

SAVE THE DATE

May 5th, 7 PM

PTA Planning Meeting
SPE Library, Come help plan for
next year!

5th Grade Cavalcade
of Bands Lee's Summit West

May 5-9th

National Teacher
Appreciation Week

May 7th

Field Day

May 8th & 9th

8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Art Fair- Parent Viewing

May 9th, 5:00 PM - 7:30PM

Grandparents and Special
Friends Dinner and Art Fair
Reservations and prepayment required

May 12th

Festival of Strings
Lee's Summit West

May 16th

DARE Graduation

May 19th

Volunteer Celebration

May 22nd

6th Grade Recognition,
7:00 PM

Kindergarten Graduation

AM: 11:00, PM: 3:00

May 26th

Memorial Day Holiday-
No School

May 27th

Early Release Day
Last Day of School

September 5th

First PTA Event for next
school year- Tentative date for the
Back to School Picnic

PIA Paw Print

News from the Summit Pointe Elementary Parent Teachers Association

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Susan McGinn

This month's featured volunteer is Susan McGinn. Susan's daughter, Sammie, is a kindergarten student in Ms. McAnulty's class. Sammie also gets into the volunteer spirit and was the top seller for our Innisbrook sales fundraiser. Susan works full time at Croft Trailer.



Susan is our Boxtop/Hy-vee receipts coordinator as well as the co-chair of our upcoming Grandparents/Special Friends Dinner. In addition to these committees, she was a tremendous asset to our fundraising committee. She held meetings at her house, helped distribute the fundraiser envelopes to the classes and helped prepare the orders and count the money from the sales fundraiser. Susan has volunteered at most of our events and has agreed to continue to coordinate our Boxtop and Hy-vee Receipt collections next year. Susan truly is an outstanding volunteer!

THANK YOU, SUSAN, FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!

1st Annual Grandparents & Special Friends Dinner

We've had lots of firsts this year and with your help the 1st Annual Grandparents & Special Friends Event will not only be the first of many, but the best ever!

The beautifully catered Italian Dinner will be served by our 6th graders (volunteer now and get your dinner free!) in the SPE Cafeteria on Friday, May 9th. Reservations for preferred seating time and prepayment are required so we can ensure adequate space and food. You may choose a seating time of 5:15, 6:00, 6:45 or 7:30 and the cost is \$6.00 for children under 12 and \$7.50 for adults. Guests will also have the opportunity to tour the school, visit the ongoing art fair, experience a Smart Board demonstration, learn lots of interesting facts about our school and have their pictures taken by Ross & Sanders! The keepsake photos will be available to take home that night for \$6 to \$12 per sheet. Perazelli's is catering the spaghetti and meatballs meal which will also include salad or applesauce and bread. Desserts and drinks will be provided by the PTA. We are still in need of dessert makers and other volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or make a reservation please contact Susan McGinn at susan@crofttrailer.com or 816.366.0100.



GETTING TO KNOW...

Rhonda Burau Physical Ed. Teacher



What is your favorite color? I have two, Red and Blue! In our house we have three bedrooms devoted to our three favorite teams: KU Jayhawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Lee's Summit West Titans. They are all red or blue!

What is your favorite food? Mexican

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Candy Cane

Do you have any pets? Dog –Airedale Terrier – Isabella Rock chalk Jayhawk (Izzy) who drags me around the lake on our runs, two cats Raven, black and white who is “Large in Charge” and Titian, butterscotch color who is a lazy slug and likes his belly rubbed.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in sunny California. I loved going to the beach and Disneyland. I saw snow for the first time when we moved to Missouri. (I thought it was angel feathers falling from heaven!)

What was your favorite subject in school? I loved Science and dissecting things to see how they work. Something about how our bodies work and keeping it healthy fascinates me. I taught Life Science in high school many years and even thought about becoming a paramedic as a second career.

Tell about a favorite elementary school memory or teacher. I loved Miss Winkler. She parted her hair in the middle and wore bright blue eye shadow and white go go boots. She taught us that everything and everyone you touch is marked with your soul print!

How long have you been teaching and why did you become a teacher? I have taught 27 years. I coached high school sports and taught many different classes. I miss coaching but I enjoy having the time to watch my own son's sports teams. I love Elementary. I have the best job in the world what other job do you get to wear sweats everyday, be around sports and play games with such awesome SPE kids?

Do you have any children? I was blessed with three boys Alex, 16, a 10th grader at LSW, Austin, 13, a 7th grader at SLMS and Blake a 5th grader at SPE.

What are your hobbies? Running (my boys and I do road races and triathlons), reading (in the summer I read a book a week), cheering for my Jayhawks and Chiefs. I also am a big fan of Tennessee Lady Vols. I love watching my three boys play football, basketball, and run cross country and track.

Danel Phillips Nurse



What is your favorite color? yellow

What is your favorite food? Mexican

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? banana

Do you have any pets? Two dogs, Prince and Belle

If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why? Dolphin so I could swim in the ocean all day.

Where did you grow up? Lee's Summit

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Nurse

What elementary school did you go to? Greenwood

What was your favorite subject in school? Science

Do you have any children? Two girls, Raegan and Hollan

What is your favorite book? Love reading James Patterson books

What is your favorite vacation memory? Naples Florida with my family

Carrie Sparks 6th Grade Teacher



What is your favorite color? My favorite color is any shade of turquoise or aqua. It reminds me of the ocean.

What is your favorite food? I love turkey sandwiches. Panera does them best.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? I am not sure if I have ever grown up because bubble gum ice cream is still my favorite ice cream flavor.

If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why? If I could be any animal for a day it would have to be my dog. Not just any dog, but my dog, Madison. She is so completely spoiled and gets to sleep in everyday. She is the laziest dog I have ever met. On Saturday mornings, she would sleep until noon if we let her. If you wake her up before 8:00, you get growled at.

Where did you grow up? I grew up here in the Kansas City area. I have tried to move many times. Last year I actually did move but not for long. I truly learned what they mean by “There is no place like home”.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? I have always wanted to be a teacher. My poor childhood friends were always taking tests and having to do projects.

What are your hobbies? My husband makes fun of how much of a WWII buff I am. I would watch “War” all day long if he would let me. I also enjoy trail riding and walking our dog which we usually have to drag along behind us.

If money were no object, where would you like to go on vacation? If money were not object, I would follow the grand slam tour. My dream has always been to go to the Australia Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, and the U.S Open.

What one thing do most people not know about you? I used to be an artist. In high school I took two art classes every semester and skipped almost every lunch to work extra in the art rooms. My junior year I received a National Scholastic Gold Key in Fiber Arts. That award gave me many scholarships to art school, Kansas City Art Institute being one of them. I knew however, that I wanted to teach and decided to turn down my full ride to art school. Being an artist and teaching art are two different things. Art is not my passion, teaching is.

Committees are Shaping Up for 2008-2009!

Our calls for committee chairs have been answered for many of the positions we had available. We are excited to that the following committee positions have been filled for next year!

Back to School Picnic - Tracy Betts

Legislative - Chris Storms

Room Parent Coord. - Lisa Williams

Spirit Wear - Stacy Turner/Kristie Mitchell

Health and Safety - Kim Bruno

Hospitality - Stephanie Manning

Dads' Breakfast - Lilli Biggs

Carnival - Jennifer Pitzel

Carnival Auction - Deidre Atchley

Box tops/HyVee Receipts -
Susan McGinn

Campbell's Soup Labels -
Tammy Stephenson

Reflections - Lilli Biggs

Holiday Store - Linda Cross

Yearbook - Miranda Finnerty

Student Directory - Gina Bowers

Fundraiser - Co-Chairs Deidra Atchely,
Michelle Toomey

New Family Welcome Committee -
Marsha Hosick

We still need chairs for:

Moms' Breakfast

Audit Committee - *assists treasurer in preparing audit report to send to state PTA at the end of the year*

Event Photographer - *to take candid shots of events throughout the year*

Bylaws - *prepares PTA bylaws for filing*

Grounds Committee - *Responsible for PTA sponsored landscaping and beautification projects*

Trunk or Treat

Sock Hop

Grandparents/Special Friends

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call or email

*Jennifer Pitzel @ Jlpitzel@aol.com
or 623-3365.*

GET YOUR POPCORN HERE!



In February, PTA was able to purchase a terrific industrial popcorn maker that will be useful for our school for years to come. The sixth graders already used the machine for their Valentines Party and the room moms said it was great! Teachers and room parents, if your class has a need for the machine for an event, please contact one of the PTA Board members and we can get you set up!

ATTENTION BOYS in GRADES K – 4 CUB SCOUT PACK 262 INVITES YOU TO HAVE FUN!!!

Do you have a son currently in grade K through 4? Are they interested in scouting?

Don't wait for Fall 2008. Join now!!

Joining Cub Scouts now will provide your son with the benefit of being eligible to participate in a variety of scouting activities this summer, such as a fishing derby, scout day or resident camps, and much more.

Still not sure?

Would you like to experience a portion of what scouting is all about without any obligation of joining?

All boys currently in grades K through 4 and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to attend the **Pack 262 Family Camp-Out, Saturday, May 17 through Sunday, May 18, 2008**

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church grounds, Lee's Summit, Missouri

Cost: NONE

Schedule of Events (actual times may vary slightly) *In the event of severe weather, the event will begin in the Aldersgate gym at 5pm.*
You may attend any of the day's events and are not required to camp overnight. Any boy staying overnight is required to have a parent or guardian stay with them.

Campsite Setup/Field Games: Noon – 3:00pm

Rocket Launch: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 – 6:30pm

Dinner is self-provided. You may cook on the campfire or bring prepared food if you prefer.

Awards/Campfire Program: 6:30 – 8:00pm

For questions or additional information please contact one of the following Pack 262 leaders:

Cub Master, Todd Brough 816-718-3663

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Health and Safety News

Detective Maggie McGuire, from the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force talked with our 3rd-6th graders and their parents regarding Cyber-bullying on April 21st. This very informative presentation was courtesy of the Health and Safety Committee.

SPE Panther magnets now available!!

\$5.00 each. Magnet size is 5" X 6"

If you would like to purchase a magnet, please send in money and student information (name, teacher, and grade) to the attention of PTA Magnet. Thank you!



SPECIAL THANKS

2007-2008 PTA Wrap Up

It is hard to believe that our first year at Summit Pointe is almost over! It has been a fabulous year of learning and fun, both for our students and for our PTA volunteers. PTA has truly been amazed and gratified by the spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm on the part of our Summit Pointe families and our wonderful teachers and school staff.

We have heard a lot of positive comments about our events and activities this year, as well as some suggestions for how we can improve next year. We listened, and based on some of the suggestions we received, we have added two popular events to next year's calendar - the Moms' and Dads' Breakfasts. A number of new volunteers have signed up to chair committees and serve on the Board. We are very excited that Anna Lynn Rolf and Robin Campbell are our new PTA teacher liaisons. They will alternate coming to our planning meetings so that we can get greater teacher input as we plan activities. If you have not yet had a chance to join us for a PTA planning meeting, our May 5th meeting would be a great time to come and help us plan for next year!

Thanks again for all of your help and support!

Jennifer Pitzel, Summit Pointe PTA President

GIVE THANKS

The week of May 5th - May 10th is Teacher Appreciation Week! Plans are underway for our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon to be held Friday, May 9th. The teachers voted for a Mexican themed lunch. If you would like to volunteer to help with the lunch, please email *Stephanie Manning at smax1968@yahoo.com* or *Kim Bruno at kimbrunousa@yahoo.com*.

Brain Food



In April, PTA provided over 2,000 snacks to our 3rd-6th grade students during the three weeks of MAP testing. The kids were very excited about getting to pick out their snack each day. Thanks so much to Tracy Betts and Tammy Stephenson for helping purchase and bag these snacks for our hard working students. Thanks also, to our school counselor Ms. DeSelms and the sixth grade students who distributed the snacks to the classrooms.

PTA School Gift \$8,000+

Thanks to our Summit Pointe families' generous support of PTA this year, we will be able to spend at least \$8,000 to purchase items to make our school even better! Approximately \$4,300 will be spent to buy a Smart Board for the music room. Our appreciative teachers and staff have come up with some great ideas for other useful items we could consider purchasing.

Come to the May 5th PTA planning meeting if you are interested in helping us decide how to spend the remainder of the money set aside for this purpose.

Box Tops and Hy-Vee Receipts



This year, our school set a goal of earning \$500 through Box Tops for Education. Thanks to school supporters, we've earned \$533! We'd like to thank parents, teachers and community members for making a difference at Summit Pointe Elementary. Please remember to continue to collect Box Tops through the summer months.

Thank you to everyone that has sent in your Hy-Vee receipts throughout the school year. Through Hy-Vee's partnership with the Lee's Summit School District, we have earned \$111 for the Summit Pointe PTA. We could have not have accomplished this without you. Please remember to save your receipts throughout the summer and turn them in at the beginning of school next year.

