



Newsletter Highlights

- Year Book
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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, June 6, 4:00pm:** Open House Honoring Ms. Bisset
- Wednesday, June 6, 7:00pm:** PTA Meeting
- Wednesday, June 13:** 5th Grade Graduation

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to make this year's Appreciation Week a success, especially to the members of the Teacher Appreciation Week Committee! The tireless efforts of the volunteers inspired the following "thank you" poem from Tina Turk!

The teacher appreciation committee would like to thank everyone, for making this week special by filling it with fun.

We would like to take this moment to recognize a certain crew. For our week would not have been better, if it wasn't for all of you.

Wow! What Marcia Bosley made were some very special treats. It took many hours and she even lost some sleep!

But when the desserts were presented, what did we see? Teachers going for seconds and a room filled with so much glee.

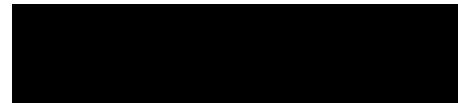
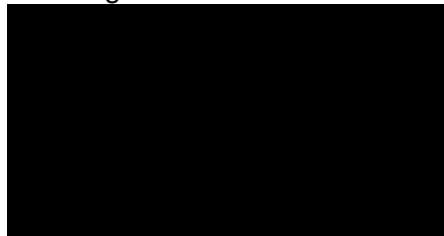
Tammy Waechter, Jaye Dansicker, Dorreen Gerovosilis, Karen Heidelback, Deanne Swakata, and Lisa Turner- You give your time and do so much. It's people like you that gave our lunch a very special touch.

Another appreciation week is finished and has come to an end. Our thanks we give to you, one thousand times and then!
-Tina Turk and Joannie Schmalenberger

Library Gift Fund



Spark's Library Gift Fund Committee would like to thank the families of the children listed below for making a contribution to the fund. A number of books have been purchased for the benefit of Sparks Elementary Library honoring these students:



If you have any questions, contact Jackie Logan at loganj1@comcast.net

Yearbook

Return your yearbook order forms as soon as possible! The cost again is \$15 per color yearbook. Please make checks payable to Sparks Elementary School. Also, personal ads, business ads, and line ads are available again. If you would like to personalize your child's yearbook or place a business ad, the due date for this is June 7th. Please refer to the form for information and sizing guidelines regarding personal or business ads for the yearbook.

It's not too late to send in your pictures. If you have been at the class parties, class trips, worked in the library, or attended a school event, and have some great pictures of the kids, please send them in an envelope marked "Yearbook". Please indicate which grade and the names of the children if possible. Group shots and candid photos are great to make the yearbook complete and memorable. If you have any questions or if you need a new yearbook form, please give Joanie Schmalenberger a call at 410-472-1051.

Save Your Magazines

Magazines Needed for Special Art Project Coming this Fall!

Parents are being asked to please save magazines over the summer for a special art project this fall. Artist and author, Stephen Parlato will be coming to spend a day with Sparks students on October 22nd. Students from each grade will select topics, and with the guidance of Mr. Parlato, will use pictures cut out from magazines to create wonderful collage masterpieces. We will need lots of magazines.

Once topics are chosen we will need many volunteers to help cut out pictures and send them in to school before Mr. Parlato comes. We'll also need several parents to assist the children the day of the artist's visit and we're looking for a craftsman that might be willing to make frames for the collages so they may be displayed. Please stay tuned for more information on this experiential learning project, and in the meantime save those magazines to be recycled in highly creative way!

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run will be back again at the beginning of the new school year! This wonderful program is open to girls entering 3rd through 5th Grades. It's designed to promote a girl's self-esteem, create a healthy body image, encourage community involvement, and improve physical fitness. The girls will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:15 to 4:45 beginning 9/11/07. The program will run for 12 weeks. It culminates as the girls participate in a community 5K race that provides them with such an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. Ms. Hoffman

and Mrs. Tarlton will be coaching the girls. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of the new school year. Please contact Chris Carpenter at (410) 357-8214 if you have any questions.

Summer Help Needed



Attention: Summer Bluebird Trail and Monarch Butterfly Garden

Volunteers Are Still Needed!

We still need families to volunteer to keep our habitats going over the summer. We need volunteers to water the monarch butterfly garden and to monitor the blue bird trail over the summer. You can volunteer to do one of the activities or both. Walking the bluebird trail would involve walking the one-mile trail one day during your assigned week. You would walk the trail and look in the boxes to record the number of eggs, babies, etc. The collection box will have 24-hour access so you can come monitor the trail when it is most convenient for your family. The monarch butterfly garden is just getting established and will need regular watering depending on how much rain we get this summer. There is no water near the garden so this job involves filling some large containers (provided) and driving them to the garden or taking them by wagon to water the plants. We will have a "how-to" meeting for both activities. Please email Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org if you are interested in helping with these activities this summer.



Recycling



Thanks to the many people who contributed to our cell phone, ink cartridge, and paper recycling drive this year! We still get money for our environmental education program for all items that are brought in. PLEASE continue to send in ink cartridges, cell phones, and paper (no cardboard please) over the summer. Collection bins will remain in the lobby! If you have any questions, please contact Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org

New Recycling Activity!

We have been encouraging students to recycle cans and bottles. We are now working with Terracycle, a company that sells "worm poop" fertilizer in recycled bottles. We get **5 cents** for every **20 oz soda bottle** that we send them. The bottles MUST be 20 oz and only soda bottles. 20 oz water bottles are made from a lighter plastic that won't do for this product. **Please save and send in ONLY your 20 oz soda bottles.** Please recycle all other cans and bottles at your house with Baltimore County curbside pick up. If you work in an office where the vending machine sells these size bottles, please contact Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org if you are willing to put a collection bin at your job and bring in the bottles to us!

Final Newsletter

The final edition of **Shark Bytes** for the '06-'07 school year will be sent home the last week of school. If you have a message that you would like to see in the last newsletter please email Mary Maher at marycmaher@msn.com.