



February 4, 2010



# Springbrook School

Last week our Student Council collected shoes that were given to **Sports Chalet** then sent en masse to Haiti. Beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>, our students will raise funds for Haiti with our **Hearts for Haiti** program. Students will sell heart lollipops for a dollar; funds raised through this campaign will be given to the **Clinton Bush Haiti Fund** to support extended relief efforts. At the end of the month we will encourage a recycling drive with a portion of the proceeds supporting the various needs in Haiti. We should be reminded of our abundance and continue to find ways to share and model generosity for our students.

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. Last Saturday twelve of these students competed in 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.

Sabreen Alam	The Littlest Greenhouse	Hope Lee	Easy Expanding Binder
Shivana Anand	Mummy Robot	Shashank Sriram	Engine Time
Pranati Kuppa	Stock Market Mender	Surayya Taha	Hot Water Dispenser
Connie Lee	HM Shoe	Vikram Vijayakumar	EcoBot
Eric Lee	Magnetic Fish Detector	Marie Rose Webster	The Cat Police
Divij Karnani	Lunch Bag Hand-Sanitizer Dispenser	Trevor Zahl	Light Recycler

Every one of these students were recognized as Division Winners, Outstanding Inventions, or Honorable Mentions. Congratulations on your efforts!

Springbrook will send nine students to the **District Science Fair**. The following 6<sup>th</sup> grade students developed high quality projects that demonstrated creative thinking and sound experiments to test their ideas and questions.

Nolan Aleman	Candy Mystery	Jazmine Council	Roller Coaster Mania
Zach Baayoun	Pitching Arm Position	Keaton Currie	Heart of Music
Kayla Bunnell	Tap Dancing	Kenan Hedstrom	Preserving Fruit
Samantha Claeys	Frozen Yogurt	Trevor Zahl	Lacrosse Strings
	Jordyn Boothroyd	Advantage of Followthrough	

Congratulations and Good Luck at the District Science Fair!





This year our students will receive an interactive experience in Korean culture. Our **Cultural Week** is scheduled for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate parent volunteers who help our students as they rotate through stations that teach us about the culture of students and families in our community and around the world. Keep your eyes open for information on how to volunteer; this is always a fantastic week at school and an enriching experience for our students.

We are currently accepting interest cards for the 2010-11 school year for the **Kindergarten Montessori Program** and the **Montessori Elementary Program**. Interest cards are available in the front office and will be accepted until the fourth Friday of February. This year's deadline is February 26<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm our Montessori staff will present an overview of the program and enrollment procedures for the night. A parent night for the Kindergarten Montessori program will be held the following night, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the MPR. These meetings are mandatory for those applying to the programs for the 2010-11 school year.

While our students participated in the **TeamKids Challenge**, we were able to raise about \$1,750 of food and supplies for Human Options, and additional \$5,000 worth of clothes and toys for the Southwest Community Center, \$70 of recyclables for the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, and \$532 at the Springbrook Carnival for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Our students and community were able to pull together over \$7,000 worth of money, food, and supplies during a three week period. I'm interested to see what our community will continue to be able to do for Haiti over the next month. Thanks again for your support.

As our district continues to work through the fiscal crisis of the state and its impact on our schools, we will do our best to provide you with the most recent, up-to-date information. The district webpage has an IUSD Budget Watch link, [http://www.iusd.org/budget\\_watch/index.html](http://www.iusd.org/budget_watch/index.html). In addition to the Budget Watch weblink, there is also a page of Frequently asked questions that is updated as new questions arise. It can be accessed at [http://www.iusd.org/district\\_services/fiscal\\_services/BudgetFAQ.html](http://www.iusd.org/district_services/fiscal_services/BudgetFAQ.html).

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

## Winter Calendar Update

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade music classes are held on Monday and Wednesday, remind your student to bring their instrument.

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Observance of Lincoln's Birthday
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Montessori Parent Night, MPR @ 6:30pm
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Montessori Parent Night, MPR @ 6:30pm
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Observance of Washington's Birthday

