

SOUTH PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EAGLE EYE

E-Newsletter

April 10, 2017

Spring Break Begins This Week

Spring Break for South Park students begins with a one-hour early dismissal on Thursday, April 13. The district will be closed on Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17.

Classes resume on Tuesday, April 18.

Renovation Update



The renovation of South Park's Eagle Stadium is moving forward. Crews are presently preparing the hillside at Eagle Stadium for the installation of new bleachers and a maintenance road.

South Park School District to Host South Park Middle School Showcase

South Park families and community members are invited to the South Park Middle School Showcase on Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The showcase will provide the opportunity for families and community members to tour the renovated school. Guests will be able to see the new classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium and LGI room.

The South Park Middle School Showcase will coincide with the South Park Middle School Celebration of Excellence. The Celebration of Excellence features student work, projects and interdisciplinary activities. The annual South Park Middle School Science Fair is also a part of the Celebration of Excellence.



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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: Holly Barwatt
- Athletics: Sam Hartman
- Creativity: Luke McNall
- Politeness: Dominic Achille
- School Spirit: Alyssa Tutich
- Leadership: Hannah Thurston

South Park Student Wins State Archery Championship



South Park High School junior Taylor Ballenger won the 47th annual Pennsylvania State JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) Indoor Archery Championship in Harrisburg on Saturday, April 1. Taylor topped the field after advancing to the Olympic Round in the junior (18-20) age bracket for Female Recurve Bow Archers. This was Taylor's fourth appearance in the final four for her age and class. It is her first state championship victory. Congratulations, Taylor!

Seventh Grade Students Complete Compound Machine Challenge



Students in Ms. Falk's seventh grade science class recently built compound machines and presented them to classmates. The students worked in groups to create machines that were composed of two or more simple machines. On Thursday, March 30, students presented their machines and identified the simple machines in their project, explained the purpose and function of their machine and demonstrated how the machine made work easier. The students' compound machines included one that helps golfers sink their putts and one that picks up bowling pins.

2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration

If you haven't begun the Kindergarten registration process for the 2017-2018 school year, click here to get more information. Before picking up a registration packet at South Park Elementary Center, please complete the online pre-registration form.

South Park Students Shine in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Bravo to the cast, crew and musicians of South Park High School's *Little Shop of Horrors*. They just completed their second weekend of performances. Their months of hard work and preparation truly showed.



Bleeding Control Kits Installed in Schools



In November, the South Park School District became one of the first districts in the region to receive training as part of the national *Stop the Bleed* initiative. The campaign teaches participants how to control life-threatening bleeding.

As part of the training with UPMC and Tri Community South EMS, the South Park School District received four bleeding control kits. The kits, purchased by UPMC and presented to South Park School District Superintendent Wayne Gdovic by Tri Community South EMS, include a tourniquet, gauze and other equipment as well as guidance on how to provide care to victims.

Discounted Kennywood Tickets Available Online



If you didn't purchase Kennywood tickets when they were available in South Park schools in late March, you can still purchase discounted tickets by visiting kennywood.com/southpark. The special offer expires on Monday, June 5.

Steelers 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.

Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday, April 11 at the high school from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those who would like to purchase tickets should enter door 17 (located at the rear of the building). Tickets will be sold on Wednesday, April 12 at South Park Middle School during all lunches and on Thursday, April 13 at South Park High School during all lunches.

If you are unable to purchase tickets on those days, please contact Kathy Kmonk at kathy1018@comcast.net or by calling (412) 708-1309.

Spring Has Sprung!



Signs of spring are popping up everywhere. Sixth grade students have begun to plant seeds in the South Park Middle School greenhouse. Students are using new equipment and supplies purchased through a grant by the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 13

One-Hour Early Dismissal

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

Friday, April 14

No School

Monday, April 17

No School

Pittsburgh CLO Performs at South Park Middle School



South Park Middle School welcomed the Pittsburgh CLO on Wednesday, March 29. *Steel* centers around the industry that helped to build Pittsburgh and the entire region. The musical features the stories of immigrant families, Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick and the steelworkers who struggled to form a union. *Steel* has been performed at schools throughout the area.

Zoomobile Comes to South Park



Preschoolers in the Eagle Ridge Child Development program at South Park High School welcomed some wild guests on Tuesday, March 28. The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium's Zoomobile gave students the chance to encounter live animals and learn facts about them and their environment. Preschoolers and

their high school buddies enjoyed the up-close look at some very unique creatures!

South Park Student-Athletes Sign Letters of Intent



Four more South Park student-athletes recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and educational careers.

- Cameron Ruggles will attend Thiel College and play football.
- Sebastian Anthony will attend Westminster College and play football.
- Zack Skrabski will attend Lock Haven University and compete in track.
- Mallory Weiss will attend Washington & Jefferson College and compete in track.

Congratulations to Cameron, Sebastian, Zack and Mallory!