

From the Principal

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We Like to Move It...

It is that time of year. Time to begin thinking and preparing for Springer's main event. The 2007 WALKATHON is just one week away. So far, we have enjoyed *Crazy Feet Day* and gathered sponsors to support us as we walk the Springer Track on Saturday, October 13th.

This year's WALKATHON will feature some exciting changes, including a shorter walking period, "bonus" laps, incentives capped at 50 laps, awards for fundraising only, and food pre - orders. These changes were made to minimize competition and stress and to maximize fun and fundraising.

Mark your calendar and plan on a very enjoyable day with friends and families on the Springer green.

Thank you so much to Melissa DeA. and Risi V. for spearheading this quality event.

When the Call Goes Out

You had to be there! On Friday at about 11:15, the group supporting children whose schools were devastated by the Katrina disaster arrived at school to pick up and ship the donated "slightly used" children's books to schools in New Orleans.

I was interested in the reason the Springer community was asked to support this effort. Well, I discovered this particular group of seniors are members of our community and they had experienced the generosity of this community in previous years. They recognized that Springer students and their families have a positive reputation for helping others. WOW!

Our students and families did not let them down. We shipped over 25 boxes of children's books. The average box contained about 45 books.

By the way, I would like to thank our fine sixth grade class members especially Zoe M. and Natalie H. for organizing the book packing. This was done on their own time ... just because. WOW!

NED's Gone ... What's Next ?

The NED Lifeskills effort was a success. I was particularly pleased with the application of the skills of:

Never Give Up
Encourage Others
Do Your Best

Now it is the month of October and we will be preparing for our new LifeSkills effort. I am borrowing an idea from Oak Elementary School that I like. Here it is:

This month's Life skill is RESPECT. Any Springer student can fill out a form, available in front of the Super STAR wall, which compliments another student about showing RESPECT. We are looking for students who set a good example for others of observing respectful acts or events that take place during the day at our school. Our goal is for students to become aware of how this skill is being applied in our daily life. Parents and teachers may also complete a RESPECT OBSERVED form.

Once the form is complete, simply drop the form in the Compliment Box in front of the Super STAR wall. These compliments will be transcribed and hung on the Super STAR wall for recognition. In addition, the students who give the compliment and the students recognized for demonstrating RESPECT toward others will be rewarded with a LifeSkills ticket good for entrance into the LifeSkills Market at the end of October.

The more we observe respect and become aware of the qualities of respectful traits, the more we see this skill being used. Hooray !

Thanks !!!

Just a note to Mrs. Kibble and Mrs. Jenkins for their extraordinary efforts in assuring a very successful Walden West experience for our sixth grade students last week. Well done !