

SPRING LANE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Skate Night a GREAT Success!

For the fourth year in a row, Spring Lane Elementary Skate Night was a roaring success for students. This year was our biggest yet, with over 375 parents and students attending. One student commented that she “loves to start school because I know we get Skate Night the first month.” The Bubble Pit seemed to be a big success due to the huge lines and constant supply of wet, bubble covered children.

Thanks to all parents and family members that shared the time with their children. A fun activity for all. Thanks to Miss Grover for her photos (check the pix by the cafeteria) , and to Mrs Hemmert who personally BBQ’s over 400 hot dogs and hamburgers.

We’ll see you all next year!



From the desk of Ms Fraser.....

We cordially welcome all of you to Spring Lane Elementary for the 2009—2010 school year! Spring Lane is an excellent school with wonderful teachers, awesome students and countless parents who do a tremendous job of supporting our school. We appreciate the relationship we have with our school community and know that each child that enters our doors has an amazing potential for greatness. We have been working hard all summer to prepare for this school year and we know this will be a GREAT year!

One of our school wide goals this year is to continue with our excellence in academics. We have an amazing group of teachers that spend many hours preparing wonderful lessons for our students. However, we know that we can not do this without the support of our tremendous parents. Every teacher appreciates all the volunteer time that parents spend at the school . Take a moment and ask your child’s teacher what you can do to help support your child’s learning.

Upcoming Dates

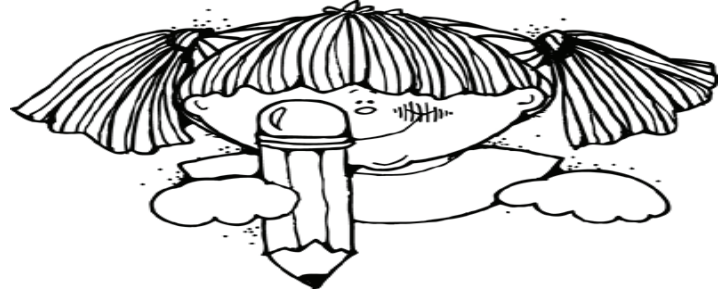
Sept 7	No School
Sept 9	Fundraiser Due
Sept 10	School Photos
Sept 17	Fundraiser PickUP
Sept 24	Early Dismissal
Sept 25	No School
Sept 30	Early Dismissal
Sept 30	Mid Terms!

Kindergarten Corner

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten! Miss Andersen and Mrs. Cox are enjoying getting to know your children!

In September we will be learning classroom routines and rules. We will do a fun shape unit. We will also begin working on letter identification, listening for rhyming words, counting and sorting.

News from the classrooms....



Mrs Cruz and the First Graders.....

Well, we're off and running! First graders are getting used to a full school day and learning the rules and routines. I'm very proud of them! It was good to meet with most of the parents at SEP Conferences. For those who weren't able to attend, please sign the SEP form that was sent home with your child and return it to me. Remember, our first term goal is to do homework every day. Please dictate spelling words to your child, time them on their math and listen to them read their little books for 10 minutes each day. Spelling and math homework will be collected each Friday. Reading homework will be collected each Monday. Homework does count as part of their report card grade at the end of each trimester. Also, it is very important to check your child's folder each day and make sure they bring it to school every day. Thanks to parents who make sure their student arrives at school on time. The late bell rings at 9:05. Students who are not in their seat at 9:05 lose one of their chances to earn pennies for our class store. So sad! Thank you so much for your donations to our class fund and donations of tissues, paper towels and soft soap. You're great!!

Mrs Sanders and Second Grade!

Second grade is off to a fabulous start. Mrs. Sanders is happy to welcome Mrs. Winn as a student teacher. Mrs. Winn brings many strengths and talents with her, and she is becoming an asset in room 12. The students also bring many strengths to class. They are enthusiastic learners and are excited to gain skills as we begin the school year. They are already gaining speed in addition and subtraction facts and will become fluent readers as we progress during the year.

Many parents have generously donated supplies to our class. We send them a giant thank you. We also look forward to seeing parents as classroom volunteers. They make a big difference to our students as they work to support our classroom activities.

News from the classrooms.....

Welcome Third Graders!

This school year is off to an awesome start! We are studying habitats and Geometry. Our first field trip is September 9th. We can hardly wait to go to Mill Creek Canyon. Parents; please get on the field trip approved list. Please call the school office for instructions on how to do this.

Mrs. Parkin and I really enjoyed meeting third grade parents last week. Both third grade classes have student teachers this year. Their names are Mrs. Bailey and Miss Hansen. They will be with our class for about six weeks and then they will go to an upper grade class. Your students are terrific and we are excited to work with them.

Homework packets are due every Friday. Students should read every night for twenty minutes and mark that time in their day planner. Parents, you need to sign those minutes so we can count them. Thank you for all your support!

Miss Fowles

Mrs Parkin



Miss Grover says...

Welcome back to school! We're excited to get started with learning and having fun. We have a great group of kids this year, who we know will work hard and do their best.

This month we'll be studying the water cycle. It's kind of nice since it's so incredibly hot in our classrooms, and it gives us an excuse to play around with water, hopefully cooling off a bit. We've had a great first week and a half. Keep it up everybody!

Spring Lane Elementary PTA

Join the PTA!

“Why join the PTA?” Being a member of the PTA enables you to be more involved in your child’s education. Every major study of education has shown the importance of parent involvement to their child’s educational achievement. Be a voice in your child’s school and community! Dues are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. You can sign up using the envelope in the registration packet or drop by the school office and pick up an envelope. Please join us as we work together to help every child achieve their potential.

For Safety’s Sake!

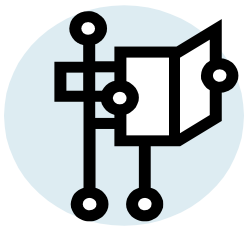
We all know how frustrating dropping off and picking up your child from school can be. The parking lot is very busy during this time. We care about your children and want them to be safe. Please help us out by following these simple rules:

- Please pull all the way up to the curb to drop your child off. Please do not let them out in the middle of the parking lot.
- The curb is a loading/unloading zone only. Please do not park your car there. You are always welcome to get out of your car to stand with your students but please park your car in a one of the two parking lots first.
- Keep moving while you wait for a spot to pull to the curb. This may take a couple trips around the parking lot. Stopping next to a car waiting for another student prevents them from getting out and causes congestion.
- Drive slowly and please watch for kids crossing!
- The bus lanes are for buses only.

Thank you for your help to keep our students safe!

Save those labels!

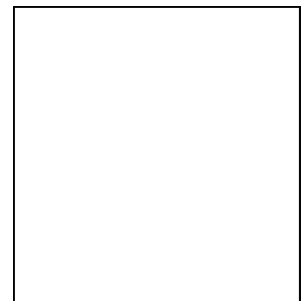
Ever want to donate to the great programs at Spring Lane without it costing anything extra? Spring Lane’s PTA collects Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels and Cream O’Weber “Give ‘em 5” milk/juice lids. We use the funds to help support our great programs such as Great Leaps, Meet the Masters, Red Ribbon Week, Student of the Month, Teacher Appreciation and so many more! Please save these items and send them to school with your child!



*Poetry
Corner*

Invisible Boy

And here we see the invisible boy
In his lovely invisible house,
Feeding a piece of invisible cheese
To a little invisible mouse.
Oh, what a beautiful picture to see!
Will you draw an invisible picture for me?



- Shel Silverstein

We're on the WEB! <http://www.graniteschools.org/el/springlane/index.html>

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The world is our
children's
future....



School Information and Updates

School Visitor Policy

Parents are welcome and may visit a classroom if previous arrangements are made with the classroom teacher. Parents should have a specific reason for visiting. Normal visits will be from 30-45 minutes and should be cleared with the office and the teacher in advance.

Visiting students are not permitted in the classroom.

Visitors must check in at the office prior to classroom visits.

Volunteer Background Check

In continuing to provide a safe educational environment for students, Granite School District has implemented a parent/school volunteer policy which mandates that any school volunteer that will be working with a child in an **unsupervised** capacity **MUST** first complete a background check. The cost for the background check is \$20.00 (cash only) and will need to be paid by the volunteer. Request forms for the background check can be picked up at Spring Lane Elementary school office. The form will then need to be taken to the Human Resource office at the Granite Education Center located at 2500 South State Street.

This includes any volunteer areas in which a parent/volunteer is working **UNSUPERVISED** with a child. This may include field trips, class helper, Great Leaps, etc. There are also many areas in which volunteers are needed in the classroom or a workroom that are under a teacher's supervision, in which no background check is necessary. If unsure, please ask the classroom teacher if what you are volunteering for is unsupervised. Once the volunteer has passed the background check, the school will be notified and a master list will be kept at the school office. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 385-646-4906.