



SPRUCEWOOD SENTINEL

NOVEMBER 2016

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy We are grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers!!

OUR "CHIEF EXAMPLE TO OTHERS" (CEO) SKILL THIS MONTH IS GRATITUDE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is an update on School Community Council (SCC) and our report to you on Land Trust spending for 2015-2016. There is quite a bit of information about School Community Council on our website under the Community/SCC tabs. We did not have formal elections for our School Community Council as we only had two individuals who applied for the open spots. Following state guidelines governing School Community Councils, the council appointed school patrons to fill the remaining vacant seats. If you would like to serve on the SCC, we would welcome your participation. We meet on the second Monday of the month from 4 pm-5 pm. You are also welcome to attend a meeting to see how SCC functions. Please contact Tess Hortin if you have any specific agenda items. Member names and emails are on the website.

Council Membership includes:

Chair: Tess Hortin, Parent

Parent Members:

Jason Dyer Jenni Morgan Anna Swallow Craig Woolston

Employee Members:

Lori Jones, Principal Emigh Lo, Teacher Leisa Hansen, Teacher

You may want to read the information about the proposed new bell schedule on the website and provide feedback to one of our community council members.

For the 2015-2016 school year, Sprucewood Elementary and the SCC continued to identify reading as the critical academic need. With funds generated from the School Land Trust monies, Sprucewood Elementary hired four reading assistants to work with students in the Tier 2 Reading Intervention Program. 115 identified students in kindergarten through fifth grade received small group, direct instruction for thirty minutes daily, using specific evidence based reading strategies. These students were in addition to the numbers served by Special Education. The *Reading Street Sidewalks* reading program was also used. The Curriculum Based Measurement Tool (CBM) is used to measure student achievement. Additionally, 5 I pads were purchased to help students with reading comprehension through the use of a variety of applications and to have the assistants complete progress monitoring of students. Sprucewood's academic goal for reading for the 2015-2016 school year was for 80% of the students to reach benchmark as measured by the CBM. We met our goal with an average of all students achieving benchmark as measured by the Dibels CBM. Specific breakdown by grade level can be found on our webpage. For the 2016-2017 school year, Sprucewood has a LandTrust budget of \$33,160. We will continue to provide reading intervention services to identified students with the help of our four reading intervention assistants and our achievement coach, Mrs. Tami Dautel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jones, Principal

P.S. Thanks for those of you who contributed to PTA's Pirate Treasure. The teachers loved selecting prizes for their treasure boxes.

**Give
Thanks**



SCHOOL INFO

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Office Hours: 8:15 am - 3:45 pm.

Breakfast is open at 8:20 am. **Please do not drop off students early!! Choir may enter the building at 7:55 on Tuesday and Thursday. Orchestra may enter at 7:45 on M, W and F.** We do not have supervision and teachers, the principal and secretary are not on contract until 8 am. We also have many morning meetings. If staff is at school early, they are working on their own time. Please work with neighbors and the local childcare centers for before and after school care.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Many thanks to those of you who have been parking in the upper parking lot, on Cedar Ridge or Hidden Valley. It really helps with traffic congestion.

Please remember the following:

Keep our children and crossing guards safe!! Watch speed and do not park in red zones. The red zones (especially on Hidden Valley) are in place to provide visibility. Resist the temptation to be on the cell phone when driving, especially in school zones. I have yet to see a person on their cell who was driving carefully and within the speed limit. Even if you think you are the most aware driver in the world, chances are you are not.

In the pick-up lane, please pull forward as far as possible. Car pool when possible.

Thank you for being patient and observant!!!

Counselor Corner

Last month, the whole school focused on being kind. We learned about "Random Acts of Kindness" — when you do something for someone else without expecting anything in return. We also learned that being kind to others makes us feel good and can be a lot of fun! We encourage you to ask your student what random acts of kindness they did.

Student & Parent Challenge:

- Can you do 3 different acts of kindness this week?
- Can you do 15 different acts of kindness during November?
- Can you do 50+ different acts of kindness this school year?



Operation Safe Passage is a program to protect children from being abducted while walking to and from school. In addition, it enhances pedestrian safety along safe walking routes and reduces opportunities for bullies to intimidate other children. You should have recently received a Peach Jar Flyer on how you can help. Information will be posted on the Sprucewood Website.

REFLECTIONS

Sprucewood has many talented artists!! We had great participation in the Reflections Art Contest sponsored by PTA. Special thanks to Mrs. Anna Swallow for chairing Reflections this year. Thanks also to Mr. Hale for providing support in the art room.

Award of Excellence

2D Visual Art-Cole Kunkel, Lolah Uigaese, Taylor Carlisle, Naomi Maughan, Brynlee Trout

3D Visual Art-Logan Robbins, Sunny Whitman, Jane Richards, Ellie Swallow

Dance- Mikayla Maughan, Birklee Spencer

Literature: Cassie Caldiero, Isabel Hansen, Ethan Boogaard, Titan Dixon

Music Composition: Dylan Hopper

Photography: Addie Abbott, Ruby Swallow, Asher King, Dean Peterson

Award of Merit-

2D Visual Art-Ellie Haun, Sophie LaMunyon, Sophie Lo, Macy McCarter, Reese Woodbury, Gauge Carlisle, Titan Dixon, Payton Ruby, Juliet Sokol

3D Visual Art-Jane Miller Emily Richards Addylene Watts Jennifer Alley

Dance: Megan Carlson, Mimi Walfert

Literature: Mason Carlisle

Photography: Divinity Hensley, Titan Dixon, Jacob Holbrook

Outstanding Artist- Kayden Draper, Isabel Hansen, Liam Hansen, Ella Marston, Haley Marston, Addylene Watts, Grace Abbott, Max Henline, Dyan Hopper, Asher King, Kate Madsen, Max Madsen, Peyton Marchant, Natalie Marston, Claire Miller, Jacob Nealley, Ellie Swallow

Principal's Choice: Sunny Whitman 3D Visual Art



Happy
Thanksgiving