

Greenletter



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Keys to Success and Guiding Principles

1. Respect yourself 2. Respect others 3. Do your personal best
Responsibility, Deliberateness, Perseverance, Initiative, Optimism, Courage, Compassion, Respect,
Adaptability, Honesty, Loyalty, Trustworthiness

Week of April 16, 2007

This Week

- **Science Fair – Tuesday, April 17
6:30 P.M.**
- **Spring Concert – Thursday, April 19
7 P.M.**
- **Book Fair will be open before and after the science fair and
the concert.**

Emergency Drill

As part of our emergency preparedness initiatives, we will be holding a brief *lock-down* drill **this week**. During this drill, upon a command from our office, students will be directed by their teachers to an area of the classroom, away from doors and windows until we give an all clear command. Students will be advised that this is only a drill. This type of drill allows us to review our procedures and gives students practice in a manner similar to fire/evacuation drills.

Support the 06-07 Yearbook – A Fund Raiser

**Students can purchase the privilege and permission to wear a
hat in school on Friday, April 20.**

One Day Only!

Only \$1.00 per Person!

Money will be collected on Friday morning.

The yearbook committee would like to be able to provide a yearbook for each SES Family.

Next Week

School will be closed for Spring Vacation, April 23 - 27

Reminder, 07-08 Placement Forms

Placement input response forms, which were distributed last week to parents of current Kindergarten, second, third and fourth graders, are **due by April 30.**

After Vacation:

- **April 30** School reopens
- **May 1** Community Gardening Day - after school
- **May 2** Crabgrass Puppet Show – *Anansi, Spiderman of Africa*, 1:30
- **May 2** PTO General Membership Mtg., 5:00
- **May 2** Orientation for Parents of 07-08 Kindergartners
- **May 2** Pasta Dinner Fund–Raiser for Yearbook (5:00 at The Mountaineer)
- **May 3** K-12 Student Art Show Opening – HDAC, 3:00
- **May 4** Cinco de Mayo Festival – in our gym, 1:00

A busy week!

PTO - Input Desired

The PTO will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 18th at 8:15am, to discuss fundraising options for the future.

Some of the programs we will discuss include:

- A Community wide running event
- A new desktop calendar
- Free Money programs
- Innisbrook School Supplies
- Innisbrook Wraps, which has some very different components for the fall
- Selling Natural Cleaning Products

Please come to this important meeting to lend your energy and ideas!

Project Boards for Sale

The school store still has about six blank project boards for sale. These can be used for science fair projects.

Box Tops

From the PTO:

We will be collecting Box Tops on Friday, April 20th and announcing the winner of the classroom pizza party when the students return from Spring Break. Please remember to send in you Box Tops. For your convenience there is a collection box in each classroom. Good luck to everyone! Keep clipping and thank you for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Community Gardening Day

From Mrs. Suursoo, Enrichment Teacher:

Here is more information about the Community Gardening Day on Tuesday, May 1, from 2:45 to 5:00 (raindate May 3). Hopefully we will see a radical change in our Outdoor Classroom by May 1st. If our puddles have not dried by then, we will have to reschedule for May 8th (raindate May 10). The "to do list" includes moving the compost from the blacktop to the raised bed gardens; weeding and thinning perennial and herb gardens; mulching around trees and bushes; assembling shelves for our greenhouse; repairing the edging around gardens; planting tree seedlings and daylilies (bring some if you have them to spare); weeding the path; and possibly planting spring greens and other seeds. There are tools and gloves for kids in our shed. Adults should bring their own tools and additional

wheelbarrows for transporting compost would be helpful. We hope to see many of you be a part of this opportunity to celebrate spring by investing in our outdoor classroom. Looking ahead to summer, are you interested in volunteering for one week (or more) to take care of the outdoor classroom? Please talk to Mrs. Suursoo about your interest. Our plan is to schedule families for one week blocks to check in on the gardens and do any necessary watering and weeding.

Save the Date!

The next PTO General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the SES Library. This meeting is being held directly after the Robin Fine art class. Snacks and supervision will be provided for the kids so that you can attend. We have a special presentation that will be given by Becky Lively and Wendy Monahan on bullying in school. They will be discussing ways to help you help your child if your child is having issues at school as well as avenues that are available to you as a parent if your child is having issues. After the meeting, grab the kids and head to the Yearbook Club's Pasta dinner at the Mountaineer (dinner will be served until 8:00 pm). You don't have to cook and we can, again this year, provide yearbooks to all SES families - everyone wins!

Cotton Brook Fun Runs

From Becky McGovern:

Tuesday, May 1 at 5:30 P.M. is the first run of the season. Anyone interested in running is welcome to attend. There are four courses from which to choose: .5 mile, 1 mile, 2.2 mile, and the 5 K. Every Tuesday through June, we meet at the canoe access road in Cotton Brook at 5:15 to register, 5:30 to run (rain, sleet, snow or hail). If you have any questions, contact Becky McGovern at 253-2252. It's fun, it's fast and it's free.

CHALLENGE

Here's a nice spring CHALLENGE with a bird theme. Below are segments of lyrics from pop oldies and show tunes. The CHALLENGE is to identify the titles of the songs for each segment of lyrics. If you are the first person to get at least fifteen of the twenty listed, we'll present you with an SES Mug! Here's one free correct response: #15, *tracing of sparrow on snow-crested brown* is from "Scarborough Fair" by Simon and Garfunkel.

1. the birds, like tender babies in your hands
2. blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
3. can you hear a lark in any other part of town
4. I remember children feeding flocks of pigeons
5. gone away is the bluebird
6. hide 'neath the wings of the bluebird
7. I'd be friends with the sparrows and the boy who shoots the arrows
8. if I were a duck I'd quack, or if I were a goose I'd be cooked

9. just Momma, three ducks, five canaries

10. The mockingbird'll sing the saddest kind of song

11. Mr. Bluebird's on my shoulder

12. a robbing feathering his nest

13. spread your wings for New Orleans, Kentucky bluebird

14. together like two birds of a feather would be

15. tracing of sparrow on snow-crested brown

16. a turkey and some mistletoe

17. watch a hawk makin' lazy circles

18. when your rooster crows at the break of dawn

19. wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings

20. the wise old owl, the big black crow

After School Reading Club

From Mrs. Linda Hunter:

The Reading Explorer's Grade 2/3 Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, April 17 from 3-4 PM in the library.

Cartoon Caption Translation



Serpiente de cascabel africana.

Hint: cascabel = rattle

Remember to check out the attachments to this Greenletter.

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