SPARTAN



TELEGRAM

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Superintendent's Message



Dear Spartan Community,

During the December Board Meeting, our School Board adopted our Journey of a Springfield Spartan. Our Journey of a Springfield Spartan was created in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders including: parents, students, business owners, church leaders, teachers and administrators. The concept of our Journey of a Springfield Spartan is for our students, K-12, to leave us with competencies that will prepare them to be either employed, enlisted or enrolled.

Over the four weeks that the committee met, they narrowed down from about 50 competencies to seven:

- Collaboration
- Responsibility
- Communication
- Adaptability
- Empathy
- · Critical Thinking
- Integrity

Our Journey of a Springfield Spartan provides a clear and shared vision of what we want for our students. The Journey of a Springfield Spartan sets a clear and shared vision of what skills, knowledge, and attributes students should possess upon graduation. This helps to ensure that everyone involved in education (students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members) has a common understanding of what we want for our students.

Our teachers are working on how we are going to be able to embed these competencies into lessons and activities that are already being implemented in the classrooms. We will also be encouraging coaches and advisors to also incorporate these competencies in their sports or clubs. The Journey of a Springfield Spartan helps focus on the whole child and recognizes that school is not just about academic achievement.

Every classroom will have the Portrait displayed. Besides classrooms, we

are creating signs that we will present to businesses and other areas of the community in Springfield and Lakemore. We will be asking them to help promote what we want for our students when they graduate by hanging the portrait in their businesses. We are also working on



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creating banners for the school and the community to display. So be on the lookout for our Journey of a Springfield Spartan!

More information about our Journey of a Springfield Spartan will be coming on our website.

JOIN US FOR A

Kindergarten Round-Up!

Thursday, April 20th, from 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Families can register their children for Kindergarten at the Chromebook tables, meet school staff, and learn more about Spring Hill Elementary! There will be fun activities for children, such as crafts, a school bus exploration, and a visit from Sparty the Spartan mascot!



PRESCHOOL



Happy St. Patrick's Day

The preschool class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by following directions on a recipe to make their own Shamrock Shakes! Students learned how important it was to know their numbers so they would know how much of each ingredient was needed. Special thanks to our Speech and Occupational Therapy department for coming up with this activity!

= CENTRAL OFFICE =

The Central Office is now located at 2141 Pickle Road as part of the new Administration and Preschool Center. The sale of the previous administration building resulted in direct savings of roughly \$10,500 a year for the district!





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—— High School & Junior High ——



Art Contest

Seven Springfield High School art students submitted artwork to the 35th Annual Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest. All seven of the students received an award. We are honored and proud to congratulate these students. They will be part of a ceremony honoring their talent on April 18, 2023. During the commemoration they will also get to hear second-generation Holocaust survivor and CEO of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, Daniel Blain, speak. The student artwork will be on display at the main branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library from March 27 - April 24.

From left to right: Allison Rowley - Honorable Mention, Zion Snyder - Fourth Place, Jessi Stevens - Honorable Mention, Hayley Milhoan - Honorable Mention, Jenna Ellis - First Place, Leah Odom - Third Place; Not pictured: Carsen Jones - Honorable Mention







Junior High Reward Activity

The JH Students vs Teachers Reward Basketball Game was on March 24. The junior high students enjoyed a fun afternoon rooting for their favorite team. Congratulations to the teachers for continuing their undefeated streak against the junior high basketball players. Students had the opportunity to take a half-court shot during halftime. It was a great way to kick off Spring Break.



Senior Auction and Consequence Day

This is a super fun activity for our seniors and they raised money to help offset the cost of prom in the process. On March 17, the seniors performed skits and were auctioned off to the highest bidder. March 24 was consequence day. This means the student(s) that bought the senior(s) had them do silly things between classes. It was a fun day for all.

















Attendance Focus!

The 7th grade students won the attendance challenge for the second half of the grading period! They had an average of 88.63% in attendance each day! The junior class was close behind with an average of 88.21%. 7th graders had a popcorn reward during lunch on Wednesday, March 22. Thank you to the All Sports Boosters for donating the popcorn and to Gina Gaspar for her help!

SCHROP INTERMEDIATE —



Star Students

Schrop's "STAR STUDENTS" are chosen by each teacher. These students are picked for exhibiting the four Spartan Standards in their classrooms:

Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind.



Dress Like a Leprechaun for St. Patrick's Day

Pictured here are the winners of our Dress like a Leprechaun event for St. Patrick's Day. Each winner received a goodie bag from our parent group. What a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



Sixth Grade Band Concert

We had our Sixth Grade winter band concert on March 16, 2023. Pictured from left to right are Jedidiah Robinson, Ethan Rose, and Coleman Coontz.



Mr. Green's Ukulele Program

Schrop students are enjoying the opportunity to participate in our Ukulele program thanks to our band teacher, Mr. Green.





Book Vending Machine

We just added a book vending machine! The students may use their P.B.I.S. tickets to purchase a token and choose a book from the machine. Schrop's Star Students also receive a token to choose a book.





P.B.I.S. Store

Students love shopping at the P.B.I.S. store. They receive tickets for positive behavior and attendance throughout the day. Once a month, we have two parents that donate their time to help stock the store and assist with shopping.



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SPRING HILL ELEMENTARY



First Grade Dental Visit

Our first grade classes welcomed guest speaker, Brooke Warner, who taught our students proper dental care strategies in order to help with their overall oral health.





Boots 'N' Bling Dance

It was so exciting to bring back a beloved tradition at Spring Hill with our Boots 'N' Bling Dance. This special event gives guardians an opportunity to spend a wonderful evening with their child and get all decked out in their formal or country attire. The students had so much fun seeing their classmates during this evening event.



Filled with Love

What better day to show our love for each other than Valentine's Day?







LEAD Groups

Being a leadership school means helping students to find their passions. One way this is done here at Spring Hill is through LEAD Groups. Students have the opportunity to sign up for interest-based groups to enhance their collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and adaptability skills. Here is a glance into some of our groups, including Yoga, Teambuilding, Fitness Fun, Legoland, and Fine Motor Fun.

SPARTAN ATHLETICS



Softball 3-1 in Myrtle Beach

Top Row Left to Right: Isabelle Potter, Destiny Ruggiero, Kendall Crytzer, Sydney Hillyard, Melaena Martin, Lindsay Dodson, Grace Ritterbeck. Bottom Row Left to Right: Tia Holmes, Alyssa Hochstetler, Carsen Jones, Lillianna Stokes, Breanna Ruggiero.



Cheerleading State Competition

Left to Right: Tahkyah Simpson, Meghan Bowe, Sadie Jones, Abrianna Jewell, Madison Price, Allison Rowley, Ashley Pickett, Ellen Gray, Madison Hoxworth, Charlotte Starner, Ella Ingham, Avarie Skeggs, Madison Burt.