

The **SPRING** GARDEN *Scoop*

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

Ask US!

by Zakiyah

Dear Ask Us,
I don't have a lot of money to buy gifts for the holiday this year. What should I do? I need help!
From,
Please Help 97

Dear Please Help 97,
You don't have to spend money for gifts. Make something from the heart like a card or make a poem or song, because holidays aren't about getting, it's about giving.
From,
Ask Us



Dear Ask Us,
I have noticed a kid sitting alone and everyone has been ignoring him because he has a disability. What should I do?
From,
I Noticed 1357

Dear I Noticed 1357,
You should go to him and be his friend! He's like everyone else but it's not what's on the outside that counts, it's what's on the inside.
From,
Ask Us



Holidays Around the World

by Casey & Ryan

On Monday December 18th & 19th, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students performed at the Winter Concert. The display was full of fun, including flutophones and "Morning Star" which is a school tradition played and sung by third grade.



"Diary of a Grumpy Elf" was a band favorite with Willow as the grumpy elf. The orchestra got down into a groove with "Jazzy Jingle." Fourth grade sang "The World Says Merry Christmas," which was awesome. Ram Ringers played O'Tannenboom and fifth grade sang "Christmas in any Language." All the students did a magnificent job playing an instrument or singing.

Audience member Charlotte, a first grader, said, "Yes, it was amazing. "Jazzy Jingle" and "Diary of a Grumpy Elf" were my favorite songs. I liked "Morning Star," "Eight Little Candles," and "Christmas in any Language."

That was the Winter Concert, and everyone did a outstanding job under the direction of Ms. Wright and Mrs. Walmer!

Season of Giving

by Julia & Michael L.

The Coco toy drive is a special part of the Christmas holiday at Spring Garden. This event is dedicated to kids with cancer. We buy new toys and donate them to the kids. In the Bethlehem Area School District, our school has one of the biggest loads of toys. We filled four large boxes full with amazing toys.

Thanks to those at Spring Garden who donated a toy. We thank you because on Christmas day those kids will be happy with their new gift.

Another Spring Garden friend is in the hospital this Christmas. He and his family need our help at this time of year. Please donate to the "Andrew fund" to help this family at a time of need. We appreciate your generosity.

You Go Girls on the Run

by Caroline & Felicia

If you have not heard already, the Spring Garden Girls on the Run team, coached by Miss Dowches and Miss Gregoris, ran their 5K race on December 2nd! The team worked hard after school to train for the big 5K that was held at DeSales University. The girls and their running buddies participated in activity stations. Each girl received a tutu, had their hair sprayed, and put on temporary tattoos on their face or hands. Running buddies and parents were able to put tickets in for a raffle containing signed autographs, baseball tickets, and even a 43" inch TV!

The girls stretched, and it was time to run! They ran with tutus, headbands, tie dyed socks, and place numbers pinned on their shirts. The course was mostly grass around the school. Each girl finished at different times. After each girl finished the race, they were awarded a medal for completing the 5K. After that, hot chocolate, water, and snacks were available, and the raffle winners were announced. Mrs Deibler also ran with the team and Mrs. Check cheered them on. The 5K was an amazing day, and a day that the Spring Garden Girls on the Run team will never forget!

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Polar Express

by Elianna & Tamra

Fifth grade and their kindergarten buddies are going to read *The Polar Express*. How exciting! *Polar Express* is a classic story that almost everyone around the world has read or watched the movie. The book was written in 1985 and the movie was made in 2004.



It is about a boy that heard a train go by his home on Christmas Eve. He gets on the train, and then he finds himself with a group of kids who go with him on an adventure to the North Pole. After that, they meet Santa and the boy gets the first gift of Christmas. That's all we can tell you because we don't want to spoil the movie. All aboard!

Snow Survey

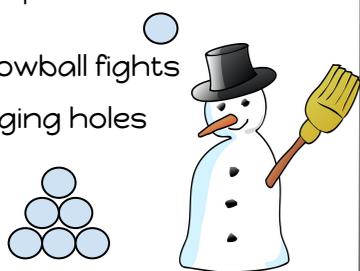
by Julian & Michael

Everyone loves winter activities, but what's your favorite one? Some kids love snowball fights, but others love building snowmen! One fifth grader said that his favorite activity is throwing snowballs at his brother. Another fifth grader said his favorite activity in the snow is building a snow fort! He just relaxes in the snow fort, hiding from the snowball war!

There are many snow activities such as building snowmen, making snow angels, having snowball fights, building snow forts, and digging snow caves. But we want to know what your favorite one is!

So at Spring Garden at lunchtime we surveyed all the fifth graders. Here are the results for the top two winners!!

- 29 Snowball fights
- 19 Digging holes



Band & Books!

by Alonza & Mackenzie

Barnes and Noble night is one of Spring Garden's many fundraisers. On December 12 some band and orchestra students played their instruments for the shoppers and staff of Barnes and Noble.



"Mrs. Walmer and the students did a great job playing their instruments," Mrs. Cassidy commented.

Two students at Barnes and Noble were sweet enough to give us their opinion. "I loved the beverage with the winning name, Frosty the Snowman, from Mr. Siegfried's class. I also loved hanging out with my friends." said fifth grader Caroline.

"I liked the song "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" played by the Spring Garden band," said another fifth grade friend, Emma. Thank you to those who came to the Barnes and Noble night to support the PTO and the Spring Garden band and orchestra.



Strike a Pose!

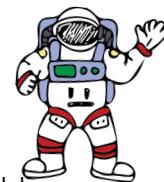
by Anya & Brianna

Every year the 4th grade students present a wax museum in December. If you don't know what this is, it is where students read a biography on a famous person and then they dress up like them. The wax part is because they pretend to be made of wax, which means they can not move until a bell has been rung. Then they had to tell many facts about that person's life, pretending to be that famous person, using words like I, me, and we.

This was a really fun activity, and here is what some participating 4th graders had to say about it. "I thought it was awesome," said Mackenzie Bower who was Sally Ride.

Gabriel Maldonado said "As you can see this was very fun for most 4th graders, and they all looked great."

Some students were famous, such as a football player or a singer. Others were presidents or people that changed the world. This fun event was held in the cafeteria, and parents were able to attend.



December Word Find

by Aleksandra & Elijah

Find these holiday words!

- RED
- HUGS
- COOKIES
- SANTACLASUS
- REINDEER
- NOEL
- DECEMBER
- CHRISTMAS
- MUG
- MILK

- TINSEL
- CANDYCANE
- MINT
- GREEN
- GINGERBREAD
- SNOW
- SNOWMAN
- SEAL
- HANUKKAH
- HOTCOCOA



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