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South Park Middle School Showcase Shines Spotlight on Student Work & Recent Renovation

Guests see the renovated cafeteria at South Park Middle School

The new hallways, classrooms and common spaces of South Park Middle School were filled with student work and projects on Wednesday, May 3 for the South Park Middle School Showcase. Hundreds of parents, family members and community members were able to tour the renovated building and see the amazing things South Park students do every day during this special event.

Middle school students perform as living statues

The creativity of South Park Middle School students was on display as the South Park Middle School's Art Show was held as part of the South Park Middle School Show. Students' art projects were featured in the art classroom and throughout the school hallways. Art came to life in one of the most interactive exhibits of the night. Two middle school students performed as living statues throughout the evening outside the art classroom.

Showcase guests enjoyed seeing the 3D printer make hand spinners

The South Park Middle School Showcase had a high-tech feel in the tech-education lab. Student projects from middle school through high school were on display for parents and community members to see the progression of the technology education curriculum in the South Park School District. Students of all ages enjoyed being able to see a 3D printer make hand spinners.

Band students perform

The South Park Middle School band was also a key part of the South Park Middle School Showcase. Students performed all evening in the lobby, hallways and classrooms. Parents, family members and community members were treated to dozens of group and individual performances in the band room. High school band members were also on hand to encourage middle school students to continue or even begin their music careers when they enter high school.

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THANK YOU, TEACHERS

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8-12, 2017

May 8-12, 2017 is Teacher Appreciation Week. The South Park School District would like to thank all South Park School District teachers. Their commitment and dedication never go unnoticed and are appreciated every day of the year, not just this week.

Juniors Take a Glimpse into Their Futures During Career Fair

South Park High School juniors got the chance to learn about a number of different career fields during the annual Career Day presented by the South Park High School Guidance Office on Friday, April 28. Dozens of local professionals spoke to students about their jobs and the skills those jobs require. The various sessions provided valuable insight and advice for juniors as they prepare for their senior year and their futures.

Six South Park Middle School Students Receive Rotary Awards

On Tuesday, May 2, six South Park Middle School students were honored with the Pleasant Hills Rotary Award. The award is given to students who exemplify the academic, behavioral and social qualities that make them leaders in the eyes of administration, faculty and students. The sixth grade winners were Mary Urso and Aaron Dlugos. The seventh grade winners were Isabella Klee and James Danner. The 8th grade winners were Maddy Kinevy and Dominic Holzer.

South Park Middle School Showcase

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Student projects were featured in every corner of the building. Those projects included course-related projects, patriotism haiku, scale houses and poetry. One of the most moving exhibits of the evening was the eighth grade butterfly project. The project served as a remembrance of the children who died during the Holocaust. Eighth graders also presented their science fair projects in the new cafeteria. In the computer lab, visitors got a glimpse of the photo design, web design and game design software students at both South Park Middle School and South Park High School use every day.

8th Grade Butterfly Project

Visitors had the opportunity to take a look at the software used by middle school and high school students

"The South Park Middle School Showcase was a great way to open the doors of the renovated South Park Middle School to parents, families and community members," said South Park School District Superintendent Wayne Gdvoic. "However, the best part of the evening was seeing the pride on the faces of our students when they had the chance to show others their work, projects and abilities. This night celebrated the great results of a year's worth of hard work, studying and commitment."

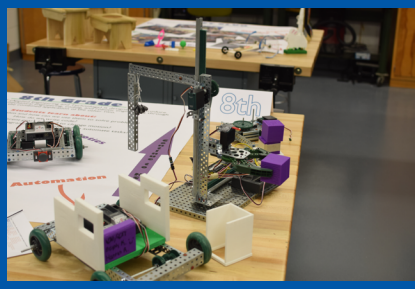
Art Display

Fifth Grade Science Projects

Sixth Grade Patriotism Haiku

Seventh Grade Scale Houses

Eighth Grade Holocaust Remembrance Project



Tech-Ed Projects

Middle School Greenhouse

First Grade Dioramas

Parent vs. Child Activity Challenges

South Park High School Seniors Receive SHASDA Awards

South Park High School seniors Connor Fetsko and Brittany Patterson received awards from the South Hills Area School Districts Association during a breakfast on Saturday, April 29. The awards recognize students who have shown determination to excel both in and out of the classroom.

Middle School Students Lead Assembly on Recycling

The South Park Middle School Environmental Club, represented by seventh graders Zack Huwalt, Devin Matter and Olivia Ramaglia, recently presented a recycling assembly to fifth grade students. The assembly included an interactive story called, "Freddie the Fish." During the interactive story, fifth grade students saw how different pollutants can impact fish and other wildlife.

Students later played a game to determine what trash from a garbage can could be recycled. The assembly concluded with the students learning how they can make a difference at South Park Middle School by recycling paper, plastic and aluminum cans during lunch.

National Honor Society Members Cook Dinner at Ronald McDonald House

Ten South Park National Honor Society students recently traveled to the Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner. The Ronald McDonald House offers a temporary place to stay in addition to meals for children receiving healthcare services at Children's Hospital and their families. NHS students raised funds to purchase food and spent the evening making a home-cooked meal for these families. As part of a club that focuses on volunteering, NHS students felt it was important to help these families feel comfortable while away from home during a difficult time. In addition to making the families dinner, students were able to interact with the patients, putting smiles on the faces of both the children and NHS students.

High School Students Participate in Mock Senate

Five South Park High School students had the opportunity to be a state senator for a day. During the mock senate, presented by State Senator Guy Reschenthaler, students had to discuss and vote on a number of bills.

Marching Band, Majorettes and Color Guard Represent South Park at National Festival

The South Park High School Marching Band, Majorettes and Color Guard recently returned after performing at the Norfolk NATO Festival Parade of Nations on Saturday, April 29. During their trip, the students also performed at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA.

South Park High School Spring Concert

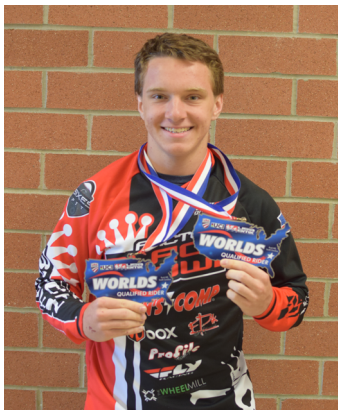
The South Park High School spring concert was on May 4. The concert band performed a Star Wars medley since it was May 4. To watch a clip, click here to visit our Facebook page.

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: Eric Carr
Athletics: Hunter Rock
Creativity: Karla Swindell
Politeness: Marissa Ferrelli
School Spirit: Jake Linder
Leadership: Mallory Weiss

South Park Student to Represent U.S. in 2017 BMX World Championships



South Park sophomore Cameron Bramer has earned a spot on the U.S. team at the 2017 UCI BMX World Championships. The championships will be held in July at the Novant Health BMX Supercross Track in Rock Hill, SC. Cam qualified for both of his race bikes, 20" and 24". Cam will compete against some of the best riders from more than 42 countries. This is Cam's first international race and his first time representing the U.S. He has always dreamed of this opportunity. He is looking forward to representing the red, white and blue and bringing home a 2017 world title!

Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 11
Board of School Directors Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the South Park High School cafeteria

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day
District Closed

Important Reminder!

If your email address changes at any point during the summer, please be sure to contact your school's office as soon as possible. It is essential that the district have the most up-to-date email addresses for each student. We are planning to communicate important back-to-school information electronically this summer. Should you have any questions, contact your school office.

Keystone Exams

The Keystone Exams are rapidly approaching. These exams are tests administered to every public school student in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These exams are designed to be taken as an end-of-course assessment in Algebra I, English 10 and Biology in an effort to measure individual student mastery in the Pennsylvania Core Standards. Any student who has not scored proficient or advanced on the Keystone Exams will be scheduled, if possible, to retake the exam during the next Keystone Exam window.

These standards are aligned with expectations for all students to be successful in post-secondary educational settings and in the workplace. The overall student results on these exams also help to evaluate the effectiveness of our school in these courses, as well as individual student achievement.

We look at many factors when preparing students for these exams including curriculum adjustments and remediation courses to help students achieve the highest scores possible on these exams. Another factor we believe impacts all students' performance is their physical well-being. A good breakfast, getting the proper amount of rest and receiving supportive encouragement are integral to every student's preparedness and focus during these exams.

Click here for more information about the Keystone Exams including the test schedule.

Flags Presented

State Senator Guy Reschenthaler visited South Park Middle School on Tuesday, May 2 to present an American flag and Pennsylvania state flag to principal Kevin Monaghan and assistant principal Dr. Christine Liekar.

South Park High School Prom

The South Park High School Prom is on Friday, May 12. Students may arrive at the high school at 4:30 p.m. for pictures. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the annual Grand March beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission to the Grand March is free. However, donations will be gladly accepted to help with Grand March decoration costs.

The Prom will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe beginning at 7:00 p.m.