If you or your kids have enjoyed football, lacrosse, or cheerleading throughout the years, please come out with your family. Let's have some fun and support the youth in Springboro at the same time. Together as a community we can accomplish everything!

DI Team Given Top Honors at DI State Tournament

Top honors were given to a Springboro Destination Imagination team at the DI State tournament recently. An invitation to advance to the Global level competition in May was handed out to the 6th grade team from Springboro Intermediate. The Walters team received an "Outstanding" score and hopes to take their solution to the "Project Outreach" challenge to the Global level.

The sixth graders led by team manager Annie Walters include Grace Walters, Hannah Sproat, Brett Schaff, Cole Berry, Isabella Panetta, Grace Caldwell and Sean Warpenburg.

Also placing at the state competition were 3rd graders from Dennis Elementary and Lytle Five Points Elementary. Led by Kurt Bally and Tish Michnoski, the youngest competitors in the tournament took home a third place trophy for their performance in the DI-Bot challenge. Team members are Anja Bally, Riley Weisman, Alexia Hahn, Bailey Michonski, Ethan Zaller and Noah Lentz-Fortman.

The Bally/Michonski team was up against 4th and 5th graders in this elementary division and a 3rd place trophy is a huge honor for this third grade team.

The Wissing team from the Junior High finished just out of the place running with a 5th place in the state solution. The team did receive a rare "Renaissance Award" for outstanding Engineering. Team members are Zach Wissing, Christian Stuart, Ishani Kejriwal, Brian Fry, Derek Saunier, Kaylee Koch and Donald Wynn.

The High School Shoue team just missed a place trophy as well, coming in 4th in the "You're Gonna Flip" Challenge. The team members are Jake Shouse, Kat LaCleda, Laura Webendorfer, Raymunco Marcelo, Jared Wensyel, Emma Sum and Natasha Menrisky.

The JH Karnosh team came in 6th place in the highly competitive Improv challenge , DO or DI. Team members are Katie Karnosh, Caroline Karnosh, Rachel Rose, Laina Jackson, Natalie Majors, and Lillian Haerr.

Elementary team members from the York team competed in the largest challenge with over 25 teams competing in the elementary division of the "You're Gonna Flip". Coming in 11th place were Ben York, Braden DeVine, Rushi Katragadda, Peter Talbot, Bayley Nandety, Kenny Williams and Tre' Poster.