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## Principal's Letter



February is the month for friendship and love, and one of the things we love about our school is the great diversity we have and appreciate in our school. We continue to celebrate our diversity and work as a staff to meet the social emotional and academic needs of each student. This year our staff has been participating in professional learning about math instruction in our classrooms. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Finkel, a math consultant, will be working with several of our grade levels. Dan has devoted much of his life to understanding and teaching the motivation, history, aesthetics, and deep structure of mathematics. His goal is to give everyone a chance to fall in love with mathematics. Please click on the links below to see what our teachers have been learning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytVneQUA5-c>

<http://mathforlove.com/who-am-i/>

Thank you to Home and School for the Great Kindness Challenge Week. Students and families enjoyed the activities and spreading kindness throughout the school and our community!

Warm Regards,

Debbie Doyle and Nancy Van Ness

## *Random Acts of Kindness Wall*



Welcome back to Steeple Run! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break with your family and friends. Your Home & School worked hard to create many positive and meaningful memories with the fun events we organized during 2016. As we begin 2017 we are excited to continue to plan Steeple Run community building experiences for you and your children.

We had quite the December to remember starting off with SFCP's International night. We had many families share their cultures from numerous countries including Sri Lanka, Mexico, Germany, France, China, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, India and the Phillippines. Our students were able to take an exciting trip around the world, get stamps in their passports and learn about some of the cultures that make up our Steeple Run community. Thank you to the families for sharing and thank you Heather Stade, Kari Kedzior and the entire SFCP team for hosting International Night!

Your Home & School held the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Book Exchange where students were given the opportunity to update their personal libraries! Thank you to Michelle Banas and the wonderful group of volunteers for supporting our students' love of literacy and assisting them during the exchange!

The annual Holiday Shop was a fun morning for many of our Super Stars! Thank you to Tammy Kerwin, Jami Jewitt, and the numerous volunteers (both parents and staff) for providing an enjoyable experience for our young shoppers! Thank you also to the girl scout volunteers who assisted shoppers and also wrapped their gifts.

The last school day in 2016 was a joyous one for our Super Stars during the classroom Winter Parties. Thank you to Jaime Pozzi and Lauren McDonald and the many, many parent volunteers who came in to help with the festivities! You can all look forward to the Winter Party pictures that will be included in the yearbook thanks to Alisha Carlson & Jeff Clark and their talented crew of photographers!

Thank you to Meghan Sciortino for organizing our January Benefit at Pump It Up! Our students were able to enjoy seeing their friends over winter break and jump for joy as they raised money for Home & School sponsored programs.

Thank you to all of the families who came out to see the Pro Kids Family Assembly on January 19<sup>th</sup>! What a great performance and message from Tim Hannig! We look forward to providing more engaging and community building programs for our Super Stars and thank you for your support!

Our school is bursting with kindness thanks to our Great Kindness Challenge chairs Danielle Slansky and Julie XIA. Our Great Kindness Challenge week was filled with many random acts of kindness as students "chose" random act hearts from the Wall of Kindness that was put up in the hall. Many of our teachers, staff and principals were the recipients of these acts of kindness! Thank you to the students who made Valentines for local resident facilities, wrote thank you notes to their teachers and wore red to honor their teachers. We also collected 240 pounds of food that was donated to Loaves and Fishes.

Our next Connecting Over Coffee will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in the MPR. Please join us for updates on our nominations process, Valentine parties and updates from Mrs Doyle and Mrs VanNess.

For more information/updates on current and upcoming events, please "like" Steeple Run Home & School on Facebook! Please call or email our Executive Board with any questions or comments about the activities/programs supported by your Home & School!

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## Event Calendar

2/16	8:30am	H&S Connecting Over Coffee (MPR)
2/17	1/2 Day	
2/20	NO SCHOOL	
2/23	NO SCHOOL	Parent - Teacher Conferences
2/23	5:00 - 8:30pm	Book Fair (LRC)
2/24	NO SCHOOL	Parent - Teacher Conferences
2/24	8:00am - 12:00pm	Book Fair (LRC)
3/3	NO SCHOOL	
3/13	7:30pm	Steeple Run Orchestra Spring Concert @ JjHS

### Steeple Run Celebrates



Classroom Parties will be held on

**Tuesday, February 14th from 1:45 - 2:25 PM**

Kindergarten through 4th grade Valentine's Day Parties will be held in the classrooms.  
The 5th grade Valentine's Day Party will be held in the school gym.

### Volunteers Needed - Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Steeple Run's Valentine's Day celebration is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 14th**. Classroom parties will take place from **1:45 - 2:25 p.m.** and we need many volunteers to ensure the students have a great time. All games and supplies are provided; volunteers need only bring their ID and a festive spirit.

To volunteer for the Valentine's Day celebration as a classroom parent (5th-grade parent volunteers will be in the gym), please click on the following link: [Valentine's Day Party Volunteer Registration](#). Sign-up is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please note, on the day of the celebration all volunteers must arrive for check-in by 1:30 p.m.

Please consider joining the fun as a volunteer!  
Contact Jaime Pozzi at [jaimepozzi@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimepozzi@yahoo.com) with any questions.

# STEEPLE RUN ORCHESTRA NEWS



Our Steeple Run orchestra students put on a festive lunchtime mini-concert for their fellow students just before the holiday break. The kids did a great job getting everyone in the mood for the holidays with their great playing!

In October, some of our Steeple Run students auditioned and were selected as members of the District 203 Honors Strings Orchestra. This is a group designed to meet the needs of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students who have advanced playing skills and would benefit from the challenge.

All Steeple Run orchestra students will participate in a joint **assembly** with the Steeple Run band students on **Monday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Steeple Run gym**. More details will be coming home soon with the students.

Finally, all Steeple Run orchestra students will participate in our **Spring Concert** to be held on **Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson Junior High School**. This includes all 5<sup>th</sup> graders, summer beginners, and fall beginners. The Steeple Run band will also be performing. The students are working very hard to present a wonderful program for your enjoyment. We are looking forward to seeing you there and it looks like a busy spring filled with musical activities!



**House Shares**  
**Steeple Run Elementary**  
**Home & School**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup> → February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The Country House has teamed up with Steeple Run Home & School for a week-long benefit! When you dine at The Country House during the scheduled dates we will donate 15% of your food purchases back to Steeple Run Home & School!



***Promotion valid only at Country House Lisle 2799 Maple Avenue 630-983-0545***

This coupon must be presented to ensure donation. Not valid for alcohol.  
Dine in only. Distribution of coupons at or in front of restaurant is prohibited.

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STEEPLE RUN ELEMENTARY

# BOX TOPS CONTEST

HELP YOUR GRADE LEVEL WIN



## LEMONADE WARS!



CONTEST WILL RUN FROM FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>

SEND BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL IN A ZIPLOC BAG OR ENVELOPE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND TEACHER'S NAME.

THE BOX TOPS WILL BE COLLECTED AND COUNTED REGULARLY AND STUDENTS MAY VIEW CURRENT STANDINGS ON THE RACE LEADERBOARD DISPLAYED OUTSIDE THE GYM.

THE GRADE LEVEL HAVING COLLECTED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF QUALIFYING BOX TOPS WILL BE AWARDED

### EXTRA RECESS!!

ALL CLASSES WILL BE PARTICIPATING.



**\*\*REMEMBER** TO CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES!

WE CANNOT COUNT ANY BOX TOPS THAT ARE EXPIRED OR ONES THAT HAVE THE EXPIRATION DATE MISSING!

PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA ZIELINSKI ([YOUNGZIE410@YAHOO.COM](mailto:YOUNGZIE410@YAHOO.COM)) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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