

Steeple Run Elementary

Super Star News!

May 2017

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Principal's Letter

As I wrote this May newsletter, I reflected on a quote from Batman, "You only have your thoughts and dreams ahead of you. You are someone. You mean something!" While this school year was filled with many opportunities for dreaming and growth, we stayed focused on students' individual gifts, families and relationships. The continuous focus on students and families is what makes Steeple Run a wonderful place!



To start the month of May, Home and School, during Teacher Appreciation week, will be raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics! Please find a few links below that inform about this amazing organization: (your support is appreciated)

Kelli Ewbanks - I Can (7:53)
<https://youtu.be/sJeg-eF-zOA>

You're Always a Champion (8:00)
<https://youtu.be/gmNpckOinUE>

Different Like Me (1:00)
<https://youtu.be/C3dEUYqKAXo>

Summer Games (1:23)
<https://youtu.be/5w18kbYoHXY>

Unleash the Human Spirit (2:30) This is a global overview.
<https://youtu.be/OJPKdPluhXk>

As we close this school year and begin to plan and move forward for the 2017-2018 school year we will continue to look for the Super Hero inside each of us. Next year at the elementary level the district will be implementing the Digital Learning Initiative which will involve blended learning opportunities for our students. Our teachers will be learning and preparing for the new initiative this spring and summer as well as through next school year. Steeple Run teachers are always learning!

Mrs. Lazzara and Mrs. Hennigan are sure to be experiencing change as they find other ways to share their super powers as they approach retirement. We will miss them, but are also excited for this new adventure! While they begin a new chapter in their lives, we know they will always be part of our Steeple Run Family.

We would like to send a 'heart felt' thank you to Home and School, Watch DOG leadership and SFCP committee members. You are an integral part of making students and families' experiences here at Steeple Run memorable. The talents you give every day to the school community are selfless and focus on our students and families. We appreciate all that you do and honor each and every one of you. We wish all of the Steeple Run students and families a wonderful summer!

Debbie Doyle

Principal

Nancy Van Ness

Assistant Principal

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew

Your Home & School has been working all year to bring you programs that benefit all of our students and each decision started with a lot of heart and thoughtfulness. It truly "takes a village" for our Home & School to be successful and thanks to the many volunteers who have dedicated their time, it has been another successful and memorable year of Home & School activities. We would like to honor all of our volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on May 18th at 8:30AM which will be in conjunction with our May Connecting Over Coffee gathering. We will also honor our outgoing 5th grade parent volunteers at this celebration.

The end of the school year is fast approaching, but your Home and School has an action packed month of May for our Super Stars! Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 1st- May 5th as we honor our great staff at Steeple Run. Thank you to Beth Sauders and Teresa Surdyk and many additional volunteers for your creative ideas to thank our teachers. The annual Used Instrument Sale will be held on May 1st & May 2nd. Thank you to Kat Gallione for leading the way! Please check for detailed flyers via backpack mail for upcoming events. Each month our Steeple Run families receive updates and celebrations via the newsletter. Thank you to Sabrina Malano for your role as newsletter editor! The always anticipated Steeple Run yearbook will be distributed in late May. Thank you again to Alisha Carlson and Jeff Clark along with their group of photographers and layout editors for creating a treasured keepsake! Please join us on May 18th to honor Ms Lazzara and Ms Hennigan to celebrate their retirement following dismissal in the multi-purpose room. We'll celebrate our 5th graders during the 5th grade party thanks to the efforts of Beth Sauders, Pilar Clark and Joy Szymczak. Thank you to these ladies along with the 5th grade parent volunteers who have helped with the 5th grade party, teacher luncheon and related activities! Thank you to Heather Stade, Kari Kedzior and the rest of the SFCP team for organizing our One School, One Book Celebration night. Our students enjoyed many fun activities upon completion of the "The Lemonade War" book. Thank you to our Lemonade Stand volunteers Sarah Snyder, Kim Clarke, Jen Norbut, Tara Holman and Lauren McDonald. The generosity of our families is always inspiring and your Home & School will be donating \$384.29 to Alex's Lemonade Foundation as a result of our fundraising efforts.

Our inaugural Steeple Run Family Relay Fun Run will take place on Friday, May 5th from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. The Fun Run Relay is being organized by Mr. Mitchell and your Home & School as a way to bring our school community together one last time before the school year ends. Come join other Steeple Run families and staff as we walk/run laps on a designated course while enjoying food, live music and a nice spring evening outside!

Several Steeple Run families took the evening off from cooking and enjoyed both a meal and game time fun at Chuck E. Cheese! Thank you to all of the families who supported this benefit! Thank you also to Meghan Sciortino for organizing yet another fun and successful benefit event! Our final benefit will be Thursday, May 11th from 5:00-8:00pm at Portillos! Be sure to bring in your flyer and Portillo's will generously be donating 20% back to your Home & School. You can print a PDF of the flyer from this newsletter (see pg.7). Thank you for your year-long participation in our benefit events!

We appreciate our bakers! Thank you to Kelly Duewel and Kris Rozek for bringing baked goods to our April 20th Connecting Over Coffee meeting! The sweet treats were enjoyed by all!


Steeple Run was an official polling location for the local elections in April. Thank you to Michelle Banas and Tammy Kerwin for volunteering during the school day and helping people access the Multi-Purpose room to cast their vote! April marked the final session of the climbing wall for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who assisted our children in this exciting activity and to Mr. Mitchell for encouraging our kids and providing an energetic atmosphere making physical fitness fun!

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Dora Kolody, Liz Hall, Kristin Harper, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. VanNess for their passion and commitment to your Home & School. It has been my honor to work with dedicated volunteers who lead with their heart.

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!

Becky Obermeier	President	312-371-1852	steeplerunhands@gmail.com
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Kristin Harper	Secretary	773-551-9349	steeplerunhandssecretary@gmail.com
Dora Kolody	Treasurer	630-352-1651	steeplerunhandstreasurer@gmail.com

Event Calendar

5/1 - 5/5	- school hours -	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/1	4:00 - 5:30pm	Seller Sign-Up for Band/Orchestra Instrument Sale
5/2	6:00 - 7:30pm	Band/Orchestra Instrument Sale
5/5	1/2 DAY	
	5:00pm	1st Annual Steeple Run FAMILY FUN RUN
5/11	5:00 - 8:00pm	Benefit Night: Portillo's, 950 E. Ogden Ave., Naperville ** BRING FLYER
5/18	8:30am	H&S Connecting Over Coffee/Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
	2:30pm	Retirement Party for Ms Lazzara and Ms Hennigan (in the MPR)
5/25		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

2017-2018 School Supplies



School Supply order forms will be sent home via backpack mail the week of May 8th. If you wish to order a supply kit from Home & School (H&S), please return your order form and payment by Friday, May 19th. This is a great way to avoid the back to school crowds and save the amount of sales tax you would be charged at a retail store. Supply Kits will be in your student's classroom on the first day of school.

If you choose to shop on your own for your school supplies and have a student going in to **grade(s) 3-5 in the fall, you must purchase an assignment notebook from H&S prior to the end of this school year** as indicated on the order form.

Contact Joy Szymczak at makelifelifejoyful@me.com or [630.461.7820](tel:630.461.7820) with any questions regarding school supplies.

2017-2018 H&S Executive Board

A vote was taken during the Steeple Run Home & School Connecting Over Coffee Meeting on April 20, 2017. Your Steeple Run Home & School Executive Board for the 2017-2018 school year is as follows: PRESIDENT: Becky Obermeier, VICE PRESIDENT: Lauren McDonald, SECRETARY: Kristin Harper, and TREASURER: Tammy Kerwin.

Home & School Committee Chairpersons 2017-2018

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be a H&S Committee Chairperson for the 2017-2018 school year, as follows:

Committee	2017-2018 Chairperson
Back to School Bash - Food	Michele Baum
Back to School Bash - Marketing	Alicia Yaeger
Back to School Bash - Games	Emily Monroe
Back to School Bash - Raffle	
Benefits	Meghan Sciortino
Benefits	Tiffany Tyson
Boxtops	Jessica Zielinski
Directory	Amy Hall
Fifth Grade Activities	Teresa Surdyk
Fifth Grade Activities	Liz Hall
Fun Run	Kim Clarke
Fun Run	Art Tyson
Fun Run	Simon Fox
Great Kindness Challenge	Danielle Slansky
Great Kindness Challenge	Tiffany Tyson
Health & Safety	Annette Prater
Health & Safety	Pilar Clark
Holiday Shop	Jami Jewitt
Holiday Shop	
Hospitality	Cheryl Smith
Literature Appreciation (5th grade)	Tara Holman
Literature Appreciation (4th grade & Book Exchange)	Sabrina Malano
LRC	Leslie Monahan
Newsletter	Art Tyson
Nominations	Liz Hall
Room Parties	Erika Long
Room Parties	Kim Clarke
Room Parties	Jaime Pozzi
Room Parties - SignUp Genius Coordinator	Sarah Snyder
School Supplies	Nicole Baugh
SFCP	Heather Stade
SFCP	Kari Kedzior
Spirit Wear	Kelly Smith
Star Dollars	Megan Manley
Teacher Appreciation	Teresa Surdyk
Teacher Appreciation	Niki Brock
Used Instrument Sale	Cecilia Fox
Yearbook	Jeff Clark
Yearbook	Alisha Carlson

We still have a few opportunities at Steeple Run (shown in the shaded areas in the grid above) and there are a few openings at Kennedy and Jefferson if you have a student moving on to one of those schools. For more information about or to fill one of the Steeple Run openings, please contact Joy Szymczak at makelifejoyful@me.com or Becky Obermeier at steeplerunhands@gmail.com. For more information about openings at Kennedy or Jefferson Junior High, please contact the representative at the school you are interested in volunteering at, as noted below.

KENNEDY

contact Karen Rosenberg (karen@cdapp.com):

- Hospitality
- Magazine Drive
- School Supplies
- SFCP
- Spirit Club Liaison

JEFFERSON

contact Tara Holman (taraholman97@yahoo.com):

- Nominations
- Health and Safety-need 1
- Historian-need 1
- Magazine-need 2
- SFCP-need 1
- Staff Appreciation-need 2

Steeple Run Annual Band and Orchestra Instrument Sale



Join us at Steeple Run Elementary School
6S151 Steeple Run Drive • Naperville, IL 60540
1 Block East of Naper Blvd., 1 Block North of Maple/Chicago Ave.
(630)420-6385

For further information: visit our sale website:
<http://sites.google.com/site/steeplerunbandinstrumentsale/>

Key Dates:

Seller Sign Up
Monday, May 1
4:00PM - 5:30PM

Instrument Sale
Tuesday, May 2
6:00PM - 7:30PM

Seller Pick Up
Tuesday, May 2
7:30PM – 8:00PM

Sellers:

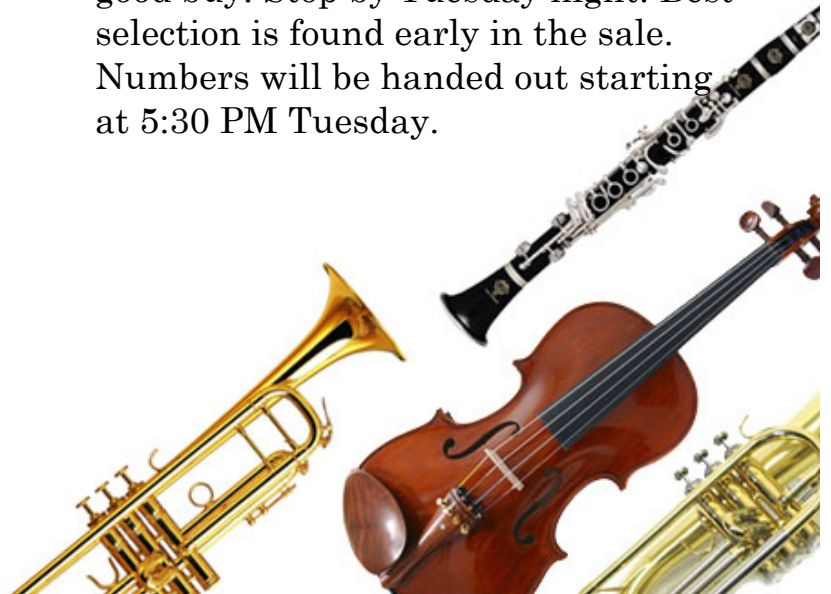
Band or orchestra instruments no longer being used? Bring in your instruments, set your price with the help of our historic price list, and pick up your check or your unsold instrument on Wednesday. Instruments must be in playing condition

Buyers:

Looking for an instrument for a student just starting band or orchestra, or looking for a spare? Band and orchestra Directors from District 203 will be on hand to help you make a good buy. Stop by Tuesday night. Best selection is found early in the sale. Numbers will be handed out starting at 5:30 PM Tuesday.

Checks only - made payable to
"Steeple Run Home and School."

Sellers Receive 75%
School Receives 25%



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1st - May 5th, 2017

"Real Heroes Don't Wear Capes - They Teach!"

It takes real heroes to take on the job of teaching tomorrow's leaders. Show your teachers this week how much they are appreciated!

What is the best way to represent our teachers? Donate on their behalf to the courageous athletes of the Special Olympics. Their oath is "Let me win. But if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt." To donate, please send your child with extra pocket change from May 1st through May 12th as we will be collecting the change from the classrooms.



MONDAY – "Zap! Keep your Superpowers Strong!" The teachers will receive hand-sanitizers to zap germs out of their hands!



TUESDAY – "What is Your Teacher's Superpower?" Teachers will receive a poster from their students celebrating their amazing Superpowers.



WEDNESDAY – "Teachers Need Super Hero Fuel!" Today the teachers will be treated to a Super Food Luncheon.



THURSDAY – "All Super Heroes Have Special Tools" Wear your favorite Super Hero shirt or your favorite Super Hero colors and be your teacher's side kick. Also bring in a school supply item you think your teacher could add to their "toolkit" like a box of tissue, antibacterial wipes, sharpies, sanitizers or anything else you think they may need!



FRIDAY – 5th Grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. The 5th grade parents will provide a special homemade lunch for our teachers and staff staying for Institute Day. If you have a 5th grader and would like to help, please look for a separate communication with more information on how to sign-up!

Let your teachers know you appreciate them!



The INAUGURAL Steeple Run Family

Who: All Steeple Run Families

When: Friday, May 5th

Where: Steeple Run Elementary

What: Teams of 3-6 people will try to do as many laps as possible in the 90 minute time limit. One person from your team must always be on the course running or walking!



\$5/person

5:00-5:30 Registration/Setup

5:30-7:00 Run/Walk

7:00-7:30 Awards/Closing

Live DJ!



Please detach and return to school in envelope marked "Fun Run Relay" by **APRIL 28th** !

Team Name: _____

Team Category: (select one)

CHEETAH _____ (Adults and children)

GAZELLE _____ (6th grade or older)

RABBIT _____ (3rd-5th grades)

Participant Names

Grade

Teacher

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

☐ I need a team

☐ I'm on team: _____

☐ This is my team

of Participants _____

x 5

Total Due: \$ _____

Checks payable to: Steeple Run Home & School

Any questions, please email kmitchell@naperville203.org OR steeplerunhands@gmail.com



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Steeple Run Elementary School

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

STEEPLE RUN ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL

May 11th, 2017

5pm - 8pm

at the Portillo's located at:

950 E. Ogden Ave.

Naperville, IL 60540

We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about how you can partner with us
to serve up a better tomorrow, visit
portillos.com/good



Not valid with online orders. Gift cards purchased during fundraisers will not count toward donation.
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Proposed Steeple Run Home and School DRAFT 2017-18 Budget

THANK YOU to all of the parents and teachers who have supported our Home & School organization throughout the year. It is through the support of our community that we are able to continue to offer programs including field trips, assemblies and birthday books that benefit all of the students at our school.

During the Home and School (H&S) meeting on April 20th the proposed 2017-18 H&S Budget (shown below) will be presented and briefly discussed. Income and expenditures of \$16,005 are proposed. *If you have any questions, concerns, or budget adjustments you would like to suggest, please contact the H&S Treasurer, Dora Kolody, no later than May 12th, 2017.* Call or email Dora at 630-352-1651 or steeplerunhandstreasurer@gmail.com. The final budget for the 2017-18 school year will be voted on at the H&S meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 8:30AM.

Income Activities

Co-Ventures	
Benefit Nights	1,000
Box Tops for Education	1,400
eScript	15
Total Co-Ventures:	2,415
Direct Donations	3,000
Holiday Shop	225
Back to School Bash	5,500
Interest Income	15
School Supplies	800
Star Dollars/MANNA	1,000
Used Instrument Sale	750
Variety Fundraiser	1,500
Yearbook	800
Total Income Activities	16,005

Management & General Expense

Beautification	(250)
Directory	(500)
General H&S Dues	(325)
Grants to Individuals	(300)
Grants to Organizations	(75)
Hospitality	(280)
Printing Costs	(750)
Supplies/Postage/Software	(150)

Total Management & Expense (2,630)

Program Expense

Assemblies	(1500)
Birthday Program	(1750)
Class Parties	(350)

Donation to School	
5 th Grade Chair Gift-LRC donation	(100)
Curriculum Enhancements	(500)
<u>Principal Discretionary Fund</u>	<u>(400)</u>

Total Donation to School (1000)

Field Trips	(3300)
Fifth Grade Party	(400)
Health/Safety/Drug Awareness	(225)
Staff Appreciation	
Conference Meals	(650)
Miscellaneous Gifts	(800)
<u>Teacher Appreciation Week</u>	<u>(400)</u>
Total Staff Appreciation	(1850)
Teacher Allowances	(3000)

Total Expense Activities (16,005)