



Principals' Page



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Race for the Cure

Race for the Cure: The 5th and 6th grade Builder's Club is once again leading the Race for the Cure community service project benefiting breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. This drive is being conducted during the weeks of May 1st and May 8th. We will be supporting Race for the Cure which is a 5k run/walk and a 1 mile fun walk which is held in Philadelphia on Mother's Day, 5/14/17. A variety of student centered days will occur during this time period to assist in motivating student participation in this annual event. There are over 60 employees of the Spring-Ford School District participating in the Race for the Cure on Sunday, 5/14/17. Come join us!



Light It Up Blue Day and Ice for Autism

April is national Autism Awareness month. April 2nd is National Autism Awareness day, since this will be on a Sunday, we will be celebrating **Light It Up Blue** day on April 7th where staff and students from the 5th/6th Grade Center are encouraged to wear Autism Awareness ribbons, as well as a blue shirt to show their support! During the weeks of April 3rd through the 21st, students who participate in Builder's Club will help to sell puzzle pieces before school and during homeroom to help raise money for Spring Ford's Educational Foundation to support those students in the Special Needs and Autistic Support programs. On April 5th and 19th the "Ice for Autism" events will be held at the Rita's Water Ice Royersford and Colledgeville locations. Ice for Autism is a fundraiser that benefits special needs and Autistic support programs at Spring-Ford Area School District. Twenty percent of sales will be donated to the fund. During Ice for Autism, Spring-Ford students can see their administrators and teachers helping out as celebrity scoopers!



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Ronald McDonald House



As a community service project, the 7th Grade **Builders Club** is collecting pop-tabs from beverage, soup, pet food and other various cans through the month of May. These tabs are then given to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Philadelphia which uses the proceeds to help defray their heating costs. This small donation will go a long way to benefit the

Ronald McDonald House.

Upcoming Events

4/3-6	PSSA Testing—ELA	5/15	MS Dodgeball Tournament
4/5	Ice for Autism		
4/7	Middle School Spring Play	5/16	In-Service Day
4/11	5/6 Ice Skating Night	5/18-19	Keystones
4/12-17	Spring Break	5/24	5th & 6th Grade Art Show
4/19	Ice for Autism	5/29	School Closed
	5th Grade Reading Olympics	5/31	7th Grade Honor's Social
4/20	H&S Meeting—7th Grade	6/7	Explorers Awards, 9:15 Settlers Awards, 2:30
4/24-26	PSSA Testing—Math	6/8	5th Grade Extravaganza
4/27	Spring Pictures—7th Grade		6th Grade Hershey Park Trip
4/28	Spring Pictures—5th/6th Grade	6/9	5/6 Field Day 7th Grade Mermaid Lake
5/1-5	5th/6th Grade Race for the Cure—Week #1		(If rain is predicted for 6/9, the Colonists and Trailblazers awards will be held on 6/9 so that field day can still take place on 6/12)
5/4	MS Variety Show		
5/5-5/6	MS Band Trip		
5/8-12	5th/6th Grade Race for the Cure—Week #2	6/12	Field Day—Raindate Mermaid Lake—Raindate
5/9	National Teacher Appreciation Day		Colonists Awards, 9:15 Trailblazers Awards, 2:30
5/8	5th Grade Spring Concert		
5/9	MS Spring Concert	6/13	Patriots Awards, 9:15
5/10	National School Nurse Day		Pioneers Awards, 2:30
	6th Grade Spring Concert	6/14	7th Grade Awards, 8:10 Last Day for Students

5th/6th Grade Center Festival of the Arts



Wednesday May 24th 6:00pm to 8:00pm

You're Invited!

Artomé is partnering with Spring-Ford's 5th/6th Grade Center for a spectacular Art Show celebration!

Every student will have their own masterpiece framed, on display and available for purchase. Framed artwork costs \$25.00 cash or check, benefiting the school! You don't want to miss this...amazing art, student musical performances, and a bake sale too!!

Teacher & School Nurse Appreciation



Teacher and School Nurse Appreciation Week is a special time for us to recognize all of the terrific staff here at the 5th/6th/7th Grade Center. We would like to acknowledge the staff's hard work and dedication during the week of May 8th—12th.

Teachers play a key role in student success and sometimes a simple "thanks" is all a teacher needs to feel valued. Take the time to celebrate your students' teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12.

Our nurse's work hard to keep us healthy and help us when we aren't feeling exactly 100%. They have a direct impact on the well being of both the students and faculty.

**NATIONAL
SCHOOL NURSE
DAY**



Test-Taking Tips for Students

Have a Positive Attitude: Approach the test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

The Night Before: The night before the test you should get to bed early. Remember, your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

The Morning of the Test: Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test.

Test Time: Before the test begins, make sure you have everything you'll need - scratch paper, extra pencils, your calculator (if you're allowed to use it). Read and listen to the instructions! You want to make sure you are marking answers correctly.

Manage Your Time: Scan through the test quickly before starting. Answering the easy questions first can be a time saver and a confidence builder. Plus, it saves more time in the end for you to focus on the hard stuff.

I'm Stuck!: Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. If you're still stuck, circle it and move on. You can come back to it later. What if you have no idea about the answer? Review your options and make the best guess you can.

Multiple-Choice Questions: The process of elimination can help you choose the correct answer in a multiple-choice question. Start by crossing off the answers that couldn't be right. Then spend your time focusing on the possible correct choices before selecting your answer.

Neatness Counts: Be sure that your writing is legible and that you erase your mistakes. For machine-scored tests, fill in the spaces carefully.

I'm Done!: Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the test, remember that you're not done yet. First, check the clock and go back to review your answers, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Spend the last remaining minutes going over the hardest problems before closing your test booklet.