



# EAGLE EYE



**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

## POLAR PLUNGE

South Park High School students, faculty and staff were feeling the freeze on Friday, February 25 at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on Pittsburgh's North Shore. This bone-chilling event raises money for Special Olympics athletes. South Park High School is home to a Special Olympics unified bocce team. Students and staff raised money for the Special Olympics then traveled to the North Shore to jump into a pool of frigid water. The brave Eagles didn't last very long in the water! South Park High School raised nearly \$2,400 for the Special Olympics!

Also taking part in the Polar Plunge were principal Dr. David Palmer and high school teacher Mr. Eric Wisler. Dr. Palmer and Mr. Wisler received the most points during the high school's penny war throughout February. For each penny, nickel, dime, quarter, \$1 bill, \$5 bill and \$10 bill placed in the marked coin collection container for one of nine high school staff members, the staff member received points.

To see a video from the event, [click here](#).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 10 | Board of Directors Meeting<br>(In-Person)<br>6:30 p.m., South Park<br>High School Cafeteria |
| March 28 | Staff In-Service/Clerical<br>Day<br>No School for Students                                  |

SOUTH PARK DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

## CHICAGO TEEN EDITION

**MARCH 24, 25 & 26 7:30 PM**

**MARCH 27 2 PM**

**SOUTH PARK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**



## A SOUP RECORD

For the ninth year, South Park Elementary Center students learned what it means to be a community champion by participating in the 2022 Souper Bowl. For a period of two weeks, elementary center homerooms donated cans and packages of soup to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Each can and package of soup is counted and tallied, as the homeroom that donates the most soup is crowned the Souper Bowl Champion.

This year, thanks to the generosity of South Park Elementary Center students and staff, 14,200 cans and packages of soup were collected. That is the most ever collected in SPEC Souper Bowl history! Mrs. Chambon's fourth grade homeroom won the Souper Bowl and was treated to a Super Bowl "Sundae" party with ice cream and toppings!



## TOP OF THE SHOP

Every semester, instructors at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education recognize one student in each program for work performance, attendance and conduct. Those students receive the "Top of the Shop" award.

Three South Park students received the "Top of the Shop" award for the first semester. Congratulations to Geneva Bradley, Nevan Snyder and Taylor Powell for their outstanding work and character at Steel Center!

**2022-2023  
KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN!**

## GOING FOR GOLD

On Monday, February 21, South Park Middle School students showed off their talents and creativity during the Middle School Olympics! The special day was organized by the South Park Middle School student council and Mrs. Schwilm. Students in all grade levels competed in a door decorating contest, as they decorated their homeroom's door to the theme of one of the countries competing in the Winter Olympics. They also went to the gym to compete in skills games, all based on actual Winter Olympics events. At the end of the games, the students from the winning homerooms attended a medal ceremony at the closing ceremonies.





## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, seventh graders marked Black History Month with cross-curricular lessons and learning activities that recognized the accomplishments and efforts of famous African Americans. The students created concrete poems based on famous musicians and artists, leaders, professional athletes and role models; created a Google Slides presentation on influential scientists; read and reflected on inspirational quotes and completed puzzles and fact sheets recognizing cultural history. They also watched the movie "Hidden Figures," which tells the story of four women who helped the United States win the space race.



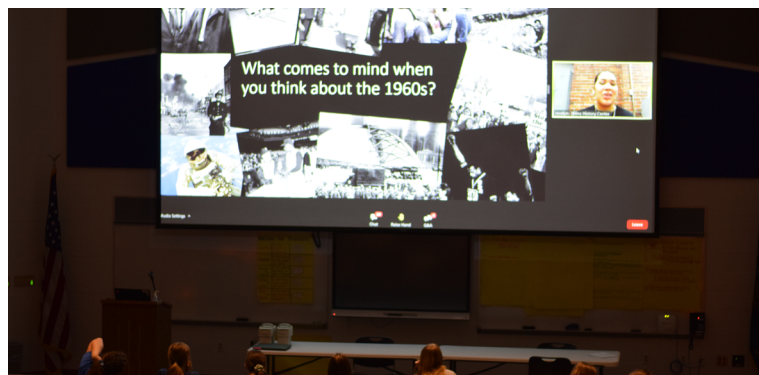
## PUBLISHED AUTHORS

This school year, fourth grade students from Mrs. Kurek's and Mrs. Duggan's classes worked with first grade students from Miss Hile's and Mrs. Cieslak's classes to write and illustrate books about kindness. The students' publications reflected what kindness means to them and how they can show kindness. This month, the young authors celebrated their published works with a red carpet book reading and signing!



## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

South Park Middle School sixth graders recently took a virtual field trip to the Heinz History Center to learn more about Pittsburgh's Freedom House. Freedom House Ambulance Service was the nation's first community-based emergency medical service with trained paramedics. The service addressed the urgent need for medical care in Pittsburgh neighborhoods, particularly in the Hill District.



## MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Two South Park High School students were recognized for their musical talents by performing at regional concerts alongside students from dozens of other local school districts.

In January, junior Dakota Thompson performed in the PMEA District 1 Band West Festival at Duquesne University. Dakota auditioned on bass clarinet and was selected for the district and honors band. The ensemble was led by Dr. James Gourlay, the director of bands at Duquesne University and the artistic and general director of River City Brass.

In February, senior Gabbi Stokes performed at the PMEA District 1 Chorus Festival at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center. Conducted by Dr. Susan Rice of the University of Pittsburgh, the festival featured 130 high school singers from 47 school districts across Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.





## PINK OUT

On Monday, February 7, the Lady Eagles basketball team took to the court for a good cause. It was the first Pink, Pass, Sink It Charity Game. Fans were encouraged to make a monetary donation for every point the Lady Eagles scored against Bentworth. All of the money raised would benefit Hair Peace Charities. Hair Peace Charities support women and girls in our area with financial assistance to purchase wigs during their cancer treatment.

The Lady Eagles won the game against Bentworth, 73-11. Plus they raised \$1,384 for Hair Peace Charities.



## ATHLETE SIGNING

Congratulations to South Park senior Emily Jackovic who will continue her academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Emily will attend Penn State Behrend and compete in swimming.



## WPIAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to South Park junior Cassandra O'Connor who advanced to the WPIAL Individual Diving Championships last week!



## SWIMMING SECTION CHAMPIONS

The South Park High School boys' swim team earned a section championship. The boys were 12-0 on the season and 7-0 in the section. They won the section invitational by a 140-point margin. Congratulations, Eagles!



## BASKETBALL SECTION CHAMPS

The Lady Eagles earned a share of the section championship and advanced to the WPIAL Quarterfinals this season. Congratulations, Lady Eagles!





## CEREAL BOX CREATIONS

"They'rre GR-R-REAT!" The Fifth Grade students in Mrs. Vezio's and Mrs. Bodo's ELA classes made a cereal box creation after reading the novel, "The Thing About Georgie." The novel portrays the life of dwarfism, difference, friendships and growing up and takes an upbeat and sensitive look at what it's like to be different and the challenges we overcome as kids. After reading the novel, students worked on creating a new cereal complete with illustrations and information related to the book. You may just get lucky and win a prize in one of these new cereal boxes; "Georgie O's," "VirtuosO's," "Friendship Loops," or "Godzillos," just to name a few!



## QUILT PROJECT

Mrs. Chambon's fourth grade students marked Black History Month with the creation of a large quilt. Each student created a square of the quilt that highlighted the accomplishments of an individual in history. The quilt is on display in the fourth grade hall for students to see.



## REMEMBERING 2-22-22

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 was a special day at South Park Elementary Center for the first grade class. With the help of their teachers, first graders made some memories to last another decade.

The first grade class will be the South Park High School Class of 2033. While they still have plenty of learning and exploring to do before their senior year, the students took some time to look ahead on 2-22-22. The students created time capsules full of writing, artwork, photos, memories and letters from family members. The time capsules were stuffed and sealed. Now they'll be stored until the first graders become seniors. On 3-3-33, the students will receive their 2-22-22 time capsules and take a look back at their time as first graders at South Park Elementary Center.



## 100 DAYS AND COUNTING

In early February, first graders celebrated the 100th day of school. While the 100th day became a virtual learning day due to snow and ice, the celebration spanned several days, both at home and in the classroom. Happy 100th Day of Learning!



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