



April 23, 2009

As we head into spring we are focusing on the last few building blocks of success on **Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success**. This month we have focused on **Team Spirit** as a key trait to bring the best out of each student. Our emphases during the month of May are **Poise** and **Confidence**. These building blocks rest upon the foundational blocks that the students have practiced over the course of the year. Students will trust themselves and be comfortable with their own unique talents and abilities if they know they are working hard, showing enthusiasm, practicing self-control, alertness, and determination. Continue to encourage your children to build these traits into their lives and give them recognition when you see them practicing these traits in relationship to their schoolwork, your family and friends.

Recently, a number of classes participated in the *Why Mom Deserves a Diamond* essay contest sponsored by the Gallery of Diamonds. Students wrote an essay and submitted it for judging. The following Springbrook students were presented a gem, either an Amethyst or a Garnet, for their mothers at an awards assembly.

Meher Bhullar
Maria Webster

Ryan Harrison
Kent Dana
Jennifer Zhang

Jackie Ni
Jake Jamison
Victoria Vaswani

Kathryn Strombeck
Sierra Shaver

Congratulations to these students for their recognition of their mothers!

The following students had their artwork featured in the **Color It Orange** art show at the Laguna Beach College of Art.

Diego Rameriz Corenna Council Seoyun Jeong Tiffany Vo

These students should feel honored, since this is a juried show and displayed work is selected by judges. Congratulations!

The **Young Masters Art Show** begins Saturday, May 2nd and is presented by Assistance League of Irvine. There will be an Opening Day Festival at the Irvine City Hall Plaza from 1:00 – 4:00 in the afternoon. The festival will showcase jazz bands, balloon artists and complimentary refreshments. This is part of the Imagination Celebration of Orange County. Artwork from Irvine students will be on display in City Hall throughout the month of May. Art produced by Springbrook students will be on display the week of May 18th.

We are looking forward to the **Irvine Junior Games** on Sunday, May 17th. This is a fun competitive track and field event for 4th – 8th grade students and also raises funds for the Irvine Children's Fund to support childcare in for Irvine students. We typically have 60 – 80 students participate and encourage you to attend and support our athletes.





A special **thank you** to Lynn Marie Palmer who led our most recent Springbrook event, the Jog-a-thon. Her leadership and enthusiasm helped us reach our financial goal and provided a fun and safe activity for the students. She spent countless hours coordinating her team, who worked to recruit sponsors, organize guests for the day, like fitness leaders and the DJ, and the dozens of parents who supported our runners. Thanks again! We will be hosting a **Parent Volunteer Breakfast** on Wednesday morning, April 29th from 7:30 to 8:30 to honor all our volunteers who have helped in the classrooms, library, office, field trips, led school activities, or have served on formal boards such as School Site Council and PTA Executive Board. We thank you for all your support throughout the year and look forward to honoring you this day.

In addition to the parent volunteer breakfast, **Irvine Public School Foundation** honors a parent volunteer from each school annually. This year's honoree is Kathie Schultz. Over the last 8 years, Kathie has served on School Site Council, led PTA committees, chaperoned field trips and student activities and helped in the classrooms of her children. This is a great way to honor her service to Springbrook students. She has a passion for enriching the students experience here at Springbrook. Thank you Kathie for your service to Springbrook students.

The week of May 4th - May 8th is **Teacher Appreciation** week. Our staff will honor Cindy Carter-Jackson, our Speech and Language teacher, as Springbrook's representative at the annual Teacher of the Year Banquet. Mrs. Carter-Jackson was selected by the staff to represent Springbrook for her dedication to students, collaboration and support for teachers and parents, and high quality skills in helping students improve their communication. May 8th is a minimum day and students will be dismissed at 1:15.

It is so good to be able to highlight the students, parents and staff that make Springbrook the fantastic place it is!

Bob Curley, Principal

Spring Calendar

4th -6th grade music classes are held on Wednesday and Friday, remind your student to bring their instrument.

April 28 – Honors Concert, 7:00pm, Segerstrom Concert Hall

April 30 – Kindergarten Round-Up, 7:00pm, MPR

