

SPE S NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SUMMIT PARK?

CALENDAR

November

11/3 Early Dismissal-
End of Marking
Period
11/13 No School
11/17 Picture Retakes

11/21 No School-
Parent Conferences

Thanksgiving
Holiday-
11/22 No School
11/23 No School
11/24 No School

December

12/06 4th Grade Field
Trip
12/22 Early Dismissal
at 12:30pm
Winter Break begins
at the end of the day
01/02 School
Reopens

Hello Summit Park families,

It is a joy to see our students engaged and learning. We are seeing many activities return such as chorus club, movie night and our other evening events.

The excitement is building as we get closer to our move

into our new building. We are working with county officials to determine how our calendar will be impacted as we prepare to pack and move. We are planning to have some community events as we close out our present building as it truly has been a landmark in the community for decades. We are looking forward to celebrating a new building as we also commemorate the old. Thanks for your support.

-Mrs. Thomas

Summit Park is sending Mr. Fred a very special thank you for taking care of our school sign for the last 2 years.

Thank you Mr. Fred!

A message from our PTA

Thank you to the families, students, and staff for helping to make school-wide events a success! We had a great turnout for our Welcome Back Picnic on September 14th! Families enjoyed treats from The Cow and entertainment from DJ Electra.

Membership Toolkit

We're inviting all families to register on the new PTA Membership site. From there, you can *join the PTA, make a donation through PTA dues to fund events for SPES, view upcoming events, opt in for the directory, sign up to volunteer, and more!

*If you already became a member of the PTA and submitted dues prior to 10/1 (thank you!), your name/child(ren), email, and phone number were manually entered into the Membership website. Please register with the email address you used on the paper form to view your information. You will have the option to opt in to the directory, if you choose.

Upcoming PTA Events at Summit Park:

- Toiletries Collection Service Project benefiting Weekends in a Backpack 11/6/23-11/17/23. More information coming soon!
- Penguin Patch Holiday Shop 11/17/23 and 11/20/23, during school hours. Volunteers Needed!
- Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser 12/4/23- 12/8/23 (Online Fundraiser)

Counselor Mrs. Ashton

Hello!

I hope your school year is off to a smooth start. This newsletter is packed with information that I hope you find beneficial. Every month, you should receive a link from your child's homeroom teacher that will give you access to a school counseling newsletter.

A portion of September's school counseling lessons focused on my role and how students may request to meet with me. As part of our School Counseling Program, your child's class will have the opportunity to engage in a counseling lesson monthly throughout the school year. In the month of October, students will discuss the topic of bullying. Students will learn the difference between mean behavior and bullying behavior. Below you will find additional resources that focus on this topic.

The goal of the monthly core curriculum counseling lessons is to help promote the social emotional, academic, and career development of our students. I encourage you to discuss the content of the lesson with your child and help them reflect on the content. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the program. I can be reached via phone at 443-809-2827 or via email at jashton@bcps.org.

Thank you,
Jen Ashton

Greetings!

Please see the link to read October's School Counseling Newsletter.
<https://www.smores.com/yxeq0>

Nurse Varhaftik

Teaching our children healthy behaviors is a vital responsibility as a parent. Using hygiene etiquette such as coughing or sneezing into our elbows and washing our hands before eating food are appropriate behaviors as well as good manners. Teaching and encouraging our children to use good manners will take them far in life socially and professionally. Especially if we begin teaching them at a young age. A few guidelines to use include: setting clear expectations, nurture respect and sensitivity, lead by example, and correct your child on the spot.

Remind your child to say hello and goodbye to others, and to say please and thank you when asking for something. Practice at the dinner table by wiping your mouth with a napkin, chewing with your mouth closed, and not talking with food in your mouth. Then remind your child to do the same. When conversing as a family, remind your child not to interrupt when someone is speaking and to say “excuse me” if he/she has something to say.

Role playing and practicing are always good skills for children. Teaching children good manners comes from the adults in their lives. One goal for our children is to be thoughtful, kind, and well-mannered adults.

Mrs. Varhaftik, RN
School Nurse

Mrs. Bornman

TENNIS SHOE REMINDER!

This is a reminder that students must be wearing sneakers in order to participate safely in physical education activities

5th Grade Ballroom Dance Program

During the week of November 5-10, the 5th grade students will participate in the Ballroom Dance Program with instructor, Maia Debaugh. Fifth grade parents are invited to attend the performance day on Friday, November 10 from 11:30-12:30. More detailed information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

NFL Play 60

For those who are participating in NFL Play 60, please see the reminders below.

1. The program will run from October 2 – October 27 (four weeks).
2. Students will track both their activity and minutes for each day using the provided Student Game Planner (student activity log for the entire four (4) week program).
3. Parents will need to sign off at the bottom of each weekly column.
4. Students must hand in completed and signed Student Game Planners to Mrs. Bornman no later than Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
5. At the end of the program, we will select a TOP NFL Play60 student to serve as our school's NFL Play60 Ambassador. The selection of this student will be done through a random drawing. Play60 Ambassadors will be entered into a drawing to receive tickets to attend a Raven's home game on December 10, 2023.
6. Students will have an opportunity to receive prizes from the Ravens that will be distributed at the end of the program.

Mrs. Johnson

The students are off to a great start in ESOL class! They are working on Unit 1, Me on the Map, which includes learning map skills, geography, main idea with supporting details, author's purpose and researching a country for a final presentation.

Parents, please make sure you have signed and returned your child's Parent Notification Letter. Thank you.

Ms. Johnston-MATESOL

ISDM

Students in Mrs. Schneider's ISDM class have been working hard to follow steps and directions to reach an end product. We enjoyed creating a dancing popcorn experiment and following a recipe to make applesauce! Students also attended the BioBlitz field trip with 5th grade and explored our local ecosystems, flora and fauna.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Collini, Mrs. Glazer and Ms. Pixler's kindergarten classes took their very first field trip as Summit Park students to Clark's Elioak Farm on Tuesday, October 10th. This trip helped students to broaden their understanding of places in our community and added to their background knowledge of community helpers. Classes rotated through a petting zoo where various farm experts taught them facts about goats, sheep, pigs, horses, cows, rabbits, chicks, an emu, turkey, and ducks. Students were able to feed, pet and ask questions about the animals as well as gain insight about how the animal handlers care for each animal. Aside from the petting zoo students could explore a forest, hay mazes, gardens, scarecrows, slides, a dairy and agricultural shop and even take a hayride through the farm fields to a pumpkin patch, driven by the farmers!

First Grade

We have been learning about what makes communities and families unique. First graders think that our Summit Park community is special because we have amazing schools, parks, homes, trees, stores, playgrounds, and our very own Quarry Lake!

In math, we have been learning strategies for adding and subtracting efficiently, such as recognizing dot patterns on dominos, counting on, and identifying fact families.

Stay tuned for information regarding our first field trip sometime soon!

Second Grade

Second Grade students have been working on their own personal narrative writing pieces. Each student was able to share their narrative to with other second grade classes!

Third Grade

In module one of reading, third grade students read texts about interesting characters. They worked hard to write a well-developed paragraph that explained how authors make characters interesting to the reader by citing evidence from the texts they have read. In module two, students are focusing on how authors use words in letters, poems, and stories to express their thoughts and ideas. Additionally, students worked on developing their reading fluency by reading to our ISMD students.

Fourth Grade

4th grade students have been busy exploring their writing and working with fractions and decimals too. In ELA, students used a thesaurus to add description to their writing about the season of Autumn. In math, the number corner this month featured how fractions can be related to money and decimals to make them equivalent.

Fifth Grade

Fifth graders have spent this school year working on several things. In ELA students studied a Hojalata Art and writing, and made their own versions of Hojalata Art!

Students also traveled to Oregon Ridge for their Bio-Blitz field trip, studying local ecosystems.