

# SOUTH PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EAGLE EYE

E-Newsletter

October 31, 2016



## Eagle Stadium: End of an Era

### South Park Pride Celebrated Before and During Final Game Prior to Renovation

On a spectacular late October evening in South Park, alumni from the past six decades gathered to celebrate the final game at Eagle Stadium before a renovation project. But the enthusiasm started days before the final kickoff.

On Monday, October 24, WPXI-TV named Yough vs. South Park as a nominee for Skylights Game of the Week and the South Park High School Marching Band as a nominee for the Skylights Band of the Week. Several other larger schools were also nominated, but the support for South Park was strong from the very beginning. South Park won the game of the week race with more than 10,000 votes. That was nearly 4,000 votes more than the closest competitor. The South Park High School Marching Band became band of the week with more than 33,000 votes. That was nearly 8,000 votes more than the closest competitor.

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As a reminder, there will be no school for students on:

**Tuesday, November 8**  
**In-Service/Clerical Day**

**Friday, November 11**  
**District Closed in observance of Veterans Day**

**Monday, November 14**  
**Parent-Teacher Conferences/Act 80 Day**



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## South Park Middle School Students Raise Money with Pink Out



As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students at South Park Middle School raised more than \$1,000 to fight breast cancer. Students raised the money through the sale of t-shirts, bandanas, and bracelets. Ms. Jane May helped to organize the sale and Pink Out on Wednesday, October 26.

### South Park High School Drama Club Presents *Noises Off*

The South Park High School Drama Club presents *Noises Off* starting next week in the South Park High School auditorium. *Noises Off* is the story about an ill-fated play called *Nothing On*, the players both on and off the stage and what happens when things go horribly wrong.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Tickets will be sold at the door. Performances are scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m.

### Thank You, SPEC PTO

Mrs. Benson wants to thank the South Park Elementary Center PTO for giving her \$2,000 worth of Scholastic Dollars to spend on South Park Elementary Center's library. Mrs. Benson was able to purchase 80 new books and library supplies.

### South Park Middle School Book Fair

The middle school book fair presented by Mrs. Ruscitto and the PTO runs from November 14-22.

### Pumpkin Day at South Park Elementary Center



Tuesday, October 18 was Pumpkin Day for first grade students at South Park Elementary Center. Students did more than just decorate pumpkins. The pumpkins were the key parts in math and science lessons that day. Students worked in groups to count the lines on pumpkins, group pumpkin seeds by tens and test whether the size of the pumpkin affected its buoyancy. Of course, the first graders were able to show their creativity by using all sorts of materials to make their own pumpkin stand out.



## Third Graders Use STEM Education to Build Roller Coasters



Using foam tubing and marbles, third grade students in Ms. O'Brien's class built roller coasters on Friday, October 28. Ms. O'Brien first challenged the students to build a coaster with one loop. Then she challenged them to build a coaster with two and three loops. Each time, students tested their coasters by dropping a marble down the track. The students also got to name their roller coasters.

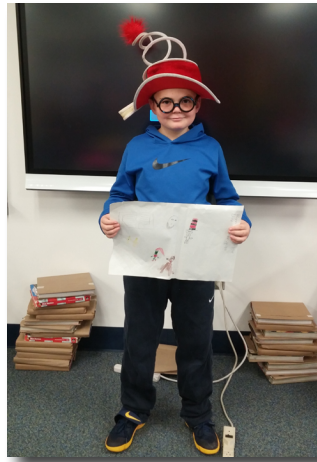


## Watch Out for Flying Candy Corn!



Fourth grade students put science into action by designing and constructing candy corn catapults in Mrs. Finke's class. The students put their catapults to the test on October 20. Students had three chances to launch their candy corn to see which group's could travel the farthest. The catapults gave students a hands-on lesson on the design process.

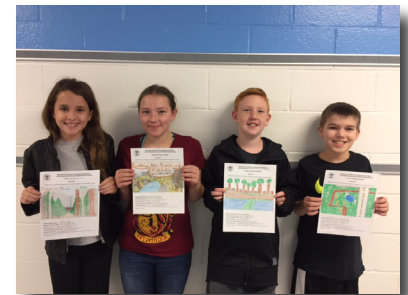
## Fifth Grade Students Present Book Talks



Students in Mrs. Bozick's fifth grade social studies classes presented their first book talks of the school year. Students choose and read one book on an assigned topic and then create a presentation. Mrs. Bozick says the book talks promote literacy by having students read nonfiction books to encourage classmates to read their book. Students create a poster or PowerPoint presentation and use a prop or costume related to their topic.

## Sixth Grade Students Participate in Postcard Contest

All sixth grade social studies students are participating in a postcard contest held by the PA Alliance for Geographic Education. This year's theme is "Explore the Power of Parks." Good luck, sixth grade!



## Eighth Grade Students Learn Flag Etiquette



Students in Mr. Levdansky's American History class recently learned flag etiquette. Students got hands-on experience of the proper way to fold the American flag.





## End of an Era Night *continued from page 1*

The End of an Era evening began with a tailgate at the district administration parking lot. More than 200 people enjoyed food prepared by the South Park School District cafeteria staff and watched performances by the South Park High School Cheerleaders, Marching Band, Color Guard, Majorettes and *The District* band. Fans were able to play cornhole on boards built by South Park High School students, and kids of all ages lined up to have their faces painted by South Park High School students.

During a special pregame ceremony, the South Park School District welcomed alumni who played or performed at Eagle Stadium back onto the field as a way to celebrate the history of the stadium. At halftime, South Park High School state champions who played at Eagle Stadium were recognized. Representatives from the 1997 football team, 2005 football team, 2005 boys' soccer team, 2006 boys' soccer team and 2007 girls' soccer team participated in the halftime ceremony.

The Eagles football team closed out Eagle Stadium with a 41-14 victory over Yough, securing a spot in the WPIAL Playoffs. After the game, the team, cheerleaders, fans and alumni gathered on the field to hear the South Park High School Marching Band perform the South Park Alma Mater a final time at Eagle Stadium.

The district will soon launch a dedicated section of its website detailing the stadium renovation project and its progress. An End of an Era Night slideshow will be posted on the district's website later this week.



A special thank you to the district staff who helped to make the evening a success. We would also like to thank our sponsors: PNC Bank; HHS DR Architects and Engineers; Andrews and Price Attorneys at Law; Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium & Aon; Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc.; Dinsmore; FieldTurf; P.J. Dick; Shields Embroidery and Promos; First Student and BSN Sports.



## Dates to Remember

**Monday, November 7**

End of First Nine Weeks

**Tuesday, November 8**

No School

Clerical/In-Service Day

**Thursday, November 10**

Board of School Directors

Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the  
South Park High School cafeteria

**Friday, November 11**

District Closed

Veterans Day

**Monday, November 14**

No School

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Report Cards Delivered to

Home Access Center

by the end of the day

**Wednesday, November 23**

One-Hour Early Dismissal

**Thursday, November 24,**

**Friday, November 25 &**

**Monday, November 28**

District Closed

Thanksgiving Break

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up-to-date calendars

## EAGLES NEWS

The South Park football team earned a wild-card spot in the WPIAL playoffs. Pairings will be announced tonight. We will post that information on the South Park School District Facebook page.

The South Park Boys' and Girls' soccer teams both made it to the WPIAL semifinals. Both teams will play on Wednesday, November 2 in consolation games for a spot in the PIAA playoffs.

Zack Skrabski finished in tenth place at the WPIAL Cross Country Championships. He advances to the PIAA Cross Country Final.

Golfers Dan Morgret and Tyler Brinker advanced to the PIAA Individual Golf Finals.

The South Park Girls' volleyball team earned a spot in the WPIAL playoffs.

## South Park Elementary Center Book Fair

The South Park Elementary Center Book Fair presented by the PTO wrapped up on Friday, October 21 with Family Book Fair Night.

Students and their families were able to shop for great books while enjoying entertainment including a DJ and an ice cream eating contest featuring three South Park Elementary Center teachers.

Mrs. Constantin, Mr. Trozzi, and Mr. Casamento ate as much ice cream as they could in five minutes. Mrs. Constantin was named the champion.



The students of South Park Elementary Center also participated in the "All for Books" campaign with a coin challenge. More than \$2,300 was raised through the coin collection. That money was used to purchase books for students who may not have been able to buy them and South Park classroom libraries. The PTO also purchased books to donate to the South Park Middle School library and the local charity, Beverly's Birthdays. Scholastic matches the money that was raised at South Park Elementary Center and uses it to purchase books for other children's charities.