

# Puma Pride



April

## A Message from Mr. Goos

Dear Sunny Pointe Families,

I would like to thank all parents and students for their support in attending our McTeacher night. The general manager said it was the largest turnout that they had for any of the schools. Money from the fundraisers goes back into the Sunny Pointe literacy program. Money from previous events has helped pay for the book nook in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade hallway. Thanks again for your support of our school and students.

On a personal note, I would like to remind everyone that MAP testing continues during the month of April. It is essential that your students are here on time every day ready to do their best. We know that they will do a great job!

I look forward to seeing you at our next school event.

Sincerely,

Nick Goos

April 14<sup>th</sup>

Papa John's Pizza Night. Help support your school and enjoy some pizza too!



Mrs. Jackson's class won the pizza party for February. Congratulations!

## Things to Remember

Help is available for families having difficulty paying student lunch fees. The free and reduced lunch program is fully confidential. Only one application is needed per family. Remember, your participation could help our schools. Several state and federal grant opportunities are based on free and reduced lunch participation. Contact the office at SPE for more information. 224-7800



### Meal Prices      K-5      Reduced

Lunch	\$2.00	\$0.40
Milk/Juice	\$0.40	

### Food Service

Parents, you can view your students daily lunch purchases as well as make deposits to their accounts on the **Revtrak** website. Your student's I.D. # is required for all transactions. Your student's I.D # can be obtained by calling the school office at 224-7800.

The **Revtrak** website is:  
<http://bluesprings.revtrak.net>

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
			1	2 Easter Break  NO SCHOOL
5	6	7	8 6:00 PTA Meeting  7:00 K performs	9 Spirit day
12 Library Week	13	14 Papa John's Night 	15	16
19 National Volunteer Week	20	21 4 <sup>th</sup> grade to Jeff City  Secretary's Day	22 Take your child to work day	23
26	27	28	29	30 PTA Carnival

## First Grade News



Well, we tried with all of our might to catch a leprechaun this year...but once again, those sneaky characters avoided our traps. They did play a pretty funny trick on us though! What a fun St. Patrick's Day it was in first grade!

Our PTA program on March 25<sup>th</sup> went great! A special thank you to Mrs. Lillie for writing, directing, and producing our show! We loved singing, speaking our lines into the microphones, playing our instruments and being part of the entire production! Thanks to everyone who helped make our performance so wonderful!

First graders are so excited to begin the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of school. We have some tough math skills to learn including counting money and measuring but we think we're up to the challenge! We're inferring during Reader's Workshop which is another really deep thinking skill! Sometimes authors don't tell us the answers to all of our questions and it's up to us to put all the clues together and figure them out! Inferring is kind of like being a detective, and we love trying to solve our reading "mysteries."

We are anxious to start cheering on our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade buddies for their upcoming MAP assessment. We have big plans for our buddies such as making them cards, and doing everything we can to bring them luck on their test! Next year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we'll have to take the Terra Nova and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade we'll be the ones who will be testing on the MAP. We want to start now by encouraging our friends and siblings to "shine at test time."

As you can see, first grade is as busy as always! This is the time of year is a real turning point for us and our teachers are so proud!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News



Cha-ching! Can you hear the cash registers ring? Second grade students had their first opportunity to be business owners (producers) at the School of Economics in March. Students did an awesome job counting money, making change, taking orders, filling orders, cleaning, organizing, shopping, and above all trying to make a profit and pay back their business loan! Ask your student if they were able to put any money into savings for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. At school, we prepared by using calculators to add food amounts together. We counted money **over and over** to make sure we remembered their values. Many economic terms were practiced...producer, consumer, goods, service, profit, loss, and opportunity cost. Our parent helpers made the trip a HUGE success. Thanks to all of our awesome volunteers!

At the end of this month, we will have prepared, practiced, and taken the Terra Nova test. Students worked diligently at their first experience with a standardized test. This will be good practice for Third grade when they will take the MAP test. Second grade SHINES at test time!



## Starting Kindergarten?

Here are some important dates for our 2010-2011 Kindergarteners.



Kindergarten enrollment for the Blue Springs School District will be held on April 29, 2010 from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM and on April 30, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children during one of these sessions. Enrollment will take place at the elementary building in your attendance area. To be eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, children must be five years of age on or before July 31, 2009. Incoming kindergarteners are welcome to visit their new school with their parents on enrollment day.

You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, and your child's social security number. A current gas, water or electric bill with name and address will serve as proof of residency. Children must be current on immunizations before entering school.

If you have any questions regarding kindergarten enrollment at Sunny Pointe Elementary, please feel free to call Mrs. Todd at 224-7800.

## Spring Testing Dates

### Sunny Pointe Spring MAP & Terra Nova Testing Dates:

SPE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be testing the weeks of March 30-April 1, April 6-9 and April 13-15. Thank you for scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. around these dates as student's attendance is extremely important during this time.

## Planning Begins For Next Year

The process for class placement for the 2010-2011 school year will be completed over the next few months. We look at a variety of information to create a class that is equitable for all students. If you would like to provide input for the placement of your child, please pick up a Parent Input Form in the school office. In order for this information to be considered in the placement process, it must be returned to the school office no later than Friday, April 23, 2009. Teacher assignments will not be included in the 4th quarter grade cards. As always, if you have further questions, please contact the school office at 224-7800.

## Lost and Found

Missing something?

Please check in our Lost and found. Lost and found is located right inside the gym door in a large box!

**PLEASE** make sure all of your child's items are properly labeled with your child's name so that we may return them to their rightful owners.

## TRACK AND FIELD DAY



Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Track and Field Day. This is a very fun and enjoyable day for all of the kids! We are always in need of volunteers to help make this a great day for the kids. If you would like to volunteer please contact Tara Hose at (816) 522-6091 or [tarahose@gmail.com](mailto:tarahose@gmail.com).

## PTA NEWS



Hi Sunny Pointe Families,  
Can you believe it's already April? I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. April is a very busy month. Most importantly we have our MAP testing. It is very important that we have well rested children who start the morning off with a good breakfast so they are ready on the testing days. Next we would like to recognize our Secretaries, "Mrs. Pogue and Mrs. Jeri" on Secretary's Day, Wednesday April 21st. They are great and we could not run this school without them. Thanks ladies for caring so much!!

Also don't forget to mark your calendars for April 30th, this is our school carnival. Please come and enjoy a fun family event from 6-9pm. We are still in need of volunteers for that evening. If you are interested in helping out please contact Christina Guest at [cquest@comcast.net](mailto:cquest@comcast.net).

Also a BIG thank you goes out to all the volunteers that we have had this year. April 19-23<sup>rd</sup> is "National Volunteer Week." The children at SPE are very lucky to have such caring parents who help in every aspect of Sunny Pointe. Have a terrific April!!

Kim Trotter  
SPE PTA President

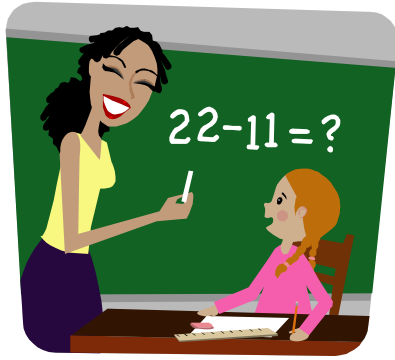
The following students were recognized by their classroom teacher in February for showing outstanding Empathy



Becca Williams  
Emme Wingert  
JJ Johnson  
Makiya Hill  
Savannah Servos  
Madelyn Engelhardt  
Trenton Lovelace  
Amber Devore  
Robert Lee  
Zoe Edgar  
Jake Flackmiller  
Avery Saxton  
Riley Tiffin  
Amanda Pierce  
Rhiannon Smith  
Whytni Gordon  
McKenzie Dance  
Jadyn Webber  
Natalie Sheehy  
Sophie Caldwell  
Jacob Wingert  
Chase Meyers  
Rebekah Casey  
Rachel Wilkinson  
Jadon Greer  
Skyler Bush



Congratulations to our SPE Math Team!!



On Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> the Sunny Pointe Math Team sponsored by Miss Luter and Mrs. Lower, competed in the annual math competition at Olathe East High School. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Koba Butkovich received 16<sup>th</sup> place and Shaun Van Hoesen received 30<sup>th</sup> place out of 105 students. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Ante' Plecas received 39<sup>th</sup> place and Leandra Lyons placed 54<sup>th</sup> out of 106 students. In the team competition, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team made up of Katy Bond, Danie Moore, and Cole Flackmiller placed 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 54 schools and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team made up of Elizabeth Erickson, Quinten Rice, and Sarah Scherich placed 12<sup>th</sup> out of 54 schools. Our SPE students worked hard and did a great job at the competition!

