



Spring Garden Buzz

January 2024



We can't wait to see what lies ahead in 2024!

January marks the mid-point of our school year. The first semester ends on January 23rd, believe it or not! The next few months are a time of focused effort and work on the part of our students and teachers.

Your children will be working hard. This is a time to **give them the fuel they need in the form of sleep (elementary-age kids need 9-12 hours a night – more than you might think!), healthy meals** (please reach out to your school counselor if we can help connect you to food resources), and a **routine** that is as consistent as you can make it. This is real life, after all. :)

But if you can set aside **20 minutes a day for your child to read** (either independently to you or alone depending on their abilities) and **another 20 for practice in math** (First in Math is fantastic for practice in basic facts – most of our students need to work on this area!), you will see significant gains by spring.

Thank you for all your support of your children and our Spring Garden community. Here's to a wonderful 2024 for all of us!



Connect with PTO

Our January meeting is [zoom only on January 11 at 7pm](#).

Stay warm and cozy and log on from home! As always, all are



Ice Skating: New date!

Our new date is January 14th, 6-8 pm, at the city rink on Illick's Mill Road. Hope to see you there! [Let us know if you](#)



School will be closed...

- **January 15** in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. day

welcome. **SGPTO volunteers are needed now and for the 2024-25 school year** for multiple chair positions. Position details will be available soon.

[can make it](#) (or if you need to cancel your previous reservation).

Should I send my child to school with sniffles? A fever?

'Tis the season for colds, flu, and other germs! The doc below explains the district's guidance on when to keep your child home from school.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME.docx.pdf

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Winter Weather Procedures for Students & Parents

- Weather-related late starts and early dismissals will occur as usual.
 - The first four (4) weather-related closures will be treated as traditional "Snow Days" that are already built into to the school calendar.
 - Students will have no assignment responsibilities on the Snow Days.
 - Should weather conditions require more than four Snow Days during the school year, the Superintendent will determine if weather conditions require a Snow Day that will be made up later in the school year, or if students will have an Online Learning Day.
 - Online Learning Days will be used when weather reports allow teachers sufficient time to prepare/post online learning activities.
 - On Online Learning Days teachers will post online course assignments within one hour after the normal start of the school day. There will be no synchronous instruction on Online Learning Days; students will complete assignments independently.
 - An Online Learning Day will count as an instructional day for purposes of state attendance requirements.
 - On Online Learning Days, student attendance will be determined by his/her completion of the online assignments (contact Principal for further details).
 - Teachers will be available on Online Learning Days to support students during the hours of a regular school day by checking e-mail frequently and/or using district-supported devices to communicate with students and parents.
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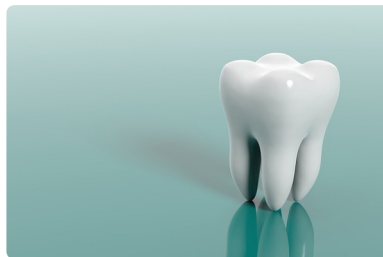
SG night at the LV Phantoms

[Join Spring Garden at the Phantoms on January 27th](#) when they host the Toronto Marlies at 7:05pm! Discounted tickets are available for \$20, and \$5 of each sale goes back to our SG PTO.

Please
join
us

SG traffic/pedestrian safety committee

I'd like to form a committee of concerned folks to work on improving the safety of parents and kids around SG. We have made some progress already on improving pedestrian safety, but there is a lot more to do. Please email Dr. Babbin at ebabbin@basdschools.org to get involved!



Free dental clinic

Sign up now for free dental services for kids ages 3-17! This clinic will offer cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, and screenings on Saturday, March 23 at the Fowler Family Center on the Southside. Appointments are required; call (610) 861-5442. See the flyer below for more details.

Smile Saturday.pdf

FREE dental clinic in March -- make your child's appointment now!

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Pierogie fundraiser!

Stock your freezer and plan a night out or in when you don't have to do the cooking!
Plus, support local businesses AND the SGPTO! Win-Win!

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[Orders are being taken via this link January 8th-29th](#)



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