

# SPRING STREET LINK

October 5, 2015

October is *Bullying Prevention Awareness Month*. This is a time that communities can continue to work together to raise awareness about how we can ensure bully-free schools. At our recent All School Meeting the video of the book *Don't Laugh at Me* prompted discussions related to empathy and the how this can help us make good decisions and support others thus creating a culture and environment that free of bully-like behavior. In the coming months, our all-school-read selections (*Books of the Month*) will focus on what we can do as community members to demonstrate characteristics that are supportive, kind, and respectful to one another and creates an environment that fosters the social, emotional, and academic growth for all and is bully free. We look forward to sharing with you.

## **Professional Development Day on Friday**

This Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, is a professional development day and there is no school for students. In the morning, teachers will be taking time to compare grade-level writing expectations to student work. In the afternoon, we will be using this information to develop plans for instruction based on the specific needs of the students. We look forward to and are appreciative of this time to collaborate and continue to support the learning needs of our students.

## **Help Us Spruce Up Spring Street Gardens-Volunteers Needed**

How exciting! On Saturday, October 17 from 8:30-11:30am, Spring Street School families will be putting on their work gloves to clean up the gardens in front of our school. **Our attention will be focused on the flagpole garden working alongside RJ Services Landscaping to clean up this gateway garden to our school! Work will include clearing the area, installing weed control matting, planting and moving flowers/bushes, as well as mulching!** If time and volunteers permit, the Owl's Nest green space (circular drive area) will also be cleaned/cut back as well.

If you can help for an hour or three hours, bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels, cutting tools (small and large), and positive attitude as we can all come together in true Spring Street Spirit! Battery-powered weedwackers would be great as well! We hope to see you there! If you can make it or have any questions, please e-mail Barbara Luby at [bluby@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:bluby@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

## **Recycling Fundraiser**

Help us Recycle and Earn! We are participating in an ongoing fundraising-thru-recycling program that helps us earn cash for our school! Last year we received a check for over \$200 just by donating used ink cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, mp3players, GPS devices, digital cameras and laptops. If you have any of these old/used items, please consider donating them. You or your child can drop them off in the labeled recycling container located in the front entryway throughout the year. Also, if you are part of a business that uses these items and would be interested in partnering with our school to earn, please let me know. I would love to give you information! Jennifer Daley ([jmndaley@yahoo.com](mailto:jmndaley@yahoo.com) or 814-574-0535)

## **Spring Street School Night at Buffalo Wild Wings**

Take a day off from cooking and join your Spring Street friends at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, October 21st. Just print the attached flyer and present it to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 20% of your purchase to our PTO. This offer is good for lunch and dinner, take out or dine in!

### **Chess Club Registration is Open!**

We are pleased to welcome Chess Club back for the Fall/Winter session. The club will meet on Friday afternoons after school, beginning October 16 and ending on December 11. A flyer (also attached) with more information is being sent home in today's Monday folders.

### **From Previous Links**

#### **Kindergarten 2016-2017**

If you have a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2016 (must be 5 years old by August 31, 2016), please send an email to Diane Abbott, our Registrar with your child's information so she can check that your child is on the incoming kindergarten database. Her email address is [dabbott@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dabbott@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

Information required:

Student First Name

Student Last Name

Date of Birth

Gender

Address

Phone Number

Parent's Name

Parent's Email Address

Name of preschool child is attending (if applicable)

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov>

#### **Box Tops**

It's that time of year again - send in all the Box Tops you've collected over the summer. The class who submits the most will be the host of Hoot, the Box Tops mascot! Put the box tops on any of the collection sheets coming home and/or in Ziploc bags. Don't forget to include the student's name and number of Box Tops submitted. Keep up the great work collecting! If you have questions, please contact Claudia [claucottiet@hotmail.com](mailto:claucottiet@hotmail.com)

#### **Labels for Education**

Along with your Box Tops, send in all the Labels for Education you've collected over the summer. Put the labels in Ziploc bags and drop them into the Box Tops collection box in the school lobby. Over the summer, the Art Room received a 15-slot drying rack worth about \$130. Keep up the great work collecting! If you have questions, please contact Claudia [claucottier@hotmail.com](mailto:claucottier@hotmail.com)

#### **Tools for School and A+ Grocery Reward Program**

It is a new school year and time to sign up for a few special reward programs using your Price Chopper and Stop and Shop Advantage cards! We very much appreciate all the families that signed up last year. Our school earned a check for over \$500 from Stop and Stop plus an assortment of supplies for our art room from Price Chopper! We could not have done that without the help of all the families who registered their cards! If you shop at these stores at any point during the school year, please consider registering your advantage cards to support our school!

<http://www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools> (school code: 14264)

<http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> (school code 06342)

### **Target's Take Charge of Education**

In addition to the Grocery Reward programs, Target Red Card Holders can also sign up for the Take Charge of Education Program and help to earn our school extra funds. Last year our school received \$1,488 from Target. If you shop at Target and have a Target Card, please consider registering your card as Target will donate 1% of all RED Card purchases! Together we can earn for our school! 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) (school code: 59998).

### **Important Dates**

Friday, October 9, Professional Development Day, No School

Monday, October 12, Columbus Day, No School

Wednesday, October 21, Buffalo Wild Wings Dining Out Fundraiser, details to come

Tuesday, November 3, Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School

Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day, No School

Tuesday, November 17, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm

November 25-27, Thanksgiving Vacation

Friday, December 4, Winter Craft Night

Tuesday, December 8, Teacher Professional Development, Early Release (12:15pm)

December 24-January 1, December Vacation

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie