

SOUTH PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EAGLE EYE

E-Newsletter

March 13, 2017

Read Across America

The students, faculty, and staff at South Park Elementary Center recently celebrated Read Across America. There were a number of fun and educational activities throughout the week.

A number of guest readers visited South Park Elementary Center classrooms on Thursday, March 9 and read some of their favorite books to the students.

In the South Park Elementary Center library, Mrs. Benson planned many different STEM activities to go along with Dr. Seuss stories.



Superintendent Wayne Gdovic reads to third grade students



Second graders read *Yertle the Turtle* and then had a competition to find out which group of students could stack the most turtle bottle caps without any of them falling over.

Third graders read the story, *The King's Stilts*. Then they used two straws, a paper printout of the king, two paper clips and tape to balance the king on the straws without touching him. The group that had the tallest balancing king won.

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High School Students Honored as Carson Scholars



South Park High School students Molly Saylor and Bret Leydig have been recognized as 2017 Carson Scholars.

Nearly 8,000 students nationwide are recognized as Carson Scholars for their academic achievements and community service.

Both Molly and Bret will be honored at a banquet at Heinz Field on Saturday, April 8.

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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



The South Park High School Drama Club presents *Little Shop of Horrors*. This year, there will be two weekends of performances. You won't want to miss it!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students with ID and children. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Performances are scheduled for:

Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.

All performances will take place in the South Park High School auditorium.

Seventh Grade Students Participate in Debate



Mr. Oxford's 7th grade ELA classes debated Mr. Barnhart's 7th grade ELA classes on Wednesday, March 8. The debate topics were focused on 7th grade students and included social media, video games, foreign language classes and cell phones.

The debates were based on PSSA writing standards, as students prepared argumentative essays for their test prep. They also focused on PSSA speaking and listening standards.

GRADUATION 2017

The date of Graduation has been set for Friday, June 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Park High School gymnasium, pending any snow days.

Music In Our Schools Month



Third grade students
play rhythm sticks



Fourth grade students
play their recorders



7th Grade Band



8th Grade Band



High School Jazz Band
& Pit Orchestra



Read Across America

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Fourth graders read the story, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*. They constructed a hot air balloon with a balloon, paper cup, four straws and tape. Mrs. Benson and the students used a hair dryer and a stop watch to see which group could keep their hot air balloon in the air the longest.



High School Students Head to the Courtroom for Mock Trial Competition

For the second year, members of the South Park High School Mock Trial team competed in the 2017 Pennsylvania Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition. The students are currently enrolled in Mr. Correll's Honors Law and Legal Studies courses.

The competition was held at the City-County Building in Downtown Pittsburgh. The team was involved in a criminal mock trial. They developed arguments for both the prosecution and the defense. The South Park team competed against Quaker Valley and West Mifflin in the district round of the competition.

Shannon Byrnes and Ashley Kaminski won awards for best witnesses. Sammy Massimino and Alexandra Stewart won awards for best advocates.



Middle School Students Selected for Band Festival

South Park Middle School students Lindsey Kamienik, clarinet, and Emma Zeiler, trombone, were selected to participate in the PMEA District 1 Junior High Band Festival West. The festival was held at Trinity High School on March 3-4 and was hosted by Trinity Middle School band director, Gordon Lowry. The guest conductor was Richard L. Saucedo, who is a retired band director from Carmel, Indiana and a prolific band composer. The students had the opportunity to perform two of his pieces during the concert, which made for a great learning experience.

The band of approximately 150 students from 60 local schools performed in a Saturday afternoon concert to conclude the festival.

Congratulations to Lindsey and Emma on an outstanding performance!



Chelsea Campolongo Named As Next Business Manager



At its regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017, the South Park School District Board of Directors named Chelsea Campolongo as the next Business Manager of the South Park School District. Ms. Campolongo arrived at the South Park School

District in July 2016 as the Assistant Business Manager. Before joining South Park, she worked as a senior software consultant at Sungard K-12. She previously worked as a fiscal specialist at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA degree with a focus in management. Her first day as Business Manager will be Wednesday, April 19. She replaces Edward J. Gannis, Jr. who will retire as Business Manager on Tuesday, April 18 after nearly 20 years with the district.

Eagle Stadium Renovation

The renovation of Eagle Stadium has begun. Please use extra caution when driving Eagle Pride Lane from McCorkle Road to the stadium entrance. Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the stadium throughout the day. Access to Eagle Stadium is now restricted to authorized personnel only. In addition, no vehicles are permitted to use the Eagle Stadium access road to the site of the former South Park High School on Ridge Road. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

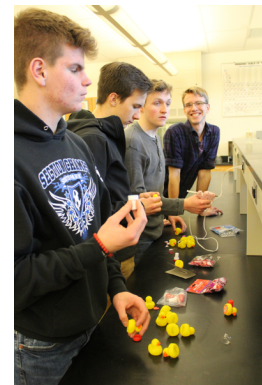
Eagle Ridge Preschool Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Students at the Eagle Ridge Child Development Center at South Park High School recently wore crazy hats and enjoyed green eggs and ham while celebrating Dr. Seuss as part of Read Across America.



National Honor Society Raises \$1,000 for Disaster Relief Charity

The South Park High School National Honor Society raised \$1,000 for *Shelter Box* through two recent fundraisers. The club raised \$800 from a Pickleball tournament held in December and the remaining \$200 by selling rubber ducks for Valentine's Day. *Shelter Box* is an organization that provides temporary shelter and supplies to families who are displaced from their homes in regions around the world due to natural disasters or humanitarian crises. The money raised at South Park High School will be sent to Syria, where it will be used to provide direct support including life-saving equipment, response teams and school supplies in areas where schools have been destroyed.



South Park Swimmer to Compete in PIAA Championship

Congratulations to Andrew Kohle who will compete in the PIAA Swimming Championship this week. At the WPIAL Championship, Andrew broke two school varsity records in the 200 free and 500 free. Both records stood for more than 20 years. Good luck, Andrew!

Pittsburgh Steelers Footballers Basketball Team Coming to South Park

The South Park High School football team is hosting the Pittsburgh Steelers Footballers Basketball team. Past and present Steelers will play against teachers, coaches and administrators from all South Park schools. The game is scheduled for Friday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the game are \$7 each.

Pittsburgh Steelers will sign autographs at halftime. There will be Chinese Auction baskets, a 50/50 and raffles.

If you know a player on the football team, contact them to purchase tickets or contact Kathy Kmonk at kathy1018@comcast.net.

Spring Sports Schedules (As of Tuesday, March 7)

Varsity Baseball
(Home Games Played at Evans Field)

Monday, April 3
vs. Uniontown Area
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
at Belle Vernon
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7
vs. McGuffey
7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10
at Elizabeth Forward
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12
at Ringgold
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
vs. Keystone Oaks
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21
at West Mifflin
4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24
at Uniontown Area
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26
vs. Belle Vernon
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 28
at McGuffey
4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1
vs. Elizabeth Forward
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
vs. Ringgold
7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5
at Keystone Oaks
4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8
vs. West Mifflin
7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity Baseball
(Home Games Played at Evans Field)

Monday, April 3
at Uniontown Area
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
vs. Belle Vernon
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8
at Allderdice
11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 10
vs. Elizabeth Forward
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12
vs. Ringgold
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
at Keystone Oaks
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21
vs. West Mifflin
7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 26
at Belle Vernon
7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1
at Elizabeth Forward
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2
vs. Keystone Oaks
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
at Ringgold
4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8
at West Mifflin
4:00 p.m.

Softball
(Home Games Played at Wilson Field)

Tuesday, March 28
at North Allegheny
4:00 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Wednesday, March 29
vs. Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic
4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31
at Thomas Jefferson
3:45 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Monday, April 3
at Charleroi Area
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
vs. McGuffey
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7
at Waynesburg
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11
vs. Brownsville Area
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 13
at Southmoreland
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18
vs. Shaler Area
4:00 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Thursday, April 20
vs. Charleroi Area
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25
at McGuffey
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
vs. Waynesburg
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 28
vs. Mount Pleasant Area Jr./Sr.
4:00 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Tuesday, May 2
at Brownsville Area
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
vs. Southmoreland
4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5
vs. Canon-McMillan
4:00 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Monday, May 8
at Mt. Lebanon
4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10
at Bethel Park
3:45 p.m.
(JV to Follow)

Thursday, May 11
at North Hills
4:00 p.m.

Middle School Softball
(Home Games Played at Wilson Field)

Friday, March 31
at Elizabeth Forward
3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4
vs. West Mifflin
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6
vs. Ringgold
4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10
vs. Keystone Oaks
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12
at Baldwin
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
at South Allegheny
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21
vs. Peters Township
4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24
vs. Elizabeth Forward
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26
at Bethel Park
4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 28
at Ringgold
4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1
at Upper St. Clair
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
vs. Canon-McMillan
4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5
at Trinity
4:00 p.m.

Boys' Varsity Tennis

Tuesday, March 14
vs. Keystone Oaks
3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 17
at Seton-La Salle Catholic
3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 20
vs. California Area
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22
at Greensburg Salem
3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28
vs. Southmoreland
3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 30
at West Mifflin
3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3
vs. Thomas Jefferson
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
at Mount Pleasant Area Jr./Sr.
3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7
vs. Greensburg Central Catholic
3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 10
at Brownsville Area
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12
at Chartiers Valley
3:30 p.m.

Track and Field

Tuesday, March 28
vs. Burgettstown and Fort Cherry
at Burgettstown Middle School/High School
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
vs. Chartiers Houston and Bishop Canevin
at Chartiers Houston High School
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12
vs. Keystone Oaks and Brentwood
at Keystone Oaks High School
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
vs. McGuffey and Carlynton
at McGuffey High School
3:30 p.m.

*Schedules are subject to change. For the latest South Park schedules, click here.

South Park High School Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen by the School Wide Positive Behavior Team at South Park High School as Students of the Month.

Academics: Andrew Kohle
Athletics: Maura Huwalt
Creativity: Laura Sensabaugh
Politeness: Caylee Jackson
School Spirit: Dan Coursey
Leadership: Miranda Scanlon

Officer Phil Program Visits South Park Elementary Center



There were some very important lessons mixed with magic tricks at South Park Elementary Center recently. The Officer Phil Program teaches students about respect, kindness and stranger danger. This nationwide program has been presented to millions of children.



Art Students Visit Carnegie Museum of Art

A group of 20 upper-level high school art students visited the Carnegie Museum of Art on February 17. The students were accompanied by Ms. Rech and Mrs. Masa. The students had the opportunity to work with museum instructors to create hands-on projects related to the works of art in the museum collection. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to see art and expand their art history and cultural base. The students enjoyed seeing the paintings and sculptures they have learned about in class.

South Park Track Hosts Second Annual Mattress Sale

South Park Track's Mattress Sale will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at South Park High School.

SPHS Cheerleaders Recognized at Board Meeting

The South Park High School Cheerleaders were recognized at the February Board of Directors meeting for competing in the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships in Hershey. The cheerleaders advanced to the semifinal round of the competition and finished 8th out of 21 groups in the large varsity category.

