

SPRING LEDGERGRAM

Grandparents Club Annual Report (Elaine Rebek, President)

From the Uniform Exchange in August to writing notes of appreciation to the SMSA faculty and staff, the Grandparents Club has been very active in supporting St. Mary's Springs Academy students and staff all year long.

The Uniform Exchange was held in August for families to get a head start on the needed uniforms for the School Year. There were 102 families who took advantage of the exchange and 1,100 items were recycled. Thank you to Mary Jaeger and Carol Hyland who coordinated the Exchange.

Each month on the second Wednesday, a group of GrandAides gather in the Media Center to work on projects for the primary teachers, prepare BoxTops for mailings and just to share some fellowship with other grandparents. GrandAides, led by Kate Flohr, logged over 65 hours of support and grandparents provided treats for the staff throughout the year.

And, of course, our annual Welcome Back Spaghetti dinner under the leadership of Terry Judkins was another fantastic success. We served over 452 individuals a delicious dinner of homemade spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, salad and homemade desserts provided by grandparents. This is such a wonderful way to start the school year with SMSA families, friends and faculty and staff having a relaxing time and sharing a dinner.

For the 2018-19 School Year, the Grandparents Club officers and committee chairs are: President - Elaine Rebek, emrebek@hotmail.com; Secretary - Janet Coon, jcoon5024@charter.net; Treasurer - Terry Judkins, terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com.

Committee chairs are: E-Angels-Sue Huck, dellahuck@gmail.com; Communication-Sherry Holmes, sholmes1030@gmail.com and Sharon Donovan, sd53057@gmail.com, and Granddaides-Kate Flohr, kateflohr47@gmail.com.

LedgerFest Report (Nichole M. Price-Rusniaczek)

This year's Ledgerfest Dinner was a huge success! Coinciding with Valentine's Day, our theme this year was "Have a Heart." In a room full of candy hearts, chocolates and smiles, parents, grandparents and friends of SMSA gathered to pour out their hearts to support the students of SMSA. From facility beautification to student supplies, dollars raised at Ledgerfest go toward all that SMSA has to offer. Silent auction items included student artwork, community donated services, sports and restaurant experiences and weekend trips.

The numbers are in....Ledgerfest raised an astounding \$115,000 NET for our amazing school! Thank you to all who supported as sponsors/donors, bidders, attendees, and volunteers. Because of you...the hearts of our school community are full!

Grandparents' & Special Friends Day 2018 (Sharon Donovan)

Excitement and anticipation filled the room as smiling children searched for the familiar faces of grandparents or special friends. Once found the children and their guests spent a little over an hour rotating through a craft activity, snack, and a prayer service on their Grandparent/ Special Friend Day.

All this was incredibly well organized and orchestrated under the leadership of Andrea Nuss and Valerie Everson. A plethora of volunteers from SMSA Staff to parents assisted them in creating a very successful two day event. Over 914 adults and students enjoyed their time together on their special day.

Only 51 of the 4th and 5th grade students had no grandparent or special friend for the day so SMSA staff filled in enabling those students to participate. Please consider becoming a "Special Friend" for students who do not have Grandparents in the area. Perhaps you have no grandchildren at SMSA but would be willing to volunteer as a Special Friend for events like this. The children would love it. If interested, please email Sharon at: sd53057@gmail.com or Andrea at: alnuss@charter.net

BoxTops & MilkMoola Rebates Update (Sherry Holmes)

We exceeded our School Year 2017-18 goal! This year, with the help of the GrandAides preparing the mailings and the Grandparents Club support for the postage and class reward parties, this EASY fund raiser generated \$3,918.20 from the Box Tops Rebate program and \$ from the Kwik Trip Milk Moola Rebate Program. That's a total of \$ that will be available for the use in special instructional areas for enhancement supplies—like the pottery kilns for the Art Department, music and instruments in the Music Department and extra exercise/sport equipment in the Physical Education Department.

Thank you grandparents for sending Box Tops and Milk Moola caps/labels to the Scrip Office or with your grandchildren during the promotional contests.

SMSA is one of the leaders in the Box Tops program in our area and Wisconsin! In our area we are 2nd out of 147 schools and in Wisconsin we are 20th out of 2,251 schools. Let's see if in 2018-19 we can improve our ranking. Start clipping and saving now!

In addition to the Box Tops and Milk Moola rebate programs we have also added Loaves for Learning from the Village Hearth/Country Hearth breads. Just clip the UPC seal from the bread packaging and send them along with your Box Tops and a Milk Moola caps and labels. Note: For a list of Box Tops products—and there are many—go to www.boxtops4education.com.

Swing for Springs and Summer Social

Date: Friday, July 27, 2018

Where: Golf played in scramble format at Rolling Meadows and Whispering Springs. Social and buffet dinner at Rolling Meadows.

Time: 10:00 golf registration starts. 11:30 a.m. shotgun start at Whispering Springs and 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Rolling Meadows. Social: 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Not a golfer - no worries...join us for social, dinner and loads of fun. All proceeds support the SMSA Fund and assist in the annual operation of our great school! Register online

at www.smsacademy.org/giving/special-events/swing-fore-springs or contact Chris Gilles with questions: cgilles@smsacademy.org ~ 920-322-8059

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Save the Dates 2018-19

August 8 and 9	Uniform Exchange, Holy Family Community Church
August 15	Grandparents Club meeting, 9:30 am, SMSA
September 19	Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner, Holy Family Community Church
October 17	Grandparents Club meeting, 9:30 am, SMSA
Monthly—2 nd Wednesday	GrandAides meet at 9:30 am-11:30 am
January 16	Grandparents Club meeting, 9:30 am, SMSA
March 20	Grandparents Club meeting, 9:30 am, SMSA
March 9	LedgerFest
May TBD	Grandparents Day sponsored by Parent Connectors
May 15	Grandparents Club meeting, 9:30 am, SMSA