



January 27, 2009



Springbrook School

I'm looking forward to **Cultural Week** that begins next Monday. I am excited about the opportunity to explore the aspects, culture, and history of India. I am very thankful for the numerous parents who have spent hours designing stations for the students, organizing schedules, and planning the assemblies for Friday of next week.

February's Building Block for Success is **Determination**. Our two friends, Inch and Miles, meet Fred the Frog who teaches them that success takes time. You won't be successful every time to try something new so Determination is necessary on our journey for success. In addition to the building blocks of success, our district has eight core values that are part of their character development efforts. **Courage**, the willingness to do what is right even if it means there is some personal loss, is the character emphasis for this month.

We had almost 50 students compete in our **Astounding Inventions Contest** here on campus earlier this month. On Saturday seventeen of these students will enter the Astounding Inventions competition at Irvine Valley College as finalists for our school. Congratulations to the following students and special thanks to Mrs. Phelps for coordinating the contestants and entries from Springbrook.

	Sonia Lin	The Page Bookmark	
Erik Lee	The Triple Medicine Box	Evan Anthony	Slow Beeper
Megan Aleman	Pen Co-Pilot	Erik Chen	Robotic Handball Player
Crystal Leung	Pillow Alarm	Gayatri Subramaniam	Flexible Frame
Angela Lee	Color Coded Staples	Vikram Vijayakumar	The Water Bomb
Amber Lin	Speak Reminder	Max Lyman	Pet Cage Alarm
Cole Williams	Easy Measure	Isaac Torres	The Basketball Rebounder
Shashank Sriram	Solar Powered Pet Food Dispenser	Krishna Reddy	The All in One Stacker/Stuffer

The **Irvine Family Resource Center** is offering another series of parenting classes. There are a variety of classes that provide insight and additional support for parents. Establishing Positive Discipline, Active Parenting, and Strategies to Help your Child with Homework are three of the current class options. More detailed information is available online at www.iusd.org/eclc. There is a nominal fee to help cover costs of the class.

Irvine Public School Foundation is again accepting donations on behalf of parents who want to demonstrate their appreciation for teachers. The **PATS program** (Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff) accepts donations in recognition of teachers and staff members who have impacted the lives of children. All donations must be received by March 6th and teachers will receive their certificates during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. The IPSF webpage is found at www.ipsf.net.





The **Special Education Community Advisory Committee** is hosting their annual **Resource Fair** on Wednesday, March 18th in the Irvine High School Gymnasium. This is a family-oriented fair to help families learn more about community services available for children with special needs. There will be a variety of vendors and local organizations present with information on summer camps, support for students with ADD, Spectrum Disorders, Transition Services for graduating high school students, and social skill development. Additional information about Resource Fair and the Special education Community Advisory Committee is available on their webpage at www.EmpoweringIrvine.org. Proceeds from this event support Active Playground, a program offered during our Upper Grade Lunch to create additional activities like games and crafts to engage a greater percentage of our student population in social activities.

If you live outside the attendance boundaries for Springbrook School, please complete an **Open Enrollment** card from the front office and turn it in by February 27th. Although we have been able to allow most students from beyond our attendance boundaries to remain at Springbrook, the Open Enrollment card helps us keep track of who is interested in returning next year.

We are currently accepting registration cards for the 2008-09 school year for the **Kindergarten Montessori Program** and the **Montessori Elementary Program**. Registration cards are available in the front office and will be accepted until the fourth Friday of February. This year's deadline is February 27th.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, we will host a **Title 1 Informational Parent Meeting**. Since Springbrook receives Title 1 funds from the Federal Government, we hold a brief informational meeting where we review how we qualify for the funds, which students are eligible to receive services from those funds, and what services are provided by Springbrook. This meeting will be held before school at 7:45 in the MPR. If your son or daughter qualifies for Title 1 support, you will receive a reminder for this meeting the last week of January.

Each year the City of Irvine in conjunction with the Irvine Unified School District host an overview of beginning school in Irvine. The Welcome to Kindergarten meetings feature information Kindergarten presentations and registration. These informational meetings will be held at Irvine Civic Center on February 11th and March 11th at 6:30 pm. Our Kindergarten RoundUp will be held on April 30th at 7:00pm in our MPR.

The Springbrook Science Fair will be held February 10th and 11th in our library. Science Fair projects will be on display and exemplary projects will be selected to compete in the District Science Fair later this spring.

February's Spirit Dress-Up Theme is **Exercise Your Heart**. You may wear WorkOut Clothes or Valentine colors each Friday, you can also wear Springbrook Spiritwear or colors. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning for the Pledge of Allegiance at the picnic tables.

Thanks, Bob Curley

