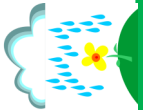


Spring 2017



Grandparents' Club



LEDGERGRAM

FROM THE GRANDPARENTS' CLUB

MESSAGE FROM STEVE KELNHOFER ELEMENTARY SYSTEM PRINCIPAL



Just short of three years ago, I walked through SMSA for the first time as a father and a second grade teacher looking for a place to share a learning and faith adventure. This year, I was blessed to start on a new journey as the elementary principal at SMSA. I'm proud to be blessed, to be surrounded by people who share the idea of love thy neighbor, love of learning, and love for the Lord. These are the experiences and education provided upon the Ledge.

The elementary teachers, staff, students, and parents strive to work together to form a partnership in an educational experience for each student who enters our System. Together we find "strength as one" to provide success for future generations.

Our mission is to develop the whole child so that he or she may rise to life challenges and become a leader of tomorrow. Students are learning from a rigorous curriculum that is current and researched-based, and filled with best practices. Project Lead the Way is initiated in kindergarten for students to use science, math, engineering and technology to learn new concepts. From building houses for the three little pigs to building robots in fifth grade, students are developing academically. Reader's and Writer's workshops provide a foundation for the Language Arts curriculum.

Faith formation and our Truth program form the developmental links to guide students to grow emotionally and spiritually. Truth and guidance classes provide students with the tools to live and learn about values and behavioral interactions. Students experience faith development all through the day. Weekly devotions, Masses, prayer services and living our faith are ways students grow in a relationship with Jesus.

The Springs is more than overflowing with water, but consists of educational experiences that pour out blessings of sharing love of neighbor, learning, and relationship with the Lord.

Calendar of Events

July 28th (all day): Swing for Springs and Summer Fling

August 8 from 3:00-6:00 and August 9 from 7:00 - 2:00 – Uniform Exchange at Holy Family Church.

August 20, 9:00 am -- Grandparents Club meeting, Lauby Room, SMSA

Mission and Purpose of SMSA Grandparents Club

Mission Statement:

The Grandparents Club of St. Mary's Springs Academy provides support and services to further the Mission of the Academy as a Catholic educational system. Grandparents serve as an additional support system in academic, spiritual, social and personal growth and development by involvement in the daily lives of children who attend St. Mary's Springs Academy.

Purpose:

The Grandparents Club, established in 2014, provides an opportunity for grandparents (or honorary grandparents), near or far, to be connected to SMSA school life. Grandparents can provide support by contributing their time, talents, and resources to benefit the children attending SMSA. Opportunities are available to help with events, in the classrooms or campuses, special projects and programs. We welcome all grandparents to stay informed and be involved as much as possible.

SCRIP

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Summer Hours for Scrip Office – Monday and Wednesday, 8 am-12 noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 12 noon-4 pm.

Summary of 2016-17 Grandparents Club Activities

By all standards, the Grandparents Club had a fun and successful year! We enjoyed our fellowship at meetings and working monthly as GrandAides or serving as volunteers at campus events. Here are some of the highlights of the year:

- Seven new members joined the Club this year. An average of 12-15 grandparents/grandparent couples attended the business meetings.
- Elected new officers for 2017-18: President Elaine Rebek, Secretary Janet Coon, Treasurer Terry Judkins. Committee Chairs are: GrandAides – Kate Flohr, E-Angels – Della Huck, Uniform Exchange-Carol Hyland and Mary Jaeger, Communications – Sharon Donovan and Sherry Holmes, Parent Connectors Liaison – Carol Hyland.
- GrandAides – Each month (November thru April) a group assembled to work on projects submitted by the teachers. A total of 79 hours were put in by grandparents working on projects such as: Copy and collate manuals, tear out sheets from workbooks and sort, or punch holes and put in binders, create sets of disease cards, filing books in folders, laminate and cut out sheets, cut and glue pictures, hole punch and add string to make ornaments and make reindeer headbands. The GrandAide volunteers also make monthly treats for the staff.
- E-Angels – There were not many requests this year. Locker shelves for high school students who needed them and snacks were provided for teachers/staff
- Uniform Exchange - We distributed over 1,050 items to 96 families at the Uniform Exchange last August. The Exchange will be held at Holy Family on August 8 from 3:00-6:00 and August 9 from 7:00 - 2:00. Sorting and set-up will take place on August 7—contact Carol Hyland (hyland@charter.net) for more information and to volunteer for set-up and the Exchange days.
- Welcome Back Dinner -- Was a great success feeding a little over 300 parents, children, teachers and staff. The dinner profit of almost \$640 will help us continue to have money to support the children at SMSA. It brought together a large group of volunteers needed to provide all the food, desserts and decorations.
- Supported Ledgerfest with Silent Auction items. Our member Nancy Judkins designed and created a lovely ceramic platter depicting the new SMSA campus. It is the first time the Art Department was used to create income. The Gardening Basket with Scrip gift certificates along with gardening tools, seeds, watermelon salt and pepper shakers and bird feeder was well received. These items brought added over \$300 to the Silent Auction revenue.
- Grandparents volunteered their time at the following school activities: Back to School Night as greeters, Vision and Hearing Screening, table sitting for Challenge Days, Room hosts at Solo/Ensemble vocal and instrumental competitions.
- To show our pride in being grandparents of SMSA students, a tee shirt was designed and is available for purchase.

Club Officers 2017-18

At the January meeting, the following were elected to serve as officers for the Grandparents Club: President, Elaine Rebek (emrebek@hotmail.com), Secretary, Janet Coon (jcoon5024@charter.net), Treasurer, Terry Judkins (terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com). Feel free to contact any of the officers for information on how the Grandparents Club supports the students, faculty and staff of St. Mary's Springs Academy.



Tee it up for St. Mary's Springs Academy!

Friday, July 28, 2017

Golf at Whispering Springs Golf Club and Rolling Meadows Golf Course followed by a casual, buffet style dinner "under the tents" at Rolling Meadows.

Not a golfer? That's OK!

Come join the casual dinner and participate in auction, raffle, ball drop and socialize with other grandparents, parents, alumni and friends of SMSA! Watch the E Ledger and SMSA website as registration information will be available in several weeks.

Contact Chris Gilles for more information.
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Grandparents Day 2017



On April 26th and 27th, SMSA celebrated Grandparents/Special Friend Day. Students in grades 4K-5 spent an hour with their grandparents or a special friend at school. In addition to attending a prayer service, everyone rotated through stations completing a craft activity, taking pictures at photo areas and enjoying a breakfast snack. Over 330 grandparent/special friends attended the event.



Special thanks to the Parent Connectors Group chaired by Andrea Nuss and Valerie Everson and the many volunteers for making it all possible. The children were very proud to show their grandparents or special friends their school, as well as spending time with them. It was a very special day for all.

Labels and Box Tops for Education

Here are two **easy** ways to raise funds for SMSA:

Box Tops for Education - Clip the UPC label from **hundreds** of products (see list at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating>). Our homes use/have many of these products. SMSA earns **10 cents** for each. They add up fast, so please check and clip!

Milk Moola – Save milk bottle caps with the official Milk Moola symbol, or bag tops with the official Milk Moola symbol from Kwik Trip to earn \$\$ for Springs. You can drop off milk caps and BOX TOPS at the Scrip office or send them to school with students.