

The **SPRING** GARDEN *Scoop*

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

Ask US!

by Delyla

Dear Ask Us,
One of the kids in my class is always trying to boss me around. He's in my business and I don't like it. What can I do?
From,
GOaway123

Dear GOaway123,
Be proactive and do the right thing. Try being extra nice to that person and maybe they will become kinder too. They might really need a friend but don't know how to be one.
From,
Ask Us

Valentine's Day



by Anya & Emma

Valentine's day is a loved holiday celebrated on February 14th. How did you celebrate Valentine's day? Did you hand out Valentines, have a party, or just stay at home and chill out? Do you know what Valentine's day is really about? Love, of course!

This year at Spring Garden, kindergarten through 5th grade students had parties including games, exchanging cards and LOTS of food. Everyone tried to dress in pink, red, and purple to support the colors of love.

In Mrs. Connor's kindergarten class they had a breakfast bar. On the other hand, 5th graders were down in the gym, dancing to music, playing board games, making cards for elderly people, posing at a photo booth, and eating party food.

Many families have traditions and parties too. Some Valentine's day activities included card swaps, decorating cookies, flowers, and gifts. It's a day to show that you care about others!



Books for All

by Kaitlyn, Mackenzie & Seri

During the month of February, Spring Garden PTO held a book fair and the student lighthouse team sponsored a book drive. Reading is very important to students at our school.

The book fair gives you the chance to get books you've been wanting to read for so long. At the book fair you can buy books, posters, school supplies, and more! The PTO made over \$5,000 at this year's book fair!

"My favorite part of the book fair was when I came after school for conferences and read to the therapy dog, Spencer," said fifth grade student Emma Valish.

Another fifth grade student, Iyanna Carnegie said, "I loved helping my kindergarten buddy pick out books. I also liked reading them to her."

Many families also donated gently used books to our school book drive. During Read Across America Week, some 5th grade students are organizing a book swap. Thanks to all the donations, every student will get to choose a book to take home that week. We hope you like your book!



Grade 2 and kindergarten celebrate the 100th day of school



100th Day of School!

by Caroline, Iyanna & Tamara

In the month of February, Spring Garden celebrated the 100th day of school! Kindergarten made 100th day crowns with 100 items on them such as stickers, pom-poms, and more! Second grade showed their school spirit by dressing like they were 100 years old. Fourth graders also made pictures of themselves when they would be a hundred years old.

Second grade and kindergarten marched around the school showing off their crowns and their new "old" looks. Many 5th graders helped their kindergarten buddies make a necklace with 100 different colored froot loops.

Looks like we'll be counting down now until the last day of school and summer break! 101, 102, 103, ...

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Going for Gold with Special Olympics

by Delyla & Felicia

The Special Olympics is a modified version of the Olympics! All of the life skills students participate and win medals like the 2018 Olympics! It's a great learning opportunity.

The students go to the Special Olympics in March this year.

Students have been training for this very special event. Mrs. Diebler coaches the life skills students for their Olympics. The activities include a floor routine, balance beam activities, and vault.

Mrs. Karba, Mrs. Pammer, and Miss Cleffi's classes are very excited for this event. We hope they have a very special time.



A Few Laughs

By Delyla, Michael L, Tyler & Zakiyah

What do you call Punxsutawney Phil's laundry?
Hogwash!



What did the Valentine's Day card say to the stamp?
Stick with me and you'll go places!

Why did the NFL football player go to the bank?
To get his quarterback!

What word in the dictionary is spelled wrong?
Wrong!

What dinosaur has the best vocabulary?
A thesaurus!



Off to the Theater!

by Julia & Willow

February, March and April are the months for the middle school and high school plays. So many students put in countless hours rehearsing to get the shows ready. There are sets, costumes and music too!

This year East Hills presents Beauty and the Beast Jr. and Northeast, Once Upon a Mattress Jr. Broughal's show was Annie Jr. and Nitschmann's was Lion King Jr. At the high schools, Liberty is doing The Wizard of Oz and Freedom's play is Once Upon a Mattress.

At East Hills, Beauty and the Beast is a familiar show about a prince who was very selfish and then was cursed. A lovely girl named Belle came to his enchanted castle and breaks the spell. A Spring Garden 5th grader, Willow, was in the cast playing "Ketchup" and one of the townspeople. Willow said, "Being in the play was so much fun. The middle school kids were really nice! I can't wait to be in next year's show!"

Once Upon a Mattress Jr. at Northeast, is based on The Princess and the Pea, a fairy tale. Our 5th graders are lucky to be going to the show this week. This play is about a prince who wants to marry a princess, but is having a hard time finding one. The queen wants the princess to prove that she is *really* a princess by sleeping on mattresses on top of a pea. A *real* princess will know the pea is there. Does the prince marry the princess? Ask a 5th grader how it turns out!

The other school shows promise to be exciting too! Hope you can get to see some of them. We have so much talent in our schools and great show directors also. To all the dedicated cast members and stage crew, break a leg!



More Field Trips? Yes or No?

by Alonza & Brianna



Should we have more field trips during the school year? Many students at Spring Garden have very strong opinions on the subject. Some say yes and some say no. What do you think? Two students at Spring Garden shared their opposite opinions. Here's what they thought about the matter.

YES there should be more field trips during the school year. I think that there should be more field trips during the school year because field trips are fun and they are great opportunities to let students unwind and have fun. I think that every grade should have at least one field trip every month. The field trips don't have to be just for fun. They can be field trips that relate to the lesson they are studying. That would make the lesson more fun. Having more field trips during the year would make more students want to go to school.

NO there should not be more field trips except for the ones we already have. I think we shouldn't have a lot field trips because then we have less time to learn. We come to school to learn. Not to go on field trips. The field trips we already have are good enough. Field trips are meant to be really cool trips that you go on once in a while. They are not meant to be an every month thing.

