



The Owl's Hoot

Sol Feinstone
Elementary School
PTO Newsletter

May 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it's May already! I think getting report cards for the third marking period really made me feel like the year is coming to an end. Happily, we will finish with a bang as we have lots of activities planned. Before we move ahead, let's reflect on the month of April. One of the highlights was the annual Art Show at Council Rock North. Thanks to all the students who contributed art to the show and to Mrs. Crooks for all her hard work. This was her last Art Show since she announced her retirement. It was very special and a reflection of her passion and dedication to Art! April also brought us our first annual "SFE

Celebrity Scoop" at Rita's Newtown. We had a tremendous turn out and our wonderful teachers and staff did a fantastic job "scooping"! Who knew they had so much skill in this area! An extra bonus to the fun was that 15% of the sales went to SFPTO.

Now looking forward to May, we have the Book Fair planned for May 4-6, which promises to feature many books for all ages to enjoy. Thanks to Karen Mealey and Nancy McAlister for running point on this important event. Then on May 6th, our SFE teachers and staff have challenged Newtown Elementary to a volleyball match. The

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Reminders

5/4-5/6	Book Fair
5/6	PTO Meeting
5/11	Early dismissal
5/18, 5/31	Schools closed
6/4	Field Day
6/16	Last day of school

**May's
Words to
Learn by:
Be Fair and
Think**

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL: JOHN HARLAN

May is here and it is our last full month of school together. It's hard to believe! With the arrival of May flowers and warmer weather, we are happy to announce our annual Great American Fundraiser. This year teachers and staff are practicing to get ready for a BIG volleyball match-up versus our friends at Newtown Elementary. The game will take place in the NES

gymnasium on Thursday, May 6th from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Admission is only \$1 dollar and all proceeds will go directly to the Neighborhood Outreach Foundation. N.O.F. is a wonderful organization assisting local families and individuals in the Council Rock School Community. If you want to see your teachers dominate the competition, come out to

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event will take place at NES @ 4:30 and may the best team win (SFE!) Our favorite event in May is "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week" which consists of a variety of events all week long such as breakfast, sweets & treats, catered lunch, gift cards and a new addition that we are calling "Recognition Jars"! Thanks to Betsy Kruse who is spearheading this event - it's a lot of hard work but well worth it! Lastly, Field Day will take place on June 4th led by Mr. Oldfield - always a really great time!

I look forward to seeing you at the next PTO meeting on May 6. We have a full slate for the 2010/2011 school year so thanks to everyone who stepped up to take leadership roles! We will present the slate to you and vote on the budget so please come out. We plan to have lots of food and fun too!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ceslak
PTO President

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL (continued)

Newtown Elementary, show your SFE school spirit and cheer us on to victory! It will be a great night full of fun, many laughs and good times! We hope to see you there!!!

Have a magnificent month of May and finish the year strong!!!

Regards,
Mr. Harlan

The Owl's Hoot is being retired!!

After years of providing helpful information, the Owl's Hoot will no longer be published. We will use the following electronic tools for communicating important school and PTO information:

- ◆ PTO Website (www.sfpto.com)
- ◆ E-News
- ◆ Mr. Harlan's Weekly Newsletter

Communication and Your 6- to 12-Year-Old

Communicating with a child is one of the most pleasurable and rewarding experiences for both parent and child. Children learn by absorbing information through daily interactions and experiences with other kids, adults, and the world.

Communicating With Your Child

As kids enter their school years, they become increasingly independent, spending much of their days outside the home in school and with peers. Talking with your child is essential to bonding, so share ideas, opinions, and information.

Here are a few suggestions to aid communication:

- ◆ Make time to hear about the day's activities; be sure your child knows you're interested and listening.
- ◆ Remember to talk **with** and listen to your kids, not **at** them.
- ◆ Ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers to prompt more developed conversation.
- ◆ Take advantage of time during car trips or standing in line at the supermarket to talk with your child.
- ◆ Provide activities that offer opportunities to improve communication skills, such as attending or engaging in sporting and school events, talking about current events, and reading stories that are slightly above your child's competency level.

Vocabulary and Communication Patterns

As kids progress in school, their comprehension and use of language will become more sophisticated. Usually, kids will understand more vocabulary words and concepts than they may be able to express. Your child should be able to engage in narrative discourse and share ideas and opinions in clear speech.

If You Suspect a Problem

You should have ongoing communication with your child's teacher about overall language skills and progress. Children with language comprehension and usage problems are at risk for increased academic difficulties.

A child who has a specific communication difficulty, such as persistent stuttering or a lisp, should be referred to the school speech-language pathologist (an expert who evaluates and treats speech and language disorders). You should routinely communicate with the therapist regarding the therapy goals, language activities to practice at home, and your child's progress.

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Typical Communication Problems

- ◆ hearing difficulties
- ◆ difficulty with attention or following complex directions in the classroom
- ◆ difficulty retaining information
- ◆ poor vocabulary acquisition
- ◆ difficulties with grammar and syntax
- ◆ difficulties with organization of expressive language or with narrative discourse
- ◆ difficulties with academic achievement, reading, and writing
- ◆ unclear speech
- ◆ persistent stuttering or a lisp
- ◆ voice-quality abnormalities, such as a strained, hoarse quality (may require a medical examination by an otolaryngologist — an ear, nose, and throat specialist)

Medical professionals, such as speech pathologists, therapists, and your doctor, can help your child overcome communication problems.

Original source www.kidshealth.org Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD

**Birthday Books**

Jeanne Markey 215-321-5017
Karen Mealey 215-493-8658



The following students have recently celebrated their birthdays by donating books to the library:

Brielle Goldberg	Richie Goulazian	Jack Gunshenan
Esther Kardos	Johnny Kelly	Melissa LaPierre
Grace McDermott	Annemarie Reardon	Juliana Rinker
Samantha Schnell	Richie Sichel	Kajal Sitapara
Cole Spiro	Aidan Sweeney	

We thank these children and their families for their lasting gift to Sol Feinstone's library.

Cash Back ProgramBeth Mullen (brmullen@yahoo.com)Marie Kiefer (kieferfamily9@comcast.net)

Please continue to send in Box Tops, McCaffrey receipts, and Labels for Education until the end of the school year, and **remember to save them during the summer.**

Please note that the ACME Super Saver Program has been discontinued, so we are no longer collecting ACME receipts.

If you have not already done so, you can register your Genuardis club card at www.escrip.com. Also, you can register your Target credit card at www.Target.com.

Thank you very much for supporting the Cash Back Program this year.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**May 10-14**

Show your APPRECIATION! We will be collecting notes of thanks and recognition from the students, teachers, and parents for any staff member or teacher! A simple message of heartfelt thanks or recalling a special moment from your child's year with any of their teachers will mean the world to our hard working staff. We have LOTS of support staff who make Sol Feinstone a wonderful place for our children - all the Specials teachers, recess & cafeteria aides, office staff, teachers aides, custodians, counselors, nurses, and of course, our principal! Everyone is included and there is no limit to the number of notes we will collect. Just make sure the notes have the recipient listed on front or back and are received by May 10. Blank note pages are included at the end of the Owl's Hoot for your convenience. Collection bags will be in the PTO Trailer and the Security Office. Thanks!

Betsy Kruse and the Hospitality Committee



Check Out the New SFE PTO Photo Gallery

See great photos from SFE events and forget the worry of bringing your own camera or missing that "perfect" shot! Let the SFE photographers do that for you! The SFE PTO photo gallery website is on Shutterfly.com.

Go to www.shutterfly.com/pro/SolFeinstonePhotoFundraiser001039760776/SFPTO
The password is **SFPTO** (all caps).

Photos from the following events are ready to view and purchase:

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| ✓ Welcome back picnic | ✓ Seussical Jr. |
| ✓ Breast Cancer Awareness Walk | ✓ Father/Daughter Winter Ball |
| ✓ Mother/Son Challenge | ✓ Spring Fair |
| ✓ Bingo Night | ✓ Crazy Hair Day |

- ◆ You DO NOT need to register to use the site
- ◆ The site and order process is **completely secured** by Shutterfly
- ◆ A portion of your purchase will go directly to the Sol Feinstone PTO
- ◆ Have fun ordering all types of products:
 - Photos
 - Mugs
 - Playing cards
 - Puzzles and more!

Thank you for supporting our community.

Note:

- ◆ All photos will be posted to the SFPTO Photo Fundraiser website as soon as possible after each school event is completed.
- ◆ All questions can be directed to sfeptoweb@yahoo.com

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