



Intermediate Insights

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Special points of interest:

February

6-7—No School
8—Activity Night, 6-7:30 p.m.
13—5th Grade Band Concert, HS Aud., 7:00
15—Regional Spelling Bee
17—Third Rotation of Encore Ends

March

5-6—No School
8—Activity Night, 6-7:30 pm.
13-15—Parent/Teacher Conferences
15-16—1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
19—Spring Picture Day
30—No School

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Principal's Letter

Many teens spend less time with their families than they did as younger children. As they become more independent and learn to think for themselves, relationships with friends become very important. Sometimes it may feel like your teen doesn't need you anymore. But teens still need their parents' love, support, and guidance.

Simple, everyday activities can reinforce the connection between you and your teen. Make room in your schedule for special times when you can, but also take advantage of routine activities to show that you care.

Tips to keep in mind:

Have family meals. If it's impossible to do every night, schedule a regular weekly family dinner night that accommodates your child's schedule.

- **Share "ordinary" time.** Look for everyday opportunities to bond with your teen. Even times spent driving or walking the dog together offer chances for your teen to talk about what's on his or her mind.
- **Get involved, be involved, and stay involved.** Go to games and practices when you can. Ask about homework and school projects. Look for chances to learn about your teen's latest hobby.
- **Be interested.** Make it clear that you care about your teen's ideas, feelings, and experiences. If you listen to what he or she is saying, you'll get a better sense of the guidance and support needed. Get to know your teen's friends and their parents, too, when possible.
- **Set clear limits.** Teens still need your guidance, but you can involve your teen in setting rules and consequences. Make sure consequences are related to the behavior, and **be consistent** in following through. Choose your battles. Try to provide choices in the matters that are less important.

Taken from www.childwelfare.org

Tardy & Attendance Policy

School doors open at 8:40 am. The bell rings at 8:50 am. Punctuality is an important life skill. Please help your child develop good work habits by making sure they arrive to school on time. Students who are chronically late miss important beginning of the day instructions. Late arrivals are a disruption to classroom routine and decrease class productivity. Parents who transport their children need to arrive at school before 8:50 a.m.



Aside from the fact that school attendance is compulsory by Michigan law, at Spring Lake Intermediate we believe that regular school attendance is an asset to the learning process. Our school has the responsibility, with cooperation of the parents, to make sure that students are in attendance whenever possible. At the SLIS we try to discourage parents from taking students out of school for long periods of time. It is the school's opinion that family vacations should be taken during the previously established time off for students. However, prolonged absences during school time are at times unavoidable due to family emergencies. Parents will be notified when the student has accumulated an excessive number of absences.

If a student is absent because of illness, **please** call the school office to report the type of illness. If your child is having flu-like symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, please keep them home for 24 hours before returning to school. We ask that if they are running a low grade temperature of 99.0 or higher, please do not send them for 24 hours until they are temperature free without the use of medication.

6th Grade Girls Basketball

Members of the 6th grade girls' red team went undefeated this season with a 6-0 record. Congratulations to Emily Batts, Carley Bench, Caitlin Estep, Bry Fillman, Ava Hatton, Ella Randall, Maddy Windberg, Hanna Zimmer, *Coach Kelly Rice*



. *The Spring Lake girls' gray team also went undefeated*



Congratulations to Sophie Decator, Abby Love, Linsey Paggeot, Sienna Romberger, Kayli Sneller, Jazmine Taylor, Emma Tober, Rebekah VanDeWeg, Coach Ty Love

Boxtops 4 Education



The Parent Club has forms available by the school office for students to pick up. All the students need to do are paste 10 box tops and earn cash for their school! The students also need to make sure their name, grade and teacher's name are on the form. The Parent Club will be doing a drawing mid February. Names will be randomly drawn for prizes. Go to the website at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> to get coupons, recipes, and to learn about other ways to earn cash for the Spring Lake Intermediate School. Please continue to save those box tops and send them in with the students. Also, if you have purchased a Ford car between 10/1/11 and 12/1/11, you have until 3/31/11 to redeem your box tops. So any parents, grandparents, etc who have purchased a Ford Vehicle during that period of time please inquire as how to redeem those Box Tops. You earn 250 box tops. Please have them make sure they are registered under Spring Lake Intermediate School. The link is:

http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/btfe/:b=ie8/?affiliate_id=1c

Chess Club


A sixth grade team and a fifth grade team will travel to Michigan State University on Feb. 4. They will compete against the top chess players in the state for the Elementary State Chess Championships. Good luck to Colby Brown, Andrew Hysten, Ben Hysten, Ryan Ross, Evan Schock, Devin Shreve, Joshua VanderMeulen, and Isaac West. Joshua VanderMeulen made All Conference at the Lakes 8 Conference Chess Tournament in Newaygo on Saturday. He ended up in fifth place out of about 30 players.



Joshua VanderMeulen during the high school Lakes 8 Conference Chess Tournament.



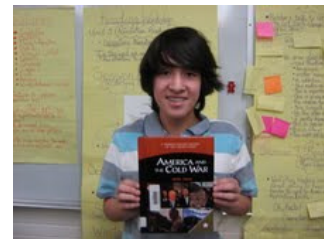
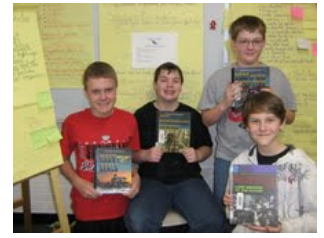
Birthday Fun with Mrs. York

Mrs. York's class helped her celebrate her birthday with cupcakes, mustaches and a HUGE birthday card. They even wore I  NY shirts!!!



Mrs. Keller's Nonfiction Research Club

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Spring Conferences

The conference schedule for our spring conferences are as follows:

Monday, March 12, 2012

Full Day of School

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Full Day of School, Conferences 5-8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Full Day of School, Conferences 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2012

1/2 Day of School, Conferences 1-4 p.m.

Friday, March 16, 2012

1/2 Day of School, Noon Dismissal

