



# Principals' Page



WINTER EDITION 2019

Mrs. Heather Nuneviller, Principal

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## Making Plans to Getaway over Spring Break?



If your family likes to travel over Spring Break, please keep the following dates in mind when making arrangements.

Monday, April 15      ELA PSSA TESTING—5th, 6th & 7th grades

Tuesday, April 16      ELA PSSA TESTING—5th, 6th & 7th grades

Wednesday, April 17      SPRING BREAK

Thursday, April 18      SPRING BREAK

Friday, April 19      SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 22      SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, April 23      Return from Spring Break

Wednesday, April 24      ELA PSSA TESTING—5th, 6th, and 7th grades

Monday, April 29      MATH PSSA TESTING—5th, 6th, and 7th grades

Tuesday, April 30      MATH PSSA TESTING—5th, 6th, and 7th grades



## Upcoming Events

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| 1/7   | 5/6 Box Tops Collection Begins            | 2/8  | 7th Grade Movie Night              |
| 1/21  | School Closed                             | 2/12 | 5/6 Box Tops Collection Ends       |
| 1/25  | End of 2nd Marking Period (Tentative)     | 2/15 | 5/6 Parent Conferences             |
| 1/28  | 5/6 "Souper Bowl" Week                    |      | 7th Grade In-Service               |
| 1/31  | MS Variety Show, 7:00 at 9th Grade Center | 2/18 | School Closed                      |
| 2/4-8 | National School Counseling Week           | 2/20 | 5/6 Family Bingo Night (Snow Date) |
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## National School Counseling Week 2019

The Spring-Ford School Counseling Department strives to help students succeed academically, socially and emotionally by instilling the skills and attitudes needed in their everyday lives. Talk with your child about these qualities and character traits. Students and staff are encouraged to “wear” the spirit of success the week of February 4th!

- Monday, 2/4 You're a “Jean”ius—Wear your favorite color and jeans to school
- Tuesday, 2/5 Respect Your Body—Wear your favorite sweats
- Wednesday, 2/6 Put Your Best Foot Forward—Wear your favorite crazy socks
- Thursday, 2/7 Character Counts—Wear your favorite character t-shirt
- Friday, 2/8 Be a Team Player—Wear blue and gold



### 5/6 Family Bingo Night

On Wednesday, 2/6 (Snow Date, 2/20), the 5/6 Home & School Association will be hosting a Family Bingo Night. The event is scheduled 6:30pm-8:00pm in the cafeteria. Please enter the rear of the building using doors 13 and 20. Entrance fee is a gift valued at \$10 or a \$10 gift card that will be used as prizes. Bingo cards and markers will be provided as well as light snacks. Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase.



### 7th Grade Movie Night

Student Government will be hosting a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be shown in the cafeteria so bring blankets and chairs to enjoy. Doors open at 6:30 and you must be picked up in the back of the building by 9. Tickets will be sold in homeroom from February 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be voted on in homerooms in January. This will be a fun night with snacks, games, and movie! Look for more information on the website soon.



### Healthy New Year’s Resolutions for Kids

- I will clean up my toys, and keep my room in good order.
- I will brush my teeth twice a day and wash my hands before eating and after using the bathroom.
- I will drink more milk and water, and limit soda and fruity drinks.
- I will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
- I will find a sport or activity that I like, and do it at least three times a week.
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.
- I will wear my seatbelt every time I get into a car.
- I’ll be nice to others, and friendly to kids who need friends – like someone shy or new at school.
- I’ll never give out personal information or pictures of myself to strangers or over the internet.



### “Souper Bowl” Week Scheduled

Each year during the week of the NFL’s Super Bowl, the Spring-Ford 5th/6th Grade Center holds a “Souper Bowl” of its own. Students are asked to bring non-perishable/canned goods to school and drop them off in the main lobby. For every item donated the student will have the opportunity to vote for the football team that they think will win the NFL Super Bowl. It’s always fun to watch the friendly rivalries develop and to see the students who voted for the NFL Super Bowl winning team gloat come Monday. All donated items will benefit Project Outreach.



From the Desk of Mr. Rogers.....



# 5th Grade News



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## LETTER FROM MR. ROGERS

The end of school before break was very active here with activities for the students, hallway and door decorating activities and other festivities to encourage relationships with students and to promote holiday spirit. What a great time it was for everyone!

It is hard to believe that we are already through this holiday season and moving to the mid-way point in the school year. We are now approaching the end of the second marking period. If you have not been doing so already, we encourage you to utilize Skyward to keep up on grades, assignments, etc. especially if your child has been struggling academically.

At the midpoint in the school year it is often a good time to reflect on a few goals that your son or daughter might have for the remainder of the school year. Students often have aspirations of improving their test scores, study skills, or making new connections with friends they encounter on a daily basis. Whichever of these goals your students shares with you or if they do not yet have a goal for the rest of the year, please support your child in their vision of success for the remainder of the year.

In addition and as always, please utilize our staff to support you in your child's education and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything moving forward.

Thank you!



## Lessons Learned

**ELA**– In writing classes are working on an informational essay and various Text Dependent Analysis assignments. Classes are also practicing a literature circle, during which they will be reading Hound Dog True by Linda Urban

**SOCIAL STUDIES**– The fifth graders are now learning about the Puritans and the New England Colonies. Students will understand the Church of England and their impact on the colonists. A special emphasis will be place on the Puritan way of life.

**MATH**– Students are very soon moving into Chapter 7, which will include expressions, patterns and the Order of Operations. Classes will also be working on graphing. Upcoming in Chapter 8 is an introduction into Fractions.

**SCIENCE**– Classes are finishing their study on Minerals and will be moving to a study of rocks.



## Guidance Update

Our school counselors work very hard to bring various lessons to our fifth graders during their Pro Social time. Past lessons have included topics such as peer relationships, communication and self-advocacy. Upcoming lessons will include a focus on bullying and mean behavior that we sometimes experience with students at this age. We thank our counselors for their tireless efforts to promote positive social behavior throughout our student population!



*From the Desk of Dr. Rinehimer.....*



# 6th Grade News



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## Letter from Mrs. Rinehimer

Hello 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Parents, Guardians, and Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing break and are ready to get back into the swing of school. Last year I asked several students to share their goals for the New Year, so I thought I would do the same this year. These are just a sample of the many goals the students shared.

“I want to improve my grade in ELA.”

“I want to do a better job managing my time after school so I can study.”

“I want to try to do a better job ignoring the “drama”.”

“I want to increase the amount of time I read.”

“I want to stay healthy so I don’t miss school.”

“I want to study 20 minutes every night.”

“I want to get less distracted by my friends talking in class.”

I hope that all students are able to achieve their goals and I am looking forward to a great 2019.

Warmly,

Jennifer Rinehimer

## COMING SOON!!

Please look for a letter in the very near future which will contain information for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year trip to Hershey Park at the end of May 2019.

## Counseling Connection



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade school counselors, Alisa Fleisher (A-L) and Melissa Wobensmith (M-Z) wanted to share some highlights from 2018:

Team Building Activities and Reminders of How to Access School Counseling Resources

Communication Styles—Nonverbal Communication, Pipeline Activity

Learning Styles and Study Skills—Escape Room including Time Management

Feelings—Coping Skills Activities

Coming in January— Values, identifying what’s important to you



From the Desk of Dr. Kotch.....



# 7th Grade News



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## WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Families,

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time over the holidays. There was an obvious buzz in the air on our first day back for the New Year, with many of our students arriving excited to see their friends. Our staff is doing a great job ensuring the second half of the marking period starts off strong for our students. It is a time full of many opportunities, and it will be a period of growth for our students. I appreciate how your partnership and efforts with our school staff helps our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have the best possible experience. I hope you have a great start to the New Year! We are all excited about what 2019 has in store for us!

## “STUDENTS OF THE MONTH” CELEBRATION

The early morning hours (7:15 a.m.) on December 19<sup>th</sup> were filled with some excitement as 36 students were honored for their efforts in either English, World Languages or Targeted Reading. Each student received a certificate, along with a brief tribute from their teacher describing the qualities that earned them the award. The celebration also provided a few moments for teachers and parents to share in the students’ successes. Congratulations to all our Student of the Month recipients. Looking forward to our next gathering this month...stay tuned!



Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a day-long conference through the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity focusing on Building a Strong School Community. The following points I want to share as they brought value and deep discussions among those gathered:

How do we help ourselves better understand each other, how we communicate differently, and how our backgrounds, ethnic groups and different religions all work together to create one strong successful community at *SFASD*?

We ALL need to build resilience and courage in our children...we ALL need to teach respect for differences...and we ALL need to nurture global citizens.

The measurable is not how many of our students eventually get into Harvard or become doctors or lawyers; the measurable is in fact not measurable, is are we producing good citizens, those who will go out and help others? Are we producing critical thinkers? When we send our students out into the world we want to be able to say,

“that’s a *Spring-Ford* grad and we’re proud of them!”

As we head into 2019, it is my sincere hope that our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue to grow, learn and appreciate the lessons along the way!

## A Friendly Reminder

- √ When your child is not feeling well, he/she should go directly to Mrs. Huntington, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade nurse. Please remind that all phone contact should be made from the nurse’s office, and not via a text message to a parent.
- √ Please remember to send in all absentee notes within the first three days back to school.
- √ There a just a few weeks remaining in the second marking period. Please visit Skyward with your child so everyone has an accurate idea of their academic progress.