

# The SPRING GARDEN Scoop

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

## Ask US!

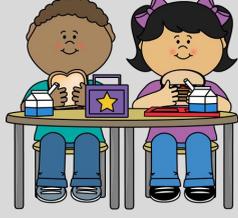
By Elianna & Ryan

Dear Ask Us,  
I was absent for a few days because I was sick but when I came back my friends were ignoring me. I am so scared to ask them what happened. I don't know if I did anything wrong. Can you help me?

From,  
Confused 49

Dear Confused 49,  
Just remember that it is OK to ask your friends what is wrong. Maybe something might be bothering them. All you have to do is ask them.

From,  
Ask Us



Dear Ask Us,  
For a couple of days I have been sitting alone at lunch. I want to get into the perfect group for me but I don't know how. What should I do?

From,  
Sad 3489

Dear Sad 3489,  
I think that you should sit with people that have the same interests as you and then maybe you could be good friends. But first, ask them if you can join them at their table.

From,  
Ask Us

## Ram Ringers Ring in the Holiday

by Felicia, Gwen & Iyanna

RING RING RING! That is the sound of wonderful chimes ringing. Ram Ringers are students who play the chimes and bells with Ms. Wright. BOOM BANG BOOM! There are not only chimes and bells, there are also boomwhackers that 4th and 5th graders hit on their foot or floor. On Wednesday mornings, in the music room, these Ram Ringers practice and rehearse. In order to make beautiful music they have to synergize and work together. If you're excited to see the remarkable and extraordinary Ram Ringers play their instruments, listen for them during the Winter Concert on the 18 & 19th of December.



## Veterans Show Courage

by Julia & Nate

On November 10th, Mr. Siegfried's 5th grade welcomed two veterans into their class to talk about their time in the military. One of the veterans was Mr. Forrest Taylor. He is 95 and fought in World War II as a ground fighter. The other veteran was Mr. Leonard Siegfried, Mr. Siegfried's uncle. He was in the Air Force in World War II. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Siegfried went to battle when they were 19.



World War II Veterans  
Mr. Taylor & Mr. Siegfried

When Mr. Siegfried was in his second battle, he had to jump out of his plane and then fell into a bush in a family's yard.

A woman said, "American pilot, are you in there?"

He said, "Yes."

She replied, "The Germans are looking for you, so stay in there." Then a man helped him escape. The ninth time he fought, he had to parachute out of his plane again but this time he was captured. He was in prison for seven months in Austria. Mr. Taylor told the class, "Listen to your parents, grandparents, and teachers, because without them I wouldn't be the soldier that I am today."

## Q & A with Author Steve Swinburne

by Casey & Willow

On November 16, 2017 Steve Swinburne came to Spring Garden for our annual author visit. Casey and Willow, two fifth graders, interviewed him. Here is what he said.

C & W: "When did you learn how to play the ukulele?"

SS: "Well, as a kid I played drums and guitar, but four years ago I learned how to play the ukulele."

C & W: "How do you come up with the ideas for your songs?"

SS: "I think a lot and use a voice memo box to record any noises that I hear."

C & W: "Did you ever go to sea?"

SS: "Yes."

C & W: "Did you ever get into danger at sea?"

SS: "No but my brother is a sea captain."

C & W: "Do you like to make people laugh?"

SS: "Oh Yes!"

C & W: "Do you have any pets and what are their names?"

SS: "I have two dogs, their names are Scout and Jem. They are 4 and 7 years old."



Swinburne's message is "No matter what age you are, it's a great age to start reading." He signed over 50 books for our Spring Garden readers. Steve Swinburne visits about 80 schools a year!

One of Steve's books, *Once a Wolf*, was rejected 37 times but he kept trying! His newest book is *Alligators Make the Best Moms*. The author is going to India in February to share his talents with students there.

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## Coco Toy Drive

by Lindsay & Mackenzie

The Coco Foundation Toy Drive has been a tradition at Spring Garden for six years. Our mission is to support families with children in the hospital with cancer. The toys you donate today will be a wonderful surprise to the children! These greatly appreciated gifts will be distributed to the children in local hospitals.



The donations must be new and unwrapped, and stuffed animals will not be accepted. We would really appreciate if you'd kindly consider donating.

## Survey Says

by Aleksandra & Elijah

Over 150 students took our Thanksgiving "Favorites" Survey. Here are the winners!

**Favorite Food**  
TURKEY!

**Favorite Drink**  
COKE!

**Favorite Place To Go**  
RELATIVE'S HOUSE!

**Favorite Activity**  
EAT!



## A Jump to Remember

by Zakiyah

Have you ever been to Sky Zone with all your friends? Spring Garden had an awesome night at Sky Zone in November. Zakiyah, a fifth grade student, said, "It was jumping amazement."

It was a fun night for students. The event was sponsored by the Spring Garden PTO. The school earned a lot of money and it's all thanks to you. We hope you were all on your best behavior while you were there! It was a night to remember!



## Giving Thanks!

by Anya & Tamra



People celebrated Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23, in many different ways. Why is Thanksgiving celebrated? Well, to eat of course, and to give thanks and appreciate everything we have in this world. The Thanksgiving holiday originated with the Pilgrims in 1621.

How do you celebrate Thanksgiving? Felicia in Miss Dowches 5th grade class said, "I like to have dinner at my aunt's house, spend time with my family, and roast the turkey."

Delyla, in 5th grade, remarked that her top three favorite foods at this holiday are turkey, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes.

As you can see, people celebrate Thanksgiving in many different ways. Some see relatives, some eat a lot, and some just stay home. Hope you had an enjoyable and delicious holiday.

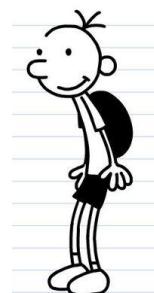
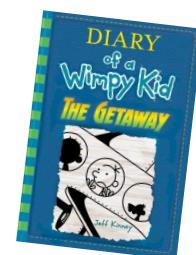


## A New Wimpy Kid Book

by Michael L. & Tyler

We all heard about the new *DIARY OF A WIMPY KID* book! It's about how Greg Heffley and his family travel on a long journey to an island paradise called Isla de Corales. This was the place where Greg's mom and dad had their honeymoon. The worst part is that Greg's family is going on Christmas.

All of Greg's family activities go wrong. At the airport, all of their baggage fell out of the trunk of their car, Greg lost time, and the Heffleys missed their flight. On the plane, Greg thought he was sitting by himself, but a family with a baby sat on the left and right of Greg. The baby actually threw up on Greg's pants after the baby ate the food that was served to him. When Greg gets to Isla de Corales, things go all wrong. When the Heffleys take their family picture for Christmas cards, Greg, Manny and Rodrick fall off the boat. Read the book to find out what exciting adventure happens next in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Getaway*.



## Students Score Stickers in First in Math

by Brianna and Kaitlyn

Most students at Spring Garden know about the very popular math website, First in Math. First In Math is a math website that has plenty of games that help kids learn and memorize math facts and just are fun to play. Kids are ranked by how many stickers they have. Students that have 500 stickers are Scholars, kids that have 1,500 are Aces and so forth. The goal for each student is 3000 stickers. Some students are even Grand Champions, the highest rank, which means they have up to or more than 10,000 stickers!

Willow Barberis in fifth grade says "First in Math is challenging and fun at the same time because there is a timer on most of the games."

One of the most important games to play on First in Math are VIFs (Very Important Facts). If you need help learning math facts, VIFs are the way to go. The games are educational but fun.

If you don't want to play games like VIFs, play bonus games, you still earn lots of stickers.

All of the students at Spring Garden Elementary School have 789,207 stickers but the number grows more and more each day. We have been the top school in the BASD this month. If you haven't already, go on First in Math. It's not only helpful, it's fun too!

