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It's time for the annual Sylvan Park Spaghetti Fest & Kids' Carnival! Join us on May 2 for a spaghetti dinner, midway games, pony rides, used book sale, and more!

For details visit:

www.sylvanparkschool.org/spagfest

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY!



SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY SPAGHETTI FEST & KIDS' CARNIVAL FRIDAY, MAY 2ND - 5 PM - 8 PM

volunteer

The annual Spaghetti Fest is just around the corner - May 2 from 5 pm to 8 pm. We are hoping for another wonderfully successful year - and that can only happen with you!

In addition to helping staff the game booth for your child's class, we need helpers in numerous other capacities, i.e. set up/clean up, tickets, decorations, etc. Hundreds of volunteers are needed, so please sign up for one or two shifts today!

Please contact Angela Covington at 293-0474 or angela.covington@earthlink.net to sign up for a shift or visit www.sylvanparkschool.org to download a Spaghetti Fest volunteer form.

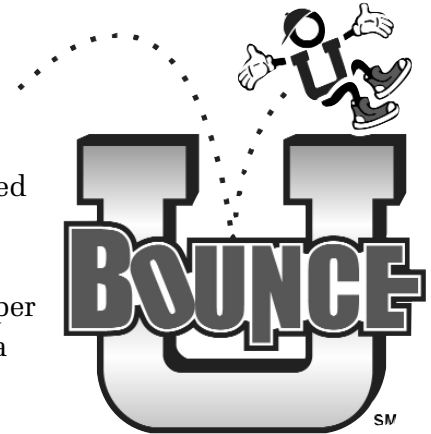
BOUNCIN' FOR SEÑORA ALLEN

On Monday, April 14, BounceU will host our regular "Bounce Night," but this month, there's a twist!

BounceU will bounce back 50 percent of the proceeds from this night to Señora Allen so that she can buy a rug for her classroom!

It's a perfect night out—fun and exercise, a pizza dinner, and a chance to wear out the kids to ensure a speedy bedtime . . . not to mention you are providing a place to sit in Spanish class. ¡Fantástico!

- Monday, April 14
- Bounce from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (please arrive by 6:00 to be included in pizza order)
- Pizza & Drinks from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Admission: \$8.95 per child, \$7.95 per additional sibling, and \$3.25 per adult wishing to eat pizza (all admission includes two slices of pizza and a drink)
- BounceU is located at 2990 Sidco Drive, 37204; 615-255-1422, www.bounceu.com



Become a Mentor

The Refugee Youth Mentoring Program at Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement is currently recruiting mentors for refugee middle school students.

How long will you mentor?

Six hours per month (a little over one hour per week) for a year.

Where will you mentor the student?

Second Presbyterian Church, 3511 Belmont Blvd.

Who will you mentor?

Middle school boys meet every Tuesday & Thursday, 4:15-6:30; middle school girls meet every Monday & Wednesday, 4:15-6:30.

Orientation, training, and support will be provided by the mentoring program staff. Additional training and activities will be scheduled during the year. An interest survey, a personal interview, and a background check will be required for applicants to the mentoring program. You must have your own transportation.

For more information please call or email: Gigi Rose, Youth Mentoring Specialist, Refugee Youth Program, 615-760-2792, grose@cctenn.org.

You're Invited

2nd Annual Student Art Show & Silent Auction

Mr. Green and Ms. Churchill cordially invite you to the opening of the Student Art Show and a reception celebrating the wonderful artwork.

The event features artwork from students in grades K through 4th. Each class participated in a group painting, producing individual reproductions of works by Jackson Pollock, Jasper Johns, Peter Max, Roy Lichtenstein and Grant Wood.

As an added bonus, your child's painting will be offered at Silent Auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Art Department. Auction forms are available in the gallery.

Please join us for the Opening and Reception:

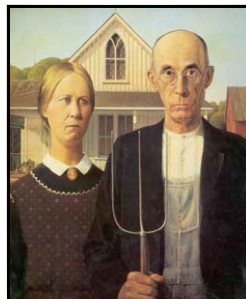
Tuesday, April 22

4:00-6:00 pm

In the hallway/Gallery outside the Art Room

Refreshments will be served.

Paintings will be on display until May 2. Please make plans to attend this special evening!



Bidding the Fourth Graders a Fond Farewell

On Friday, May 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., we will be holding a Fourth Grade Send-Off Luncheon & Awards Ceremony to honor our fourth graders as they move on to middle school. We hope to see you there!

The entree will be provided by the PTA; desserts will be provided by teachers; parents should bring a side dish to share. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars for this special day!

Second Hand Tales

Please consider donating your gently used:

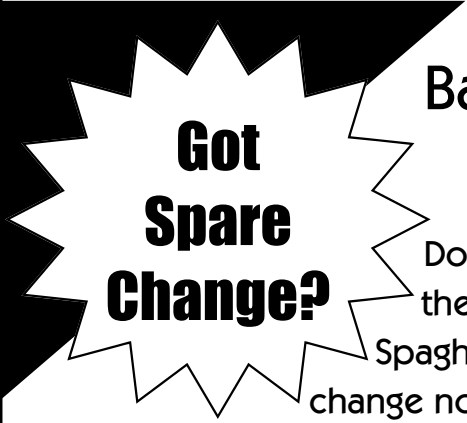
- books
- DVDs
- VHS tapes
- CDs

to be sold in the Second Hand Tales booth at Spaghetti Fest. Also needed: gently used toys (small) and figurines to help fill our prize pool for the games and activities at Spaghetti Fest.

A collection box is located in the office area at the school.



Questions? Contact Vicky Amann and Peggy Northcutt, 298-1495.



**Got
Spare
Change?**

Back by popular demand... Teacher Dunking Booth!!

Don't miss the chance to see your favorite teacher in the dunk tank! The tank is a highlight of the upcoming Spaghetti Fest (May 2), so start collecting your spare change now...and we will have teachers ready to get wet!

Beginning Monday, March 10th all teachers (including specials teachers) will have jars on their desk for change collection. Once the jar is filled, your teacher (or a proxy of their choice) will be heading for the dunking booth!

So dig in the couch, bust open that piggy bank, or do extra chores - whatever it takes for a chance to see your teacher go down!!

PTA News

At the most recent PTA meeting, our new slate of officers for the 2008–2009 school year was elected. And here they are:

President: Julie James

Vice President for Events: Angela Williams

Vice President for Enhancements: Joanne Sowell

Secretary: Betsy Hoban

Treasurer: Katherine Brown

Past-President: Leslie Kirby

Mark your calendars:
Because of Spaghetti
Fest, the May PTA
meeting will be moved
to May 13.



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**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
ORDER BY FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING**

Ticket pre-sales help us to order the right amount of food, drinks, and midway prizes. And, by ordering your tickets early, you also avoid waiting in line on the big day and save money! Simply fill out this order form and return it to your teacher with your check made payable to Sylvan Park PTA. This year we are accepting credit & debit card purchases (online only) for pre-sale tickets. Buy your tickets online at: http://www.sylvanparkschool.org/school_store

All pre-sale tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 25th to ensure accurate ordering and timely delivery of tickets.

- DINNER TICKETS: \$6 per person (spaghetti, bread, salad, beverage & dessert)
- MIDWAY (GAME/RIDE) TICKETS: \$5 for ten (50¢ each)
- FAMILY FUN PACKS: \$30 (4 dinner tickets and 20 midway tickets)
- ALL-YOU-CAN-RIDE ARM BANDS: \$15 each - presale only; \$18 at the door

We have 20 fun activities! If you do each of them just once, it will cost you \$26. Each ALL-YOU-CAN-RIDE ARM BAND saves you at least \$9. Here are some of the most popular activities and number of tickets they require: Rock Wall (10 tickets), Inflatable Rock Slide (4 tickets), Sea Serpent Tunnel (4 tickets), Pony Rides (6 tickets), Preschool Jumper (3 tickets), Hair Painting (3 tickets), Face Painting (2 tickets), Toilet Toss (1 ticket), Coke Bottle Ring Toss (1 ticket) and many more!

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EARLY BIRD TICKET ORDER FORM

Student Name Teacher Grade

Parent/Guardian Name Daytime Phone # Email

	Quantity	Subtotal
Dinner - \$6/each		
Midway - \$5/10 pack		
Family Fun Packs - \$30/each		
All-You-Can-Ride Bands - \$15/each		
GRAND TOTAL		

Please plan to pick up your tickets at the will call table - thank you!!

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