

From the Principal
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A Season of Thanks

I think most students and parents would agree, the season of Thanksgiving begins a period when we begin to take a time out from the fast pace, slow down, and appreciate the many acts of kindness and supportive efforts so many members of the Springer community have made to build a school that is not only delivering a curriculum that is world class, but also cares about the development of the whole child. To reflect on the past three months brings memories of parents and community members organizing and presenting an enjoyable Walkathon, the Sally Foster Gift Wrap and Gift Book Program, the beginning of the school year's campus cleanup and gardening projects, the Eagle Scout Projects that gave us a landscaped parking lot entrance, more planter boxes to beautify the school environment, the upper grade flag football program, the primary parent sponsored physical education program, the many classroom volunteers, and a most outstanding Springer Singer Program. The list continues with appreciation for the development of the Grade Six Science Center, the construction of the new emergency center, the expanded art room, and the many parents who open and close the school managing the safety of our parking lot. The programs and activities continue, and I cannot mention all of the projects in this article. Let it be known, no matter how large or how small your contribution to our children, you have made a difference. Either you have made a difference to one child or you have made a difference to many children.

The title of appreciation and thanks continues. I do not mention these fine professionals very often, but it is definitely time to do so. The Springer Teaching Staff and Classified Aide and Support Staff have not only learned a new approach to writing entitled Step Up to Writing, these fine professionals and paraprofessionals have stepped up in many ways to guide, coach, and teach children new curriculum design, organizational skills, and skills for growing. The amount of thinking, planning, correcting, communicating, and involvement with individual children is often not recognized. As I work with each teacher, each classified member, I recognize the effort that goes into bringing a child forward to reach their potential. I applaud our staff and want to loudly say THANK YOU!

In closing, several years ago the PTA and staff set a theme entitled "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." Even though we are moving forward and working under the theme Building the Future, the concepts of community members, parents, graduates, and staff working together does offer each and every child that opportunity to go where they wish; to do what makes them happy and follow their dreams.

We saw the power of community when we recently passed Measure H. Let's reaffirm the commitment to participate positively in this "village" called Springer.

Good Luck in discovering more paths of connection through parent conferences.
Happy Thanksgiving!

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