

From the Principal

March 17, 2008

Train, Planes, and Automobiles (and a Submarine)

Our Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade students enjoyed their opportunity to present a musical celebration of things that go. The evening at Blach Middle School is always a joyous event. Special thanks to Marianne L., our wonderful, talented and accommodating accompanist, and Paul H. for his help with recording practice CD's and making piano music. Thanks also to the Springer teachers for their support and efforts in preparing for this concert.

The entire school community is indebted to the talent and dedication of the following Music for Minors music docents:

KINDERGARTEN -	David C., Cindy F., Jane H., and Brooke S.
GRADE ONE -	JJ E., Marianne L., Michelle Y.
GRADE TWO -	Claire H., Marilyn K., Nic N.
GRADE THREE -	Claire H., Nic N., Brooke S.

Congratulations

Last Thursday I received an official congratulatory letter from the National Geographic Society. The first paragraph stated:

“Congratulations! Springer Grade 6 student Ved P. has qualified to represent your school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Plum Creek. The state Bee will be held on Friday, April 4, 2008 at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. Ved is one of 100 California students selected to participate in the bee.”

This is Ved's third trip to the state level bee. We are so proud of his accomplishments and wish him the very best.

Synopsys Championship

“Since 1999, the nonprofit Synopsys Outreach Foundation has proudly served as the major sponsor of the Synopsys Championship. This event is nothing short of remarkable: run by community members, infused with support from foundations and businesses, bolstered by hundreds of volunteer judges from industry and academia and driven by the hard work and dedication of countless students, their teachers, and parents. The Championship serves as a venue for young scientists of all abilities and interests and a springboard to the California State and the Intel International science fairs. We applaud each of you.”

Gary Robinson, President Synopsys Outreach

“Most of the students that enter the 2008 Synopsys Championship will not end up making the trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair, but all of them are working on improving the world. It doesn't matter if the projects relate to music or medflies, those who do a science project will become citizens who are more capable of making the important decisions that face us as a global community. Whether the issue is global warming or bee colony collapse we need minds that are not just knowledgeable - they must be skilled in the processes of science. Today

at the Synopsys Championship we celebrate the skills of critical thinking, analysis, observation, classification, inference, hypothesizing and - how to put it all together.”

Heidi Strahm Black, President Santa Clara Science and Engineering Fair

Fun with Rust

Humic Acid

Food Color Myth

Evaporative Rate of Fluid

Ping Pong Ball Catapult

Question Bias

Max B.

Katie C. & Meghan McD.

Isabella D. & Zoe M.

Juliet H. & Melissa R.

Oren M. & Karan V.

Ved P.