

From the Principal

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Over the Top

Last weekend, I was asked to bring an anonymous gift to a gathering of friends. The gift was to be randomly selected as part of a gift exchange. I started scrounging around my attic and garage looking for the perfect white elephant gift that would bring roars of laughter once opened. But, as I was searching through cobwebs and broken boxes, I remembered the last words of the invitation; this year the gifts have to be based upon the theme of “*over the top.*”

Over the top? What in the world does that mean? So, I started digging deeper and deeper. I could not find any article that related to this most *unusual* theme.

I hopped on my bike and rode to the local chain stores; spending way more time than I wanted to looking for a gift (under \$5.00) that was “over the top.”

The more I thought about it, the more I realized I cannot find a gift to match this theme in the attic, garage, basement or even Nordstrom’s. The gift for this theme does not exist.

I finally recognized this theme of “over the top” is a gift that doesn’t give, rather it’s a gift that gives back. It cannot be wrapped. This gift can only be stated, written, declared, or emphasized.

Over the top! Now I understand!

I want to use this theme of this gift to announce to the community of Springer that the children, parents, and friends are one of a kind. The years I have been associated with this fine community have given joy and promise. This Springer Community cares, cooperates, and works very hard to build a center where children are able to grow and learn in an environment that is safe and secure; yet challenging.

As this wonderful season of joy approaches, let us remember that the community of Springer is “over the top” and this feeling and sense of belonging cannot be wrapped.

The gift is ongoing and continuous.

Best wishes for a very pleasant holiday season.