

# Spring Garden Buzz

May 2024

## Spring is blooming at Spring Garden!

We are in the home stretch of this school year and there is still so much yet to come in just a handful of days! A quick overview:

- **We will celebrate all our incredible SG teachers** during teacher appreciation week May 6-10!
- **Spring Garden Carnival** May 10, 4:30-8:00 -- this is a must if you have never participated!
- We are celebrating our kids' hard work on the PSSAs in a celebration on May 13
- **Field day!** May 20 (K-2 9:30-11:00, 3-5 1:30-3:10)
- We are practicing for next month's musical concerts! **Please join us for vocal music with Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades on May 23 at 2:00**, and for **instrumental music on May 30 at 6:30**
- **Author visit by Jerry Pallotta** May 29
- **End of year awards assembly** on June 5
- **Spring Garden grads from Freedom and Liberty** visit us for a parade on June 5
- **Schoolwide talent show** June 6 -- our last day!
- This list does not even include our grade level field trips, which are happening at some very exciting places -- **thank you to our PTO for funding our adventures** outside the building!



Please watch your Dojo from here on out. There is going to be a lot going on and we don't want you or child to miss anything!

Dr. Babbin

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## Help us keep our kids safe at arrival and dismissal

We are having some trouble at arrival and dismissal and we need your help to keep our kids safe!



- PLEASE BE AWARE around SG. A driver recently ran over our pedestrian sign in the middle of North Blvd after turning out of the SG exit. She was distracted by her phone. We are very lucky that the sign was hit, and not a child. We see distracted driving by many parents – please focus on the road and your surroundings.
- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY. We are having parents fly through our main entrance loop after dropping kids off for breakfast. Families are crossing in the crosswalk to walk up to the solarium – please, please slow down!
- SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN CLOSELY at arrival and dismissal. Keep them right with you, especially when crossing or near an area

with active traffic.

- DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF BEFORE 8:45: we have no supervision for them outdoors and we have kids playing too roughly.
- If you need help at arrival or dismissal time, please let us know. We want to keep you and all our kids safe.



### Connect with PTO

Our **last meeting of the school year** is in person and on [zoom at 9:15 am on May 23](#). As always, all are welcome. The PTO has worked hard this year to offer a variety of fundraisers. Which fundraisers would you like to see come back next year? Email [SpringGardenPTO@gmail.com](mailto:SpringGardenPTO@gmail.com)!

## LeaderinMe® PARENT SURVEY

### We need your feedback!

Families, please take a few minutes to [take our Leader in Me survey](#). We give this anonymous survey each year and it is the foundation of all our goal-setting work. We take your feedback very seriously and we work hard to improve any areas of concern, and we also celebrate any positives you share with us!



### School schedule changes

- **May 27:** Memorial Day, no school

**The 9th annual SG Carnival is almost here!**

The Spring Garden Carnival is moving full STEAM ahead and we need your help! Please join us on May 10. We have lots of opportunities to get involved!

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

[Help out with raffle basket donations](#)

[Consider making a donation to sponsor the carnival](#)

Please participate in any and every way that best fits your availability:

- ★ Sponsorship opportunities from corporations, businesses, independent consultants, and individuals
- ★ Raffle basket donation opportunities
- ★ Volunteer opportunities during the carnival



The Spring Garden PTO Proudly Presents the  
**2024**  
**Carnival**  
Friday May 10th 4:30-8pm  
Rain Date Friday May 17th  
★ Spring Garden Elementary School ★  
**Cash Only - Proceeds benefit the Spring Garden PTO**  
**Games & Prizes**  
TAKE-A-TACO, FLYING V, ISLAND EXPRESSIONS,  
OOGIES ICE CREAM, GREEK STREET, KONA ICE  
Pizza, Hot Dogs, Rock Wall, Dunk Tank, Inflatable Attractions, Basket  
Raffle, Face Painting, Games and Prizes at Sponsor Tables  
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Lawn by Greg  
ALVAREZ FLOOR SHOW WING STOP STEEL CITY GRANT SERVICES SPRING GARDEN  
Northampton ABC LAND & LANDSCAPING Williams Mayor SHEETZ

### Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser opportunity

We have some boxes of Gertrude Hawk chocolate available for any families who would be willing to sell bars in support of our PTO fundraising efforts. Funds are due back on May 17. Please email [springgardenPTO@gmail.com](mailto:springgardenPTO@gmail.com) to coordinate pickup. Thank you!



## Looking for summer activities?

There are lots of things happening around town this summer! Hop over to the [events page on our district website](#) for a list of great options.



## Birthdays: no food please

We can't allow food or drink treats for birthdays because we have lots of students with allergies. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please choose small gifts like stickers, pencils, erasers, etc. We cannot distribute edible treats during the school day.



## We want your input on the BASD cell phone policy

The district is in the process of creating a K-12 cell phone policy for students. We'll talk about this at our PTO meeting, but I'd love any feedback you might want to share with me directly ([ebabbin@basdschools.org](mailto:ebabbin@basdschools.org)). The proposed guidelines for the elementary level are:

- Upon entering the school building, the student will understand that using any electronic device - other than their district-issued electronic device - can, and often does, hinder the learning process.
- The use of electronic devices other than district-issued electronic devices within the school building is prohibited.
- Any electronic devices, other than District issued computers/ipad or electronic devices should be turned off and placed in student backpacks.

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## Spring Garden Elementary School

We are a proud Leader in Me school!

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