

Spring Garden Buzz

September 2025

Minutes matter.

2 days a month =
20 days a school year =
1500 minutes of math =
2400 minutes of reading =
1 year by graduation

Please bring your kids to us so we can help them grow!

This school year is off and running and it has been a wonderful start!

Important request: **please schedule appointments, trips, and other absences outside school days whenever possible.** We want to see your kids learning, growing, and thriving. We just can't do it if they are not here with us! Any time your child is out of school is valuable time they are losing with their friends and teachers. Those minutes matter.

In our first week of school, we had a total of 23 student absences. In our second week -- which was only four days long -- that number almost doubled to 43 absences. We didn't mark tardies during the first week while families adjusted to our new arrival procedures; during our second

week, we had **31 late arrivals**. This is time lost in learning new routines, getting to know new teachers and classmates, and building academic foundations in reading and math.

We know kids get sick, doctors offer limited appointment times, and families have emergencies. But we do want to help you minimize the amount of instruction your children miss by being out. Please let us know how we can help you. And if your child must be out, be sure you email us to let us know at springgardenattendance@basdschools.org.

Thank you for partnering with us to help us nurture your children. Please reach out to me at ebabbin@basdschools.org or our school counselor Jill Eberts jeberts@basdschools.org if we can help you with your child's attendance in any way!

Dr. Babbin

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What did you think about our back to school night?

Share your feedback on our Back to School Open House & Picnic

Let us know how you liked our new format!

It was great to see so many families joining us at our open house. Let us know what you thought so we can make next year even better!



Thank you to the many families who joined us for our back to school open house and picnic on Tuesday! If you were there, [we'd love to get your feedback](#) since we set it up differently this year.

I've heard from 10% of our families so far but I know more have ideas. Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

Key dates this fall

- September 8, 7 pm: [PTO room parent meeting \(zoom only\)](#)
- September 17, 11:45: Early dismissal for teacher training
- September 20: Eagle Scout Kayden Amick's car wash at main entrance to raise funds to replace our trees
- September 23, 7 pm: [PTO meeting \(zoom only\)](#)
- October 1: Picture day
- October 2: No school, Yom Kippur
- October 11, 2-4 pm: Trunk or Treat at SG
- October 16, 11:45: Early dismissal for teacher training
- October 16, 6-8 pm: Hispanic Heritage Night at Northeast Middle School

Supporting our kids: Teach them about boundaries

I plan to share resources to help you support your children's emotional well-being in each Buzz this year. The start of the year is the perfect time to think about boundaries we can help our children establish as they settle into new routines. [Boundaries and empathy go hand in hand...learn more courtesy of the Child Mind Institute.](#)



**Child Mind
Institute**

Support SG alum & Eagle Scout candidate Kayden Amick

On one of our former students, Kayden Amick, is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout—and he's chosen to give back to Spring Garden!

Kayden will be planting new trees to replace those we've lost, replacing the bushes near our main entrance to make crossing safer for our younger students, and creating outdoor seating by the solarium for everyone to enjoy. We're so grateful for the care and effort he's putting into making Spring Garden even better for our students and teachers.

To support his project, Kayden is hosting a **car wash at SG on Saturday, September 20, from 9 am–2 pm**. There will also be delicious baked goods for sale!

Let's show up for Kayden the way he's showing up for Spring Garden—come out, get your car washed, enjoy a treat, and cheer him on as he works toward becoming an Eagle Scout!



Kayden Amick (Troop 359)

EAGLE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

CAR WASH



-SPRING GARDEN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL-BETHLEHEM

-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

-9:00AM-2:00PM

DONATIONS WELCOME!!!

***ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS PROJECT
FOR SPRING GARDEN ELEMENTARY.**

***Cake Pops and Baked Goods also for Sale*
(to enjoy while your car gets washed!!)**

Leader in Me Habit 1: Be Proactive

We are proud to be a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. Each month, I'll share with you one of the habits your children are learning about as we help them become confident leaders.

Habit 1 is **be proactive**. This habit focuses on the idea of personal responsibility, and focusing on the things that we can influence and control...and accepting those we can't. See below for more details and an activity to share with your kids about what's inside and outside our circle of control.

Habit

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BE PROACTIVE®

Pause and respond.

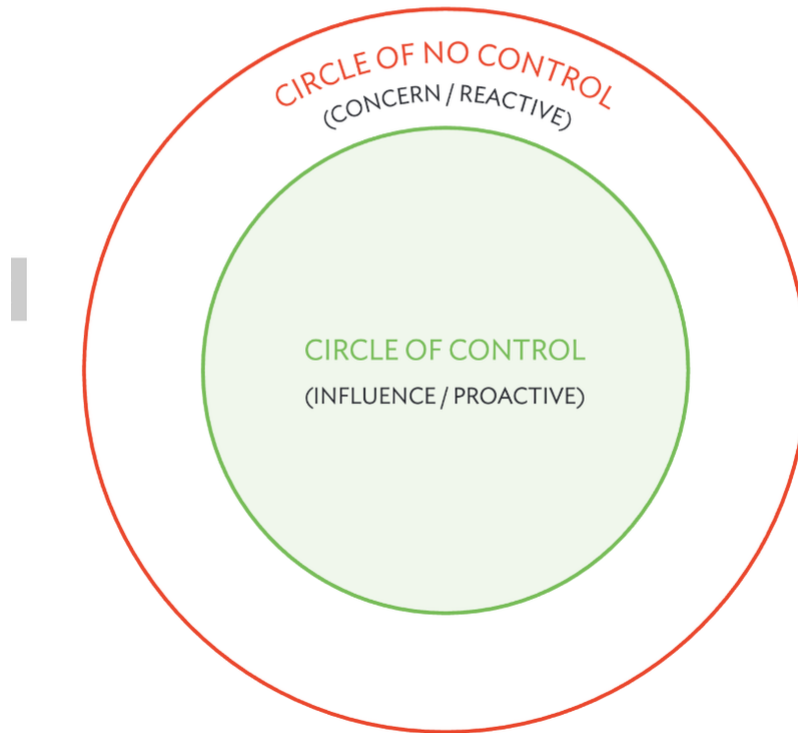
Focus on your Circle of Influence®.

Use proactive language.

- I'm a responsible person.
- I take initiative.
- I choose my actions and attitudes.
- I don't blame others when I make mistakes.

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Family Activity: Using the “Circle of Control” below to take turns writing on sticky notes different things you can and cannot control then placing them in the corresponding circles. For example, you can control how you respond to problems. You cannot control the weather. You can control the words you say. You cannot control what others may say.



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Be sure we have your current contact information

We'd like every family to log in to the Parent Vue portal to update contact information, important health information for your child, and other essential items that help us to stay in touch with you and support your kids this year. Parents and guardians can **access the Back to School Portal until September 30** at this webpage:

<https://www.basdschools.org/for-families/parent-portals-and-apps>.



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New Spring Garden shirts & hoodies available

Our PTO is running a Spring Garden spirit wear sale until October 3. Get fresh SG t shirts or hoodies, and a portion of your purchase will go right back to our kids and teachers. Check out the flyer for more details.



How to order Spring Garden spirit wear

Download
1.3 MB



SG Iron Pigs game

Come enjoy an Iron Pigs game with your SG family on Sunday, September 21, at 1:05 pm. [Your \\$16 ticket includes a \\$2 credit](#) at the park, and raises money for our students. See you there!



Texas Roadhouse gift cards

Texas Roadhouse gift cards will be available 9/22-10/6; keep an eye out for more details. You can buy ahead and redeem cards at our dine & donate event on 11/13 to make your donation go even farther!



Gertrude Hawk chocolates

Our first chocolate fundraiser will run 9/22-11/3. More details will come home in September.

Apply now for free or reduced lunch for your children!



Spring Garden Elementary School

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